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The Association for International Credential Evaluation Professionals Holds First General Meeting

International credential evaluators from around the world meet to advocate for the profession

Toronto, Canada, October 5, 2015 - The Association for International Credential Evaluation Professionals (TAICEP) held its First General Meeting in Toronto, Canada October 1 to 3, 2015 with 100 participants from Australia, Canada, Europe, and the United States. The Meeting was held in partnership with the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC).

The Meeting included sessions on updates on educational systems, identifying fraudulent documents, evaluating credentials with a global mindset, dealing with credentials from conflict zones and disputed territories, improving quality standards and consistency in assessment, and other topics. "This First General Meeting was a well-organized summit of international credentials professionals with excellent speakers," said Andreas Arsalan of the Swedish Council for Higher Education. Shelby Cearley of Texas Tech University commented that, "The Association for International Credential Evaluation Professionals represents an exciting opportunity to 'professionalize' the field of international credential evaluation. The breadth of topics and the depth of detail within each session at the First General Meeting has

been great.” “Being able to reach out, network and exchange ideas with others in the field of credential evaluation was uplifting, inspiring and validating. It was more, much more, than I hoped for”, said Laurens Verkade of McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Margit Schatzman of Educational Credentials Evaluators Inc. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin USA and also president of The Association for International for International Credential Evaluation Professionals, highlighted “the need for a professional approach to international credential evaluation, especially as universities around the world are seeing a record number of students from India and China, while governments in North America and Western Europe face the challenge of assessing the educational credentials of refugees seeking appropriate employment and professional licensure.”

New leaders for 2016 – 2017 were also announced at the Meeting, including the election of Natasha Sawh of the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials in Toronto, Ontario, Canada as president.

The Association for International Credential Evaluation Professionals is an international professional organization that has the single purpose of supporting and serving the profession of international credential evaluation. The primary goals of TAICEP are to identify and develop theories, methodologies, and best practices used in international credential evaluation, and to be an advocate for the profession.

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