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CIPRA BECOMES ITC CANADA

At its June 9th annual meeting, CIPRA voted unanimously to become a Canadian chapter of ITC (International Imaging Technology Council) and change its name to ITC Canada. Speaking about the benefits of this decision, Chairman Derek Johannson pointed to the

1. comprehensive member benefits available from ITC.
2. the opportunity for a more coordinated approach on advocacy initiatives
3. the ability to operate with a more streamlined volunteer structure.

“Canada is home to some of the finest imaging supplies dealers in the world, and it is an honor to have our two associations become affiliated,” Int’l ITC Executive Director Tricia Judge said. “It is even more of an honor to have the associations bear the same name.”

ITC Canada also held elections at the meeting in Toronto. Elected to serve as the Executive Committee of ITC Canada until December 31, 2004 were:

Chairman – Derek Johannson, New World Technologies, Manitoba
Membership – Elio Perconti, Teckn-O-Laser Inc, Ontario
Communications – Gilles Brassard, A.R.C, Quebec

Regional activities will continue as they have in the past with responsibilities for regional events being handled by Collin Nelles, Delron Laser (West), and Larry Johns, High Tech Laser (Ontario). A representative for Quebec/East is still to be named. ITC Canada plans to stage five events per year – one in each region and receptions at the annual World Expo in September and Int’l ITC conference in April.

Derek thanked retiring Board members for their contributions including Michael Grist and Valerie Clark of MKG, Chris Lecour of 24 Hour Toner, and John Gemmel of High Tech Laser.

ITC Canada’s mandate will focus on networking, education and communications within the Canadian industry. A new website is being finalized and can be found at www.itc-canada.ca.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Other highlights of the June conference included a keynote address by Judge who updated members on key issues facing the industry and progress being made by Int’l ITC. A copy of her power point presentation is available by contacting Shelley Morris at smorris@mts.net. Members also heard excellent presentations by vendor representatives on a broad range of business and technical topics. Appreciation was extended to all vendor members for their support of CIPRA throughout the year; and to Future Graphics and Densigraphix specifically for their sponsorship of the June conference.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE MARKET IN CANADA 2002

We have received the Executive Summary of this report and interested members can contact Shelley Morris at smorris@mts.net. Just put 2002 Study in the subject line and a copy of the 18-page report will be e-mailed to you.