

**C-Change ICURA  
Conference (Skype) Call  
Wednesday, September 26, 2012**

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**Meeting:** C-Change Conference Call (via C-Change Skype Group)  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 26, 2012  
**Location:** Various sites: St. Augustine, Waterloo, ON, Ottawa, ON, Vancouver, BC  
**Present:** Michael Sutherland (MS); Kathy Cunningham (KC); Colleen Mercer Clarke (CMC); John Clarke (JC); Philippe Crabbé (PC); Ralph Matthews (RM); Sandra Sookram (SS), Patrick Watson (PW); Sheldon Warner (SW); Marina Modeste (MM), Martin Franklin (MF) and Dan Lane (DL), Chair

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The following items provided an informal agenda for the discussion:

- Report on the Communities of Practice meeting (Colleen) planned for Oct 29-31, Ottawa and the invitation to you Caribbean colleagues to attend (to be confirmed)
- Re-Funding documents are now being prepared for the University of Ottawa for distribution to the Canadian researchers (Dan)
- Visit of David O'Brien to St. Augustine and Grande Riviere (Patrick)
- Progress on Canadian students: Iljan Nadimi (UOttawa) submitted his MSc thesis recently;
- Nathan Vadeboncoeur (Ralph's student) and Michael Epp (Gibson's Town Planner) won an award for their C-Change work (Ralph);
- Pending work and student for Iqaluit (Don);
- Potential PhD candidate for work on Geomatics on curriculum development re C-Change (Sue);
- Latest Newsletter (Isle Madame and Bequia to be highlighted (Kathy and Sandra);
- LOICZ activity – C-Change newsletter highlight AND Special Issue paper drafting (Don and all)
- Reports from the communities (Caribbean and Canada) (All)
- Caribbean topics - Patrick

Communities of Practice Meeting (Ottawa) – The Caribbean is planning on sending 5 people to the Communities of Practice meeting in Ottawa in October – Sandra, Kevin (Trinidad), Rawle (Georgetown), Yasa (Bequia) and Guadalupe (Belize).

Disbursements for Fall 2012 – Dan has begun working on this and will follow up with Canadian researchers.

David O'Brien's visit to Trinidad – He wants to visit the UWI Campus and possibly Grande Riviere as well.

IDRC are planning to send out photographers to Canada and the Caribbean - to photo-document activities...something we have already been doing with the website and Facebook. To be looked into and need to respond about this by Oct. 12. Dan will follow up about this today.

Canadian Student updates – Iljan has submitted his Masters Thesis in August, Nathan Vadeboncoeur and Michael Epp received accolades from the Planning Institute of BC regarding work they have done with Gibsons Harbour Area Plan – to be published on the website and Facebook once a note is received from either Michael or Nathan, (Nathan will also be completing his PhD possibly by May 2013, in record time!) Jessica Jaja (uOttawa/Geography) has been speaking with Philippe about the possibility of working with him on a Masters – more to come.

C-Change Newsletter – Sandra has provided info on Bequia, things are being gathered. Newsletter will be produced after the Communities of Practice meeting (Oct. 29-31). Conference in Grenada – June 3-7, 2013, proposal to attend 2 days of conference and have a one day retreat, abstracts due by December 16<sup>th</sup>, more info is found at [www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](http://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org)

Caribbean students are progressing well, Congrats to Titus on passing his Comps! Chiedoizie and Sherry Ann are working on their PhD's as well.

LOICZ –special issue paper being prepared (edited by Don Forbes) and possible submission of a lead article for the next edition of InPRINT.

## Community Updates

### Caribbean

- Georgetown and San Pedro (Belize) – surveys done
- Bequia – stalled due to census but in contact with Yasa and pushing ahead with survey
- Grande Riviere – progressing, the media storm has died down from the beach incidents and it seems to be recovering
- Slow and steady – need to maintain one key person in a community to keep the communication lines open

### Canada

- Gibsons – 2-3 visits, 56 extensive interviews conducted and completed, new harbour plan, new regional emergency measures plan
- Iqaluit – possible new Masters student, more to follow

- Charlottetown – we are connected with Hope Gunn (Hope Gunn-Parnham now, Congrats on her marriage this past weekend!), upcoming Municipal Climate Change Action Plan, getting a PhD student, follow up with Sue
- Isle Madame – they are assembling a C-Change committee (great that they are getting so involved, good engagement)

Congrats to Michael Sutherland on his new job of Deputy Dean!

Final Comment, we need to get a push on publications (acknowledged by all).

**Our next Skype Conference Call is scheduled for October 25, 2012 at 1 pm Ottawa/Trinidad time.**