

Supporting Higher Education in the Developing World

Report

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1. Fund Raising

At the fund raisers held this year, we raised \$950 in Toronto, \$450 in Vancouver, with one donation a yearly donation of \$100 a month, and \$900 in New York City. We are planning a fund raiser in Montreal on September 26.

The French Embassy in Ghana has donated 3000€ for our doctoral program project at the University of Cape Coast.

Astrid Richardson and I drafted a project hypothesis for our application to Rotary International for a grant for our work at PAHS' School of Public Health. After the project hypothesis is approved by the PAHS rector, it will be submitted to Brian Sway at Davis Sunrise Rotary Club, who is serving as the point person for the Rotary International grant application.

John Waterhouse has graciously accepted to have his heroic 11,000 km bicycle trip be used to help AWBC raise funds. John's trip will take place this fall from September to December. Thank you, John.

2. Name Change

At the last Board meeting, it was decided to keep our current legal name, but change only our brand name to "Academics without Borders/Universitaires sans frontières." However, the Charities Branch of the Canadian Revenue Agency informed us that if we wish to use this as our brand name, in all our communications with actual and potential donors we must use our legal name as well and it must predominate. In light of this, the Executive Committee decided that we should also change our legal name. Application was made to and permission was received from Corporations Canada for the name change. The Corporations Canada document warranting the name change was sent to CRA, but before the new named can be used it must be entered in CRA's List of Charities, which can take up to 45 working days.

3. AWB-USF International

Robin Farquhar, chair of the Board Task Force on AWB-USF International, and I drafted a preliminary mission and value statement for AWB-USF International, as the basis for the discussion with our US and French AWB partners. Our partners will work with the Task Force to draw up a final version of the mission statement, which will be presented at the next Board meeting for Board approval.

4. Presentations

I was invited to give a presentation on June 11 at the 1st Ghana Information Day and the 2nd Ghana France Higher Education Conference in Paris, which was organized by the Embassy of France in Ghana and the Vice Chancellors Ghana Association, in collaboration with the Institut Français of Ghana, Campus France and the Conference of French University Presidents. I talked about AWB and our doctoral program project at the University of Cape Coast.

5. Projects

Recently Completed Projects:

- In Ghana, at the University of Cape Coast to assist the University establish a doctoral program in computer science and information technology: Volunteer, Elizabeth Quaglia
- In East Africa at the Aga Khan University to help the University develop criteria for assessing the quality of its programmes: Volunteer, Martin Hill.

On-going Projects

- In East Africa at the Aga Khan University to establish criteria for assessing teaching: Volunteer, Vivian Neal.
- In Ghana, at the University of Cape Coast to assist the University establish a doctoral program in computer science and information technology: Volunteers, Eric Tanter and Artur Lugmayer.

Postponed

- In Liberia at the University of Liberia to help the University set up remedial eLearning programs using the Internet and Wi-Fi.

We have 7 additional projects scheduled for 2014

AKU, 1 (1 volunteer); PAHS, 3 (5 volunteers); State Islamic University Jogjakarta, 1 (1 volunteer); and the Royal University of Bhutan 2 (3 volunteers)

Under Consideration: in Sierra Leone at the University of Makeni to help it draw up a plans to offer programs in the sciences