

Résumé



Seven Challenges

At the AGM, John Wright presented us with six challenges:

- International Relations Conference
- Shakespeare Studies
- Secondary Schools Exchanges
- Nurses Exchanges
- Agricultural Exchanges
- Parliamentary Intern Exchange

A 7th challenge is to act as liaison with ESU Poland. This was handled by William Prouty and taken over by Michael Greig. Their contact had established a “Canada Corner” in her classroom to which we had contributed books, posters and other information. They would like to renew this relationship so we need a volunteer to take it on.

Using as an example from the list, the International Relations Conference., also known as the **Oxford Summer School**, takes place for one week in August and is open to young people in the early years of their careers. The majority of attendees are lawyers, journalists and teachers or lecturers, but the list is by no means exclusive. The week is an intense series of activities - lectures, discussion groups (formal and informal), etc. Dartmouth House recommends against participation by undergraduates.

Candidates may apply for scholarships which may cover the school fees or travel or both.

The only time that the school has operated outside the UK was in 1967 when it was held at McGill with time available to attend Expo '67.

There have been no Canadian candidates for about 20 years.

The Project

As a pilot, the 2011 program could be offered to one of the big law firms (Gowlings, Ogilvie-Renault, McCarthy-Tetrault, etc.) with the suggestion that it would be valuable to one of their junior lawyers with (say) about 3 years experience. An agreement with the law firm would include them covering the costs if a full scholarship is not available. With a successful effort

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AGM 2010

This year the AGM and surrounding events were held in Toronto over the May 15th weekend with the Delta Chelsea being the main venue. The convention started on Thursday evening with a reception and dinner. Friday was a full day of meetings - Outgoing Board, AGM, Incoming Board and Educational Trust. At lunchtime, Jessie Smith of Graphic id presented a line of clothing with the ESU logo and took orders from several members. In the evening the Royal Heritage Society staged *The Maple Crown*, an entertaining pageant of Royalty and Canadiana. On the Saturday we were invited to join the Monarchist League at their Queen's Birthday Luncheon.

The **Outgoing Board** meeting is a formality to comply with By-law requirements for meetings and to complete the year's work. Previous meeting minutes were approved and a short version of the Treasurer's report was tabled.

The **AGM** considered the full Treasurer's report which shows a declining bank balance in both the general fund and the ESU Canada share of the Educational Trust Fund. As a result a resolution was made to increase the ESU Canada levy to \$15 per member (from \$10) effective for the 2011 membership. The first payment will be in January 2012. The other main items of business were the President's report and the election of directors.

The **Incoming Board** elected Officers to fill the vacant positions, in 2010 these were the Treasurer and Vice-presidents for Victoria and Ottawa. A full list of officers and directors is shown on page 2. The Board also filled positions on the Executive Committee the Education Committee and the Educational Trust. The new By-laws for London Branch were approved and the meeting concluded with a lengthy discussion of the need for insurance.

The **Educational Trust** Trustees considered the several grants that had been made for Debating and for Public Speaking Competitions and agreed to continue to support them.

The President's report and the Six Challenges are posted on the web site.

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behind us, the 2012 program could be offered to newspaper chains on a competitive basis and the 2013 program offered to several law firms on a competitive basis. After that we would solicit applications from all comers.

What is required

The program needs an administrator to search out a candidate or candidates and act as liaison between ESU Canada and Dartmouth House. The commitment should be for at least three years to put the program on a solid footing.

Descriptions of the other challenges have been given to all branches. A team of two or three people taking up each project would make light of the work and advance our reputation in Canada and in the international ESU community.

Two New ESU's

The two latest ESUs are Malta and Turkey, both launched this summer. Joyce and I took a two-week vacation to attend both events.

Malta was launched on May 28th in the presence of the British High Commissioner to Malta and the Maltese High Commissioner to the UK. The ceremony in Istanbul took place in the garden of the British Consulate, hosted by the Consul General.

In both places the Organizing Committees had arranged programs for the international visitors. The contrasts are obvious - Istanbul is a city with a population of nearly 13 million and Malta is an island with about 400,000 people. The similarities are in the enthusiasm for the work of the ESU and the preparation and early achievements of the new members.

Both places are steeped in history. A briefing talk in Malta covered 4,000 years of conquest and re-conquest and its vital role in WW II. In Istanbul the history is in the buildings - Topkai Palace, the Hagi Sophia and the Sultan Ahmet Mosque known as the Blue Mosque being prominent.

Illustrated diaries have been placed on the ESU Canada web site, www.esu.ca, under the "Launches & Meetings" tab.

We heard that ESU Iceland is a strong candidate for a launch in 2011. Talking to some of the people involved gave a strong impression that it will make for an interesting vacation

John Wright

President's Notes



These will be (mercifully?) brief as most items are covered elsewhere.

Brian Hull stepped down from the Ottawa VP position after major surgery in January. He was at the Ottawa Branch *Strawberry Social* in June and looked fit and well. **Martin Wickham** is also recovering from surgery but is well enough to travel to Mexico this week to attend his daughter's wedding.

The summer is usually a quiet period but for our Education Chairman, **Chris George**, while school is out is his opportunity to plan the debating and public speaking competitions for next year. Martin has been working with him on the financial details.

Jim Allen completes his three terms as Secretary next year and has made it quite clear that he does not expect the rules to be bent to allow him to stay on. Please give some thought to finding a replacement

After some thought, Joyce and I have decided to go to the International Council meeting in Albania in October. We will add on a few days in Athens to make it more of a vacation.

When things settle down it will be time to find a solution to the insurance question and the other business of the ESU.

My thanks to Brian, Martin, Chris, Jim and the many others who have contributed to our efforts. If I may, I would like to single out Joyce, whose contribution is often hidden but has been essential in many ways.

John Wright

Shakespeare Studies

Ottawa Branch, ESU Canada and Dartmouth House worked together for Fanny Collet to attend a Shakespeare Study Course in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Fanny was one of the judges at the Ottawa Branch SHOP competition last year and appeared to fit the criterion for a scholarship in that a recipient must not have English as the first language. Dartmouth House had not expected an application on behalf of a French-Canadian but with our recommendation they decided that the award was warranted.

Ottawa Branch provided a travel bursary to help with the air fare and the scholarship covered tuition and accommodation.

Fanny is a graduate student at Ottawa U and her ambition is to direct opera.

International Public Speaking Competition

Ethan Chess provided us with this review of the IPSC and the events surrounding the competition. Clearly it was a great experience on many levels and equally clearly shows how important this project is to our work.

This year the 29th annual International Public Speaking Competition conducted by the English Speaking Union was held in London from the 18th until the 21st of May. Right from the very beginning it was a frenetic mix of learning, fun, and competition. Canada was represented by **Ethan Chess** of St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg and **Jordyn Benattar** of Branksome Hall in Toronto.

The week began with the wonderful ESU staff greeting us at the beautiful Dartmouth House. We were introduced to Ms Annette Fisher, who would be our fearless leader for the week.

Things got underway quickly with a debate workshop led by the ESU staff. Everyone got a chance to learn the basics and skills associated with the art of debate. It was also a great chance to meet fellow competitors, and learn a little bit about each of them.

After debating, the group traveled across London to see the recreated Globe Theatre, which was where Shakespeare's plays premiered. During the tour, the group was split into smaller parts, and given a workshop on facial expression and delivery. Everyone returned to the hotel excited for the rest of the week.

The next day began with a trip to Kensington Palace, one of London's royal palaces. Kensington has been home to many Kings, Queens, and Princess'. Most notably, Diana called it her home for many years of her life. While at Kensington, the group engaged in a dynamic and lively debate about the role that both monarchy and democracy play in our society. A full day and Kensington shifted to a night in London's theatre district. The selected play for the evening was *Woman in Black*, a unique "horror play". The group got a chance to meet Robin Herford an ESU alumnus, and director of the play we were about to see. Mr. Herford was generous enough to stop by, and give everyone a little talk before we enjoyed the scary, but entertaining show.

Our third day in London featured a trip to the BBC Television City. We were shown around the massive complex of studios, green rooms, and offices. The tour proved to be a fun and informative look at how TV is made.

The final day commenced early at Dartmouth House. Each participant delivered their presentation to the

judges in heats. After difficult deliberations, the judges emerged with six finalists who would compete for the title. With everyone in a state of anticipation, we headed over to the HSBC headquarters at Canary Wharf. The finalists did a great job making us laugh, as well as think about the theme for this years competition "Speculation on Our Future". In the end, the distinguished panel of judges chose **Mouataz al Izrawi** of Lebanon as the winner. It was a thrilling end to an exciting week in London.

Ethan Chess

International Council

The IC Meeting in Albania in October may be one of the most important sessions in recent years. The rapid expansion of the ESU has made for some constitutional difficulties. ESU Malta fits nicely into the ESU of the Commonwealth umbrella but the same cannot be said of ESU Turkey or Cyprus or France or Germany. Even the recent (2002) revisions to the constitution do not adequately cover the situation. Should there be two groups, Commonwealth and International? How should they relate. The non-Commonwealth members owe their allegiance to Dartmouth House so where would the US, one of the two founding members, fit such a division?

The new Director-General, Mike Lake, would like to see a more formal relationship between the ESU and national ESUs. To this end, ESUs Bangladesh, Turkey and Malta have each signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding as part of their launch. The council will have to decide whether existing national ESUs should be asked to sign such an agreement.

One very positive note - we expect to welcome back ESU Australia after an absence of several years.

It will not be all 'nose-to-the-grindstone' work. ESU Albania have arranged an interesting cultural and social program to round out the time in Tirana.

Recent Additions to the Web Site

Additions to the web site (www.esu.ca) include:

Launch of ESU Malta

Launch of ESU Turkey

The new clothing line

Newsletters - *The Survey*, Ottawa Branch, August, and this edition of *Résumé*.

The web site gives access to the Dartmouth House site as well as links to several sites run by ESU's around the world.

Founder's Award

ESU USA created the Founder's Award to honour an individual who exemplifies the three primary interests of the organization's founder Sir Evelyn Wrench: to foster ties between Britain and America; to cultivate international understanding and friendship; and to promote the mastery and extended use of the English language.

The third and most recent recipient of the award is William R Miller, OBE, Chairman Emeritus of ESU USA and immediate Past-chairman of the International Council. The two previous awardees are Lady Thatcher of Kesteven (1991), whose letter to Mr. Miller was part of the award ceremony, and Sinclair Armstrong (1995).

The award ceremony took place at the ESU USA AGM held in New Orleans. Dr. Quinn Peeper, President of the New Orleans Branch, who stayed in the city through the aftermath of Katrina, had invited the ESU to hold their AGM in his city at the first available opportunity. This they were pleased to do to show support for the city in a practical way by bringing in some economic activity.

Also at the meeting, Mark Stoller was elected to the newly created position of Vice-chairman. The Ad-Hoc Search Committee, under the honorary chairmanship of The Hon. Edwina Sandys MBE, in its recommendation of Mark Stollar cited his energetic personality and his skills in educational technology and marketing that made him a highly qualified and complementary candidate to the current Chair, Patricia Schroeder.

ESU Clothing

This Polar Fleece Jacket is 100% non-pill with 2 zipped side pockets and a full front zip. The cost is \$50 in sizes S to XL. A similar vest costs \$40. The full line of clothing and ordering information is shown on the web site.



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Poetry Corner

In **Martin Wickham's** absence I thought to look for early Canadian poetry. I found a poem by Archibald Lampman (a favourite of Martin's), *The Story of an Affinity*, but at over 2,200 lines it would not quite fit this space. Next, I stumbled on the University of Western Ontario's archive of newspaper poems. Many are patriotic, particularly in 1812 on the death of Brock, some are correspondence in rhyme. Some are just odd.

Canadians (by An Antient Briton, 1813)

You love the dulcet charms of peace,
For it, your prayers ne'er should cease,
'Tis Heavens choicest band,
But when the vaunting insolent foe,
Meditate a treacherous blow,

Against *Canada* your native land,
To stab your unsuspecting hearts,
Try with base insidious arts,
And demon malice plan'd;
Bravely your trusty arms you'll take,

And for yourselves, your Country's sake,
Dare an embattled plain,
With ardour charge the numerous hosts,
Defend your own, attack their posts.
And prove their efforts vain.

An Epigram (Anonymous, 1812)

At a tavern one night,
Messrs. *More*, *Strange*, & *Wright*,
Met to drink and good thoughts to exchange:
Says *More*, "Of us three,
The whole town will agree,

There is only one knave and that's *Strange*."
"Yes," said *Strange*, (rather sore)
"I am sure there's one *More*.
A most terrible knave and a bite;
Who cheated his mother,

His sister and brother——:"
"O yes," replied *More*, "that is *Wright*"

John Wright

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