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A Message from the President

The CLC board met in Vancouver on November 14 to plan for a variety of strategic issues for our organization (Board members generously covered the cost of their own travel and accommodation). Useful time was spent on planning the CLC/PLS conference, discussing the linkages between CLC and the International CL committee and conferences, and planning for future activities and growth.

We have an exciting program planned for the CLC/PLS conference on May 6-8, 2009 in Vancouver. Check out the most recent program and register for the conference at the [conference website](#). Please share the conference information with all of your networks and colleagues. We still have a number of sponsorship opportunities and would appreciate your support in identifying and/or securing potential sponsors. We look forward to seeing you all in Vancouver in May

The CLC board and the International Committee are working together to develop stronger linkages and support between them. An ad-hoc committee led by Deb Russel and with membership from both groups is developing a framework for future cooperation.

CLC board has expanded to include the role of Secretary, and determined that this executive position will also have responsibility for communications for the organization. Angela Sasso, chair of the former PR committee, has been appointed into this role by the CLC board.

Warmest regards and all the best to you this holiday season,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Suzanne Barclay'.

Suzanne Barclay
President, Critical Link Canada

CLC Website Gets a Makeover

We are pleased to announce the launch of our [brand-new website](#). The website has been created to be a user-friendly point of contact for those seeking information about Critical Link Canada and who may be exploring membership opportunities. Additionally, [criticallink.org](#) serves existing members with helpful resources as well as links to affiliated partners and past Critical Link publications. Take a moment to browse the new site and pass it on to colleagues!

Conference Updates

Plans are now well underway for our upcoming CLC/PLS conference, **Global Voices, Local Results**. Keynote speakers include:

- Dr. Laurie Swabey, noted expert in interpreter training and current project director for the CATIE Center (Collaboration for the Advancement of Teaching Interpreter Excellence)

- Mr. Doug Lipp, former Japanese interpreter and head of training at Disney's Corporate Headquarters
- Mr. David Baxter, Executive Director of Urban Futures and recognized authority on the impact of demographics on the North American and international consumer landscape;
- The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg and former Foreign Affairs Minister of Canada

There was an encouraging response to our call for papers and we will be reviewing submissions for presentations and poster sessions early in the New Year. Our conference registration will also be opening soon, so check back to the [website](#) often for information on registering as well as further conference details.

As Suzanne mentioned, we are seeking your support in identifying potential sponsors. Please contact [Sheila Beveridge](#), conference organizer at 604.685.4888 or via email if you have suggestions.



All the Best in the New Year

Once again we would like to extend Season's Greetings to you and your loved ones as 2008 comes to a close. We look forward to what 2009 will bring, and anticipate an exciting and productive new year!