

BC Council for International Education to Host 5th Annual Conference in Vancouver

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BC Council for International Education (BCCIE) will host its 5th annual conference at the Four Seasons, Downtown Vancouver, on June 22–25.

The conference provides an essential platform for the growth of BC’s International Education sector. It brings together over 300 participants from our province, across Canada and beyond our borders. Top leaders in the field – researchers, practitioners, student service providers, administrators, government, NGOs and students – attend to strengthen best practices and leadership in the field of International Education.

This year’s theme, *Challenging Perceptions*, will push participants to challenge their own perceptions of International Education and those of their colleagues.

“We will challenge what we do, how we do it, where and why: questioning ethics, and activities, pushing envelopes, innovating models, influencing directions and decisions and strategizing over geography and culture, and anticipating and influencing outcomes” says BCCIE Executive Director Dr. Randall Martin.

Some highlights from the 2014 conference agenda:

- Updates from BC Minister of Advanced Education, Honourable Amrik Virk and BC Minister of Education, Honourable Peter Fassbender
- 30 concurrent sessions hosted by experienced education practitioners
- An exciting keynote address by Founder of the North American Chapter of Doctors Without Borders, Dr. Richard Heinzl
- An Awards Banquet featuring some of the most accomplished leaders in International Education

About BCCIE

BCCIE is a provincial Crown Corporation committed to promoting the International Education interests of the province of British Columbia’s public and independent K-12, public and private post-secondary and language schools.

Through consultation and liaison with the provincial government, the direction of the Board, and broad engagement with the diversity of sectors engaged in International Education, we support our mission through three core service areas: Internationalization, Market Support and Communication, and Professional Development.

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