

President's Report November 2002

Dear Members of the Global Family.

The fourth international Conference (the third since we were formally constituted of course) was carried out in great style and I salute Maxine Millar, her team, the sponsors, the speakers, entertainers, the caterers at The Heritage Inn, and of course the City of Moose Jaw. Not only the presenters were first rate, but so were the camaraderie, networking and entertainment.

A first for Moose Jaw and our conference was the Keynote Speaker, The Honourable Dr. Lynda Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. The other first were the speakers and delegates from Prestonpans in Scotland - they are our latest member in the global family. Attending were Gordon, Baron of Prestoungrange and Lady Avril together with the Arts Festival Director and Scottish Historian Jane Bonnar and her husband. They all added another exciting element to the proceedings.

Even though it was four years ago when Chemainus hosted the first Global Conference -- after the fabulous success of the Mural Festival in Katikati New Zealand -- the incredible hours of work, dedication and commitment it took to organize the event is still fresh in my memory and I therefore appreciate to the fullest the major contribution Moose Jaw made to our cause.

No matter how often I participate, every gathering is different and every conference is highly educational, very exciting and entertaining. Without fail, it always recharges my batteries, revitalizes my spirit and Moose Jaw was no exception.

I now can hardly wait to participate in our next great event in September of 2004 at Ely, Nevada and at Prestonpans, East Lothian, Scotland at the end of August 2006

With warm regards, health, and happiness to all,

Karl, Founder & CEO