



Saskatchewan Update

February 2011

Insurance Institute

Well it's hard to believe that 2010 has come and gone!

It has been a very active year at IIS and I wanted to share some of the exciting activities from the past year and news of things to come:

- Changes in the IIS office
- Launch of the SIAST Insurance Diploma Program
- Convocation
- Membership report
- Exciting seminars coming up
- Join us for National Education Week
- Thank you!



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IIS President

Changes in the office

Our office manager, Joanne Duke, retired from IIS in June. Joanne was a dedicated team player and we wish her all the best for a long healthy retirement.

Maria Cowper was hired prior to Joanne's retirement and she has done a wonderful job in maintaining the high standard of service our membership has come to expect. If you haven't had an opportunity to meet Maria, please stop by the Regina office.

Launch of the SIAST Insurance Diploma Program



The successful launch of the SIAST Insurance Diploma program was announced during the fourth quarter of 2010. The program is designed to provide graduates with seven CIP courses upon graduation thus providing the industry with new talent to replace those leaving the industry due to retirement. Brokers, independent adjusters and insurers will find this program of benefit.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many industry professionals that took time from their busy schedules to assist in developing this program. The initial work took place five years ago with several meetings in the last eighteen months to finalize the process. SIAST has advised that they have 22 students registered to take C11 during the 2011 winter semester.

Please visit the SIAST Web site at www.siastr.sk.ca for more details.

Convocation

Convocation took place in Saskatoon this year with 28 CIP and 2 FCIP graduates and 92 people in attendance. This is our premier event where we recognize the hard work of the students and congratulate them on their success.



Francois Faucher, the Chairman of the Insurance Institute of Canada along with Peter Hohman, President and CEO of the Insurance Institute of Canada were in attendance to present the awards and diplomas to the graduates.

[See the list of graduates](#)

We also had the privilege of witnessing the announcement that **Karen Prychitko**, MBA, BA, FCIP was recognized for her dedication to IIS with the Insurance Institute of Canada's Award of Merit, the only one presented in Canada for the 2010 year! This is the highest non-academic award provided by IIC and Karen is a worthy recipient. (You can read about Karen's career and achievements on the last page of [Inside the Institute](#) newsletter, Summer 2010 issue.)

[See pictures of all the Award winners](#)

I wish to offer my personal congratulations to all the graduates and award winners on a job well done!

Membership report

In terms of the operational aspect of IIS, our membership continues to grow modestly. We currently have 922 members, which is an increase of 6.8% from this same time last year. The number of classes offered by IIS during the 2010 calendar year was 31 with 314 students participating. We view the year as very successful and will continue to work hard in 2011 offering classes to assist students in working towards completion of their CIP designation.

Seminars

We also continue to offer seminars of interest to the membership. Upcoming seminars for the first half of 2011 include the following:

Intro to Surety Bonds

Saskatoon - February 16, 1 - 4:30 pm
Regina - February 24, 1 - 4:30 pm

Business Interruption

Saskatoon - March 28, 9 am - 12 pm
Regina - March 29, 9 am - 12 pm

Fire Investigation Seminar*

Regina - March 2, 1 - 4:30 pm
*Part of [National Education Week](#) celebrations

Commercial Insurance 101

Saskatoon - April 18, 1 - 4:30 pm
Regina - April 19, 1 - 4:30 pm

Ethics and the Insurance Professional

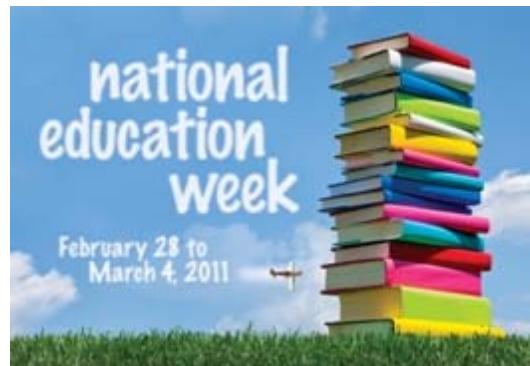
Saskatoon - May 18, 1 - 4:30 pm
Regina - May 17, 1 - 4:30 pm

National Education Week

We'd love for you to join us to celebrate the third annual National Education Week! The week is a celebration of education devoted to **special seminars, events, activities** and **networking opportunities** across Canada.

What's happening in Saskatchewan?

- **E-mail trivia** questions sent to members daily, February 28 (week-long event)
- **Trade show:** Visit us at [SGI Head Office in Regina!](#), March 1
- **Fire Investigation Seminar**, March 2, 1 - 4:30 pm



It's a great opportunity to take part in continuing professional development and make some new industry connections along the way.

We look forward to celebrating with you during this exciting week!

Check back at our [Web site](#) for more National Education Week updates.

Thank you!

Lastly, I wish to thank all those members who contributed to IIS by either instructing, proctoring exams, or offering to host/conduct seminars. It is your effort and time that assists in making IIS a successful operation. I also wish to thank the Board for their dedication, direction, and support over the past seven months. The behind the scenes work is essential in keeping IIS moving forward.

Best Regards,

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