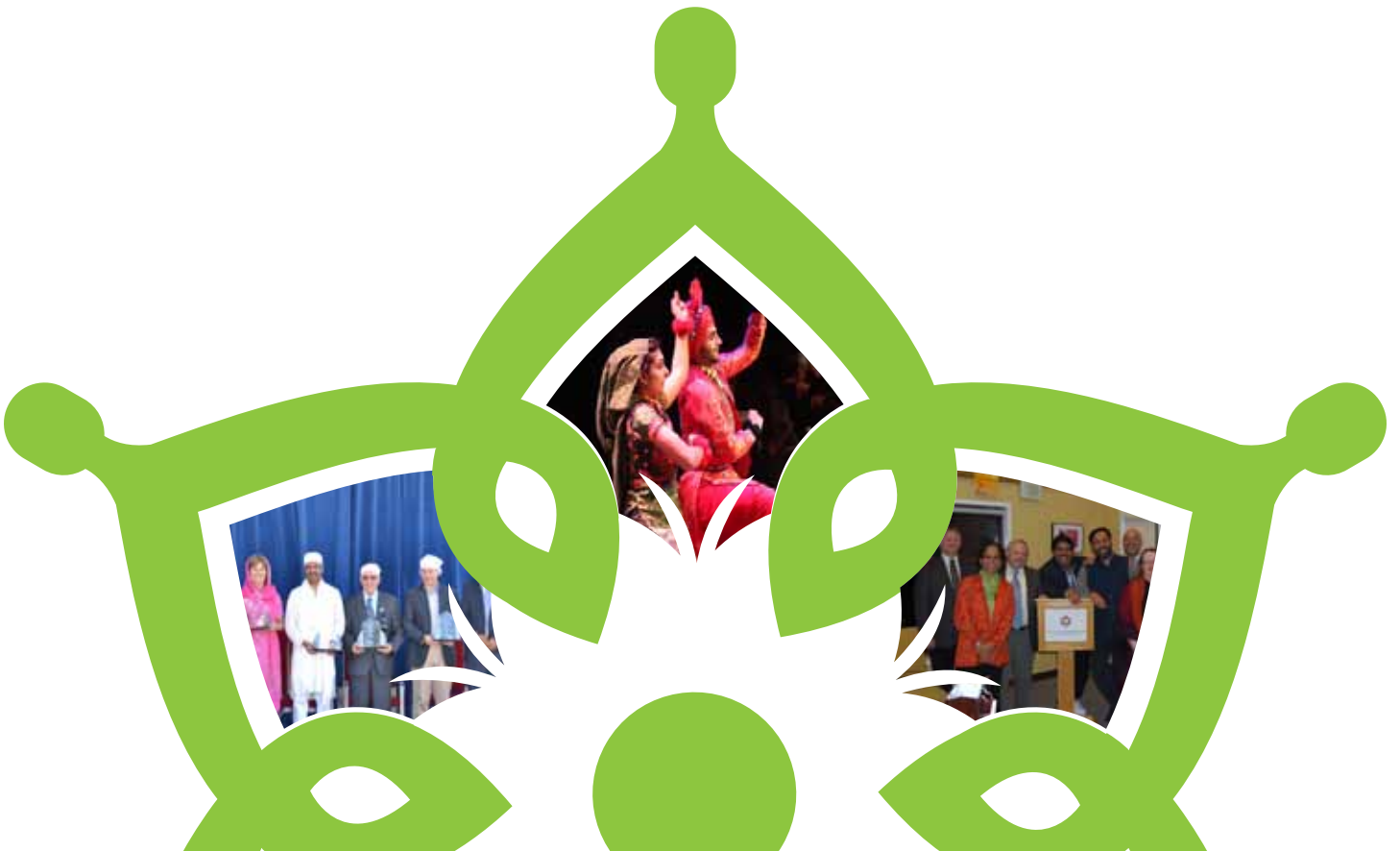
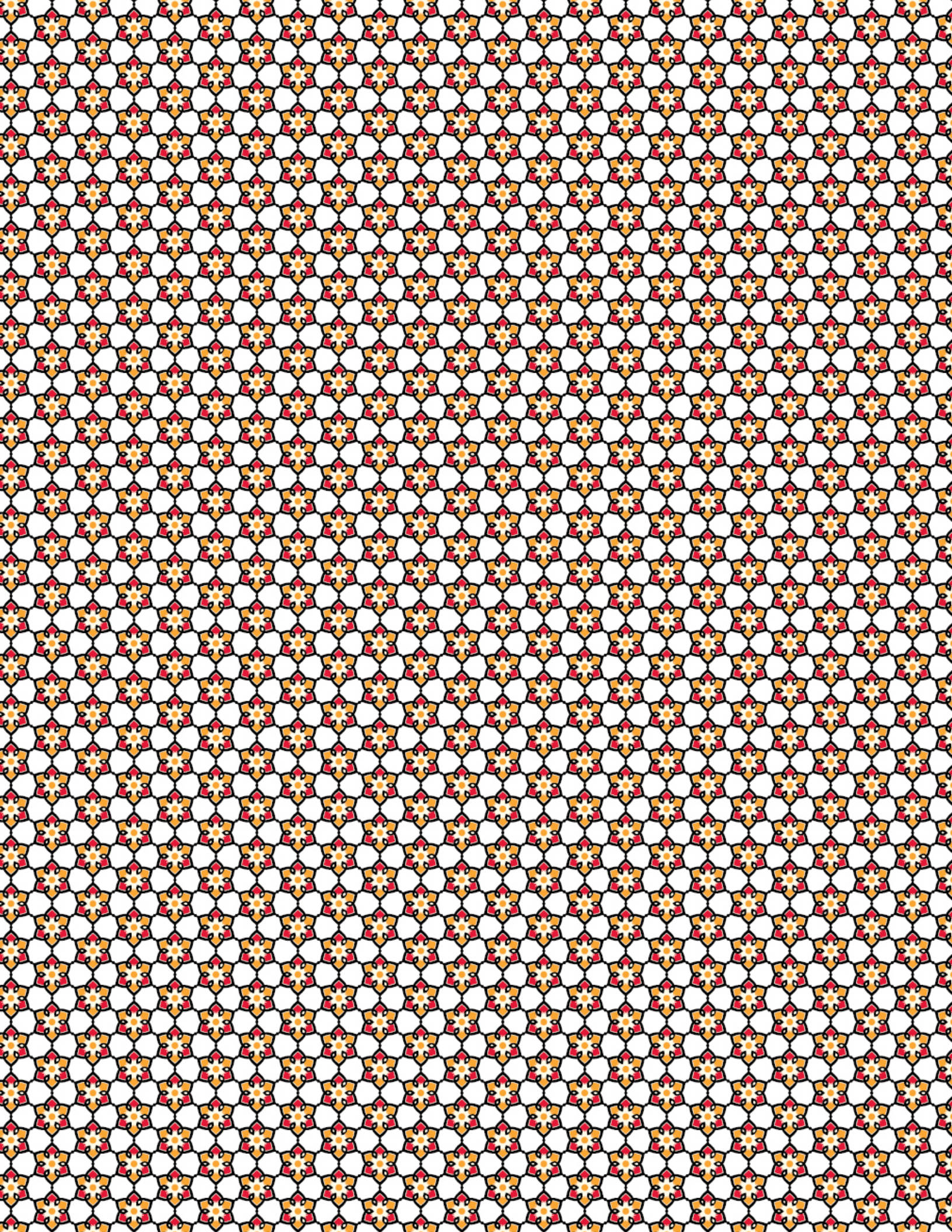




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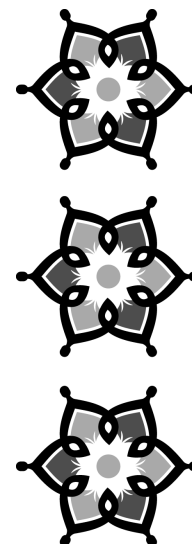


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Bi-Annual Report 2010- 2011

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Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley

Vision

The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies (CICS) is the University of the Fraser Valley's (UFV) nexus point where scholars and students from UFV programs, community members as well as groups from all sectors of the community and international visitors come together to develop the study of the Indian sub-continent and the Indian Diaspora. The Centre supports the development, maintenance, and strengthening of linkages that lead to diverse experiences for students, faculty and community. The Centre also initiates and supports India-Canada studies, and programs and activities that promote the study of and engagement with the Indian sub-continent and the Indo Canadian Diaspora. The research arm of the Centre supports faculty associates of CICS to undertake research in their special areas as well as being responsive to broader research needs as they arise. The Centre is a hub and repository of the pioneering history of the Indo-Canadian Diaspora while assisting in the development of much-needed research that benefits members of the community, government, and the many facets of academia. The Centre is also the home of the BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development.

Core Programs:

- India-Canada Studies program
- The BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development
- Developing and sustaining academic, business, and community partnerships
- Conducting research, holding forums, and consultations on various social, cultural and historical issues
- Support for UFV-wide initiatives that enhance the vision of the Centre

Goals:

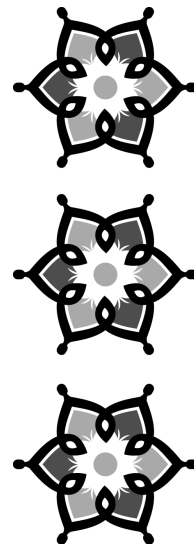
The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies identified four major goals that it pursued through the years 2010 and 2011:

1. UFV and community activities
2. Student, faculty engagement and stakeholder relationships
3. Research and consultations
4. Resources and administration

To meet these goals, the CICS has relied on several inter-related strategies and one of the most effective strategies was to always strive to involve as many students, faculty, and members of the community as possible in the activities of the Centre. In the last two years, the Centre has involved 55 students as work-study students, in leadership roles, as research assistants or as coordinators of events, activities, and programs. Centre Associates are involved in research projects, study tours, curriculum planning, presentations and activities with the Centre. The community has participated in activities of the Centre and in giving advice and support. The media has consistently sought the views of staff at the Centre when related stories have broken or are being analyzed and the Centre strives to provide a balanced and objective view on current events. The Centre's finances have been enhanced by research grants, government funding, and community fundraising.

Future plans:

1. Ongoing enhancement of the Centre's financial resources
2. Undertaking relevant and pertinent research
3. Strengthening and enhancing the India-Canada Studies program
4. Continuing to engage faculty, students, staff, and community in the work of the Centre



India-Canada Studies program

The India-Canada Studies program started out with a few courses in 2004. The multi-disciplinary program has grown exponentially since then and in the last few years it has matured in breadth and offerings. Starting out with History, Social Work, and English, the program now includes courses in Geography, Anthropology, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Cultural and Media Studies, and Modern Languages. As the program grew over the years and as the interest in the courses grew, new faculty were hired, study tours were undertaken to India, academic exchanges were developed, student internships were initiated, and much more. In September 2008, the brand new and unique India-Canada Studies certificate was launched. Students now have the added opportunity to graduate with a concentration certificate that will assist them in their career and further education pursuits. Students are benefiting from a rich, vibrant, and interesting certificate program that incorporates a wide range of disciplines. In Canada, it is a unique offering that will draw many prospective students to UFV.

http://www.ufv.ca/CICS/Courses_and_Programs/India-Canada_Studies_certificate.htm

Student Internships and Scholarships

JUNE 2010

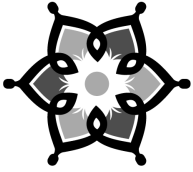
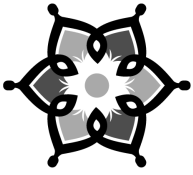
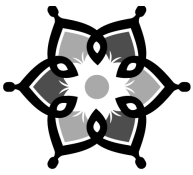
Undergraduate Excellence Award awarded to Ms. Raji Heer:

SAPNA co-chair, and CICS avid volunteer, Ms. Raji Heer was awarded the June 2010 Undergraduate Excellence Award for her work in India as a research intern in the fall of 2009. Heer undertook valuable research while in Chandigarh, Punjab which will be included in the Canadian Diaspora Project of the Asia Pacific Foundation. The study in Punjab, India is part of a national study on the roles, responsibilities and obligations of Canadian Diaspora and the implications on Canadian foreign and domestic policy such as Citizenship, Emergency relief, education and health care to name a few.

MAY 2011

Undergraduate Research Excellence Award awarded to Amanpreet Dhami:

Amanpreet Kaur Dhami, an enthusiastic student volunteer and research intern with the Centre for Indo Canadian Studies received the Undergraduate Research Excellence Award at the annual Undergraduate Research Day on May 30 2011. Amanpreet's research, involved interviewing the pioneers (or their descendents) to record oral histories that had not previously been recorded. Amanpreet's project also explored the challenges South Asians faced in Canada for over a 100 years and their contributions to Canada. This project would be ground breaking for the Center for Indo-Canadian Studies as the historical documentation created would help build an archival record much needed for our community.



India Study Tour

FEB 2010

Study Tour to India 2010



Golden Temple visit Amritsar

The second UFV India Study Tour was successfully implemented in February 2010. Twenty students travelled to India to study its culture, history and geography led by Professors Satwinder Bains, Cherie Enns and Garry Fehr. The students spent their time in India interacting with students from Indian Universities, visiting many social and cultural sites, studying historical monuments and artifacts and finding meaning in the sights and sounds of India. The students visited Delhi, Agra, Chandigarh, Shimla, Kandaghat, Amritsar, Bhopal and Goa with each city offering a myriad of experiences and adventures which were enjoyed by the students.

Academic Partnerships

JUNE 2010

Diaspora Studies Consortium: Study in Europe, Study in Canada

The DSC is an international, interdisciplinary network and exchange program for students and faculty from Canada and the European Union who are committed to learning, teaching and research about – and working with diaspora communities. Current partner universities in the DSC are Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, York University and University of Northampton.

NOV 2011

UFV/CICS signs Memorandum of Understanding with Punjabi University, Patiala

UFV/CICS signed a formal MoU with Punjabi University, Patiala on Nov 16th in Chandigarh as a part of the Canadian education delegation that travelled to India with the Premier of BC Christy Clark. The MoU will open the doors for future collaborations with faculty at both Universities as a follow up to the visit by the Vice Chancellor and Registrar of Punjabi University to UFV in August. Through this MoU, UFV will develop linkages on Punjabi language instruction, historical and Diaspora research, faculty exchanges as well as student internships.

NOV 2011

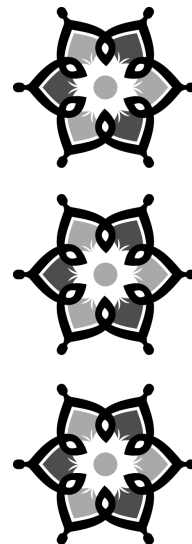
CICS undertakes research on food security

The CICS was awarded an Institutional Research Collaborative Development Grant to undertake research in food security issues in Janta Colony near Chandigarh, Punjab, India. The project will design a demonstration food project for colony dwellers (low income, daily wage earners) by enlisting the support of an agri-based cooperative/self- help organization and local business organizations in India and Canada. It will also establish an urban demonstration roof garden in Janta Colony Chandigarh at 10 homes that are currently receiving support from NGO Developing Indigenous Resources (<http://www.dir-help.org/>)

NOV 2011

Working with University of Mumbai

The CICS has started working on projects with the University of Mumbai, Maharashtra, India on Diaspora Studies. The Govt of BC awarded \$50,000 towards this partnership.





The BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development



OCT 2010

Business Chair Sponsors Trade Award

October 2nd was an evening of glitz and glamour as UFV faculty, staff, and students attended the second annual Mehfil Magazine Awards for Excellence at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. The Royal Bank of Canada sponsored a table where they invited members of the CICS Students Advisory Committee, SAPNA. In total eight awards were presented to leaders in the community ranging in areas from academic excellence award to excellence in the arts award. As sponsor of the India-Canada Trade Award, the BC Regional Innovation Chair at UFV, Professor DJ Sandhu, presented the award.



OCT 2010

DJ Sandhu presents at Royal Bank of Canada

DJ Sandhu presented a talk at the Clearbrook RBC branch on “Emerging Markets: Capitalising on Business Opportunities in Canada” on October 21st. The talk was attended by local business owners interested in tapping into the Indian market. The presentation was successful and fruitful for those interested in a macro look at major market areas in India. Following the talk, Professor Sandhu was available to speak to business owners and provide advice and suggestions.

SEPT 2010

UFV and BC Regional Innovation Chair host Vancouver Board of Trade Luncheon

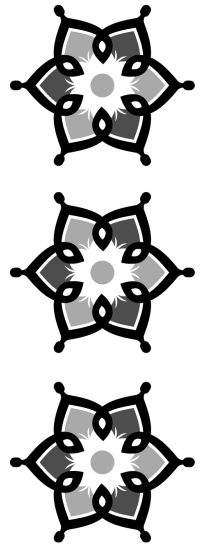
The BC Regional Chair in Canada India Business and Economic Development and UFV, with sponsorship from the Royal Bank of Canada, presented Mr. Kushal Banerjee who gave the keynote address at the Vancouver Board of Trade September 29th. Mr. Kushal Banerjee, CEO of Swordfish Services in India, shared over 20 years of IT, ITES, and telecom service industry experience in India and abroad. He provided critical insight into IT history, growth, and future in India, as well as detailing the many opportunities for companies in Canada, and particularly in British Columbia, to invest in India. The event was sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada and presented in co-operation with the University of the Fraser Valley, and the BC Regional Chair in Canada India Business and Economic Development, Professor DJ Sandhu.

DEC 2010

BC Regional Chair facilitates Indian Wood Market’s accessibility to the BC Lumber Industry

On December 28, 2010, the Indian Ministry of Agriculture approved the import of Canadian Spruce, Pine and Fir species of wood into India. The notification issued also approved the acceptance of kiln dried heat treatment process in lieu of the Methyl Bromide treatment. This means many BC firms can now begin the process of market development to tap the lucrative Indian market for wood, which is estimated to be \$5.3 billion with an annual growth rate between 6 – 7%. The collaboration between India and BC was made possible by the efforts of the BC Regional Innovation Chair Professor DJ Sandhu. The Chair is mandated to help BC businesses access opportunities in the fast-growing Indian economy.

Developing and sustaining community partnerships



APRIL 2010

BC Diversity Leadership Expo

Two CICS associates, Raji Heer, and Sharanjit Sandhra, attended the first annual BC Diversity Leadership Expo, which was organized by the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA). The event was attended by various multicultural organizations and groups from all over British Columbia, and Vancouver Island.

MAY 2010

From Different Perspectives: Photographs from the Agricultural Landscape

The CICS co-sponsored the Reach exhibition, *From Different Perspectives*, which told three stories of Indo-Canadian and Mexican farmworkers whose struggles on the landscape have been forgotten or ignored and reveals a landscape of opposition where workers are both represented and see themselves represented in ways that challenge dominant views of the agricultural landscape. A panel discussion was also held which explored the stories of farmworkers' struggles through social documentary photography, history of Indo-Canadian farmworkers and current labour issues facing farmworkers.

OCT 2010

On the CASE Gallery exhibit at CICS



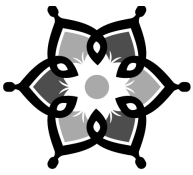
Marilyn Smith with family members and Dr. Garry Fehr

The opening of Marilyn Smith's photographic exhibit was a great success as community members, staff, and faculty attended a reception at the center on Oct 26. Smith's photo essay on the CASE (Child Advocates for Social Empowerment) looked at the impoverished Janta Colony just outside of the metropolis Chandigarh, India. Through efforts of the Developing Indigenous Resources (DIR), a medical team took on the task of assisting poor and malnourished families. Smith's amazing exhibit highlighted both these families and also the small pleasures in their lives seen through the eyes of young children.

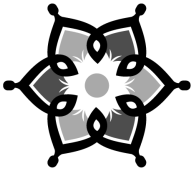
DEC 2010

Abbotsford Building Connections Partnership

The CICS is partnering with the City of Abbotsford for the next three years in the implementation of the Abbotsford Building Communities project. The project aims to build intercultural and interfaith connections at both the neighborhood and community level, thereby reducing racial tension and incidents of racism. Through social interaction, engagement and joint activities held at intercultural neighborhood hubs and through the twinning of communities, the project increases mutual respect and understanding amongst its diverse



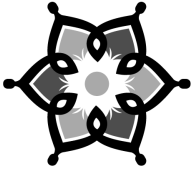
communities. The project impacts communities throughout the city and promotes cohesion and integration with neighborhoods. The CICS will assist in program evaluation of the deliverables under the project as well as undertaking the curriculum development for a course on Diversity Leadership Training.



MAY 2011

The Centennial Committee honours the pioneers

In honour of the pioneers who helped build a nation called Canada, the Centennial Committee honoured nine families from the local area. The event called the Virasat Gala was hosted by the Fraser Valley Indo Canadian Business Association. These families contributed to the building of the national historic site temple. Special guests from the federal, provincial and municipal governments attended the gala.



APRIL 2011

Immigrant Older Adults Care Accessibility Research Empowerment (ICARE) forum:

As a community partner with ICARE-Immigrant Older Adults and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), the Centre will be facilitating the ‘Seniors’ Wellness Coalition Forum.’ This project is funded by Community Action Initiative. This forum will allow both service providers in Abbotsford and Punjabi Seniors to come together and respond to the increasing needs for mental health supports for Punjabi speaking South Asian senior immigrants and their families. The forum was held on April 6th and helped to identify the challenges/obstacles Punjabi seniors are facing which in turn is affecting their mental health. The forum also helped service providers to plan for future programs and funding to meet the unique needs of South Asian seniors.

APRIL 2011 and Sept 2011

Sikh Heritage and Contemporary Punjabi Exhibits

Members of the CICS had been in regular meeting with the curator of Abbotsford’s Reach Gallery and Museum to prepare for the 2011 celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the building of the Sikh Gurdwara. The celebrations included two exhibitions: a smaller exhibition in April, 2011 which celebrated the history of the Gurdwara, and a larger exhibition in September, 2011 which showcased contemporary Punjabi artists and their art. In addition to archival photographs, the exhibitions included oral recordings of Sikh pioneers, lectures, round table discussions, a tour of the Gurdwara, as well as other events.

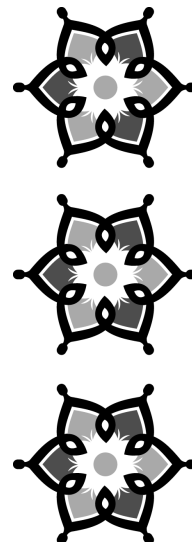
AUG 2011

Centennial Celebrations

CICS partnered with the City of Abbotsford, OMNI TV, Punjabi Patrika, Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association, the Reach Gallery Museum, Khalsa Diwan Society (KDS) and the Abbotsford News to organize the centennial celebrations honouring the 100 years of the building of the Gur-Sikh Temple in Abbotsford (est. 1911). The 3 day event included prayers at the temple, family fun, speech by dignitaries, visit by the Prime Minister and a parade.



Left to right: PM Stephen Harper, Premier Christy Clark, Consul General of India Ashok Das, former Abbotsford Mayor George Peary, MP Ed Fast, KDS President Kabal Hundal and KDS VP Bagi Brar



External Community Committees:

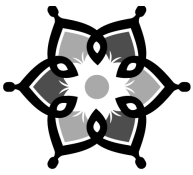
Abbotsford Social Development Advisory Council
Canadians Abroad Advisory Committee
South Asian Early Childhood Committee
Fraser Valley Indo Canadian Business Association
I CARE Mental Health Advisory Committee
City of Abbotsford Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Shastri Indo Canadian Institute Fellowships Adjudication Committee
Sikh Heritage Museum Advisory Board
Abbotsford Building Connections Committee

Internal UFV Committees:

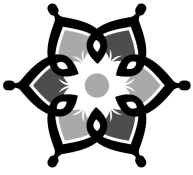
Indo Canadian Community Advisory Committee
South Asian Peer Network Association – Student Association
Racism and Anti-Racism Group – Member at UFV
Teaching and Learning Advisory Group
Research Advisory Committee
Internationalization Committee
Arts Dept Heads
Arts Curriculum Advisory Committee
Sikh Heritage Advisory Group
Canada India Study Program Curriculum Committee
Can-EU Diaspora Group
Educators Without Borders

Partners in the community:

Mission Community Services
Fraser Valley Child Development Centre
South Asian Early Childhood Community Committee – United Way of the Fraser Valley
City of Abbotsford
Providence Health Care – Centre for Aging
Khalsa Diwan Society, Abbotsford
UBC Centre for South Asian Studies
Vancouver International Bhangra Competition
Developing Indigenous Resources India
The Reach Gallery and Museum
OMNI TV
Abbotsford News
Punjabi Patrika



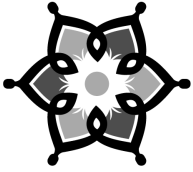
Research, forums, projects and consultation studies on various social, cultural and historical issues



MAY 10

Diasporizing Punjab, Disorienting Bhangra

Several great scholars from all over the world took part in the *Diasporizing Punjab, Disorienting Bhangra* conference, which was co-sponsored by the Centre for Indo Canadian Studies, along with the University of British Columbia's Department of Asian Studies. These scholars included: Van Verne Dusenbery (Hamline University), Margaret Walton-Roberts (Wilfred Laurier University), Inderpal Grewal (Yale University), Doris Jakobsh (University of Waterloo), Michael Nijhawan (York University), Anjali Gera Roy (Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur), Gibb Schreffler (University of California, Santa Barbar), and Rajinder Dudrah (University of Manchester).



Jammu Conference and CRRID Seminar Dec 2009 (late report)

The Centre for New Literatures, Culture and Communication at the University of Jammu invited Yvon Dandurand, Terry Waterhouse and Satwinder Bains to present papers at the "Policy, People and Peace: Democratization of Foreign Policy and Participatory Democracy in Canada, India and Beyond" conference in December 2009. As well, the group with the addition of Garry Fehr presented papers at a seminar hosted by the Centre for Research on Rural and Industrial Development in Chandigarh entitled, "Cooperative Development, Peace and Security: Indo Canadian Cooperation".

MAY 2011

Transnational Punjabis in the 21st Century Conference at UFV

The Centre hosted Transnational Punjabis in the 21st Century: Beginnings, Junctures and Departures, an international conference in honour of the Gur Sikh Historic Temple centennial. The conference questioned the juncture of the transnational Punjabis in their collective realities and imagination in the 21st Century and/or departure from the accepted norms. Many dignitaries, including UFV President and Vice Chancellor Mark Evered, UFV Provost and Vice President Academic Dr. Eric Davis, Mayor George Peary, Indian High Commissioner to Canada Shashishekar M. Gavai, Consul General of India in Vancouver Ashok Das, and Sikh Foundation Chair Narinder Singh Kapany were present. Scholars, researchers, and artists from all over the globe presented their findings and views about various aspects of Punjabi culture and history.

Student research

MAR 2010

CICS student volunteer and Research Assistant, Amanpreet Dhani, presented at the annual student research day, which took place at UFV. Amanpreet presented the research she had partaken at the CICS, titled "Connecting the World." This project looked at the history of Sikhs in BC until the early 1980's focusing on the hardships, trials and tribulations faced by new immigrants.

JUNE 2010

India BBA students hired for research

Five UFV BBA India campus students were hired as summer 2010 research interns by the CICS to undertake secondary research on topics of interest to the Centre. These students spent two months researching areas as diverse as the social development sector of Punjab, India; the management of higher education by the provinces; sharing of responsibilities between provinces and the central government of the K-12 education system; and the nature of language education and its management by the school education boards. The reports submitted by the students will be utilized by the Centre in its ongoing partnership with the Indian education system.

JUNE 2010

Jagmeet Singh joins CICS as Research Intern from Punjab University

Jagmeet Singh, a recent graduate from the Masters in Human Rights from Punjab University joined CICS as a research intern in June. He is currently undertaking a comparative study of the Human Rights Commissions and legislative responsibilities between the two countries of India and Canada. The CICS has a working partnership with Punjab University in Chandigarh India and exchanges of research interns have been an ongoing program since 2007.

APRIL 2011

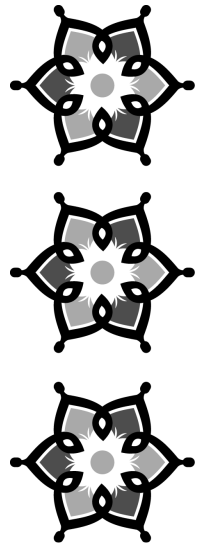
SAPNA receives Volunteer Recognition award

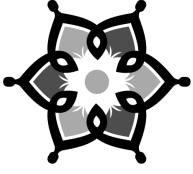
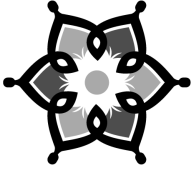
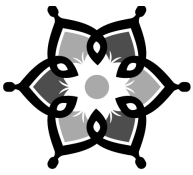
The South Asian Peer Networking Association (SAPNA) was recognized at UFV's Volunteer Recognition Award Ceremony this year. Executive members Raji Heer, Sheetal Deo, Aman Dhani, and Sidrah Ahmad represented the association at this ceremony and were awarded with certificates for SAPNA's contribution to the UFV community.

MAY 2011

UFV students participate in the Transnational Punjabis in the 21st century conference

SAPNA members Sheetal Deo, Sidrah Ahmad, Jenny Ahuja, and Raji Heer took part in an undergraduate panel at the Transnational Punjabis in the 21st Century conference in collaboration with CICS. Their papers focused on issues of identity within the younger generation and what it means to be Punjabi or of South Asian descent in a modern western world. The discussions initiated further dialogue among the audience that consisted of community members and international scholars.





Internationalization Projects

JAN 2010

BC Opportunity Office Opens in Chandigarh



MLA Mike De Jong, former Mayor George Peary, friends and supporters of UFV, and members of the BC delegation to Punjab

British Columbia opened a new "BC Opportunity Office" on January 22 at the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID) in Chandigarh, Punjab, India. The office has been opened in collaboration with UFV's BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development to facilitate economic, business, social, cultural ties with North India. BC Attorney General the Honourable Mike de Jong brought a delegation of elected municipal representatives, prominent citizens of BC, bureaucrats and business leaders with him to officially open the new office. UFV's Prof. DJ Sandhu has been appointed as BC's Business and Skills Development Representative in North India.

UFV-wide initiatives that support the vision of the Centre

MAR 10

SAPNA Celebrates Holi

The month of March saw the colorful celebration of Holi coming to life at the Centre as SAPNA organized a wonderful event for all to participate in. For those who participated, there was great food, bhangra dancing, and of course, as the grand finale- colorful water paint fights on the UFV green.

FEB 10

Raising funds for Haiti relief

SAPNA members once again sold candygrams on campus in order to celebrate Valentine's Day. All proceeds sold from the candygrams went directly to Haiti relief. Not only did the team sell all their candygrams, but in total, and in collaboration with other UFV clubs efforts, SAPNA raised approximately \$200.00.

APR 10

Punjabi Day

In celebration of the end of the fall semester, CICS student volunteers and SAPNA members organized "Punjabi Day." This day was held to share friendships across borders – Pakistan and India – to a time when Punjab as one big province, later to be divided and shared by two countries.

MAY 10

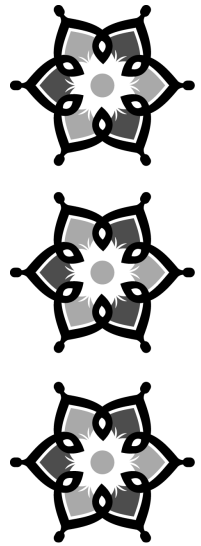
UFV Sponsors CIF Gala

The University of the Fraser Valley was a bronze sponsor of the annual Canada India Foundation (CIF) Gala Dinner, which took place at the Westin Bayshore. Since its inception in 2007, the CIF has taken a leadership role in fostering support for stronger bilateral relations between Canada and India, greater engagement of the Indo Canadian community in Canadian politics and public policy, and increasing awareness of the changing face of India.

OCT-NOV 2010

Ehsaas Film Festival

The sixth annual Ehsaas Film Festival took place October and November at UFV. In recognition of the upcoming 10th anniversary of the terror attacks in New York, this year's theme was 9/11 and the exploration of the human condition.



NOV 2010

SAPNA Hosts Diwali at the CICS

Members of the CICS's South Asian Peer Network Association hosted its most successful Diwali yet on November 5th. Hundreds of people turned up to watch SAPNA's newest Bhangra, Gidhaa, and Bollywood Dance teams wow the audience with vibrant performances. UFV President and Vice Chancellor, Mark Evered was also in attendance, and was very impressed with the performances and event overall.

MARCH 2011

Ehsaas South Asian Readers and Writers Festival

The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies and UFV's Department of English presented the *Ehsaas South Asian Readers and Writers Festival* on March 29. Over 100 people from within the UFV community and outside community members took part in a very memorable exploratory evening. Headlined by Anosh Irani, Gurjinder Basran, Tariq Malik. Local authors Kusum Soni, Mandeep Wirk, and UFV student Jenny Ahuja also presented their poetry, non-fiction, and critical readings.

MARCH 2011

SAPNA Celebrates Holi

Once again, the South Asian Peer Network Association hosted a vibrant and colorful Holi on March 25. With the event growing larger as each year goes by, this year's event included: bhangra, giddha and bollywood performances, mehndi, delicious food, and of course, a joyful grand finale of coloured water paint fights.

APRIL 2011
Anti-Racism Conference at UFV



UFV faculty, Staff and Students at the Anti-Racism conference

The CICS was pleased to be on the organizing committee for UFV's *Building Anti-Racist Communities* conference, organized by the Student Life department at UFV. The first-ever conference of its kind at UFV included workshops facilitated by UFV students and community partners. The conference was an amazing success and evoked some in depth discussions as well as thought provoking insights into issues such as: defining racism, white privilege, and ways in which to confront and battle racism.

NOV 2011

Diwali celebrations

Diwali was celebrated by SAPNA at CICS where UFV bhangra and gidda teams mesmerized the audiences with their energetic performances. The event also included delicious Indian food and mehndi. CICS also volunteered at the Diwali celebrations at Mission Clarke Theatre hosted by Mission community services.

NOV 2011

The Seventh annual Ehsaas Film Festival was hosted by CICS and this year in honour of the Centennial of the Sikh Heritage Museum, all the documentaries that were showcased were based on Sikhs and different aspects of Sikhism. Director of 2 two documentaries, *Searching for the Sikhs of Tod Inlet* and *Beyond the Gardens Walls*, David Gray, attended the festival. This was a one day festival, where guests could see eight documentaries in one night.

Visiting Scholars and Dignitaries:

JUNE 2010

Khalsa College New Delhi Principals visit:

CICS hosted a tea on June 1st, for Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Principal, Dr. Jaspal Singh, Vice Principal and Dr. P. Arun, Professor of Physics & International Liaison Coordinator of Khalsa College from New Delhi, who were visiting with the UFV International Department. Community members joined the guests in an informative discussion about the state of Punjab and its call for participation by Canadians of Indian origin in the fields of education, agriculture and philanthropy. During the visit, the Principals signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with UFV President Dr. Mark Evered. The areas of agreement include Criminal Justice - graduate and undergraduate, the Sciences and Trades/Technology training.

OCT –NOV 2010

CICS SOUTH ASIAN FALL LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Harinder Sandhu- Mata Sundri College, University of Delhi

Dr. Sandhu, presented two lectures at the CICS. Her first lecture sponsored by DJ Sandhu - BC Regional Innovation Chair in Canada India Business and Economic Development, addressed “Organizational and Group Dynamics in the Indian scenario,” and looked at inter-cultural dimensions, both at individual and organizational levels. Dr. Sandhu’s second lecture, entitled “Psychology of Immigration,” looked at the issues involved when populations undergo rapid diversification, including the relational aspects of diversity, covert perceptions and overt actions, and the attempt to homogenize communities by host communities.

Dr. Jan Neels- University of Johannesburg

Dr. Jan Neels, Professor of Private International Law at the University of Johannesburg, presented his lecture on Muslim and Hindu personal law in South Africa. Dr. Neels’ talk evaluated the progressive recognition of Hindu and Muslim personal law in South Africa, utilizing the criteria of protection of socio-economically vulnerable parties and other constitutional values.

Dr. Bidisha Biswas – University of Western Washington

Dr. Bidisha Biswas presented a talk titled “Just Between Friends: Bilateral Cooperation and Bounded Sovereignty in Counter-Terrorism Efforts.” Dr. Bishwas discussed the ‘Global War on Terror,’ led by the United States, emphasizing the role of international alliances in tackling terrorist threats. The talk was attended by students, community members and faculty who posed challenging questions and raised a number of interesting issues.

Dr. Surinder Dhanjal - Thompson Rivers University

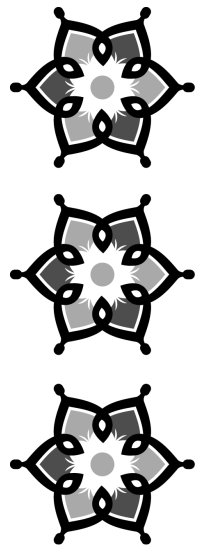
Dr. Dhanjal addressed UFV students, staff, and faculty, as he discussed the Punjabi language through computer analysis and synthesis. The talk concentrated on the problems encountered during the linear prediction analysis/synthesis of these two languages.

Gilli McLaren Presentation

A local researcher, Gilli McLaren addressed UFV students and community members discussing the relationship of Charles Andrew to the independence movement in India.. The talk certainly demonstrated Gilli’s passion for his work as he kept the audience captivated through various forms of multimedia, including: video clips, images, and fascinating stories on the relationship between Gandhi and Charles Andrew.

Visiting Scholar, Dr. Satya Sharma Associate Professor of Anthropology, Department of Religion and Culture, University of Saskatchewan

Dr. Sharma was a visiting scholar at the center and undertook a project on the health effects of pesticide use on the farm workers of the Fraser Valley, having completed a similar project in Yuba City/Marysville Region of Northern California.





MARCH 2011

CICS and the Social, Cultural and Media Studies department host Professor Yogendra Yadav



UFV President Mark Evered with guest lecturer Professor Yogendra Yadav and participants

Professor Yogendra Yadav, Senior Fellow of Delhi's Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, presented a rich and informative lecture at the CICS based on his recently published book, *Crafting State Nations: India and Other Multinational Democracies* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011), co-written with Alfred Stepan and Juan Linz. Professor. Yadav's research focuses on democracy theory, modern Indian political thought, and Indian socialism, and he is an expert in election studies and survey research. The Centre is grateful to the International Development Research Centre for funding Professor Yadav's visit to Canada.

APRIL 2011

The CICS presents Bill Sundhu

Bill Sundhu, a lawyer, former judge, and a member of the Kellogg College (University of Oxford) presented a lecture *Racism the Judicial System: Does Diversity Matter?* on April 7. The talk examined the lack of diversity within the judiciary and the implications for justice, including whether that poses challenges as to the ability and capacity of the courts to properly determine questions of the guilt or innocence of terror suspects who, invariably after 9/11, are visible or religious minorities.

APRIL 2011

Opportunity for Faculty Meeting with Dr. Muhammad Anwar

There was an opportunity for UFV faculty and staff to meet Dr. Muhammad Anwar, Director of Research, Quality Assurance and External Linkages, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan, on April 7th in the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies. Dr. Anwar gave a short presentation and then the possibilities to discuss opportunities for future collaborations were discussed over lunch which was provided by the Research Office. The CICS was also be joined by the Agriculture Department to discuss the potential collaborations with Dr. Anwar.

MAY 2011

Surjeet Kalsey launches her new book, *Colours of My Heart*

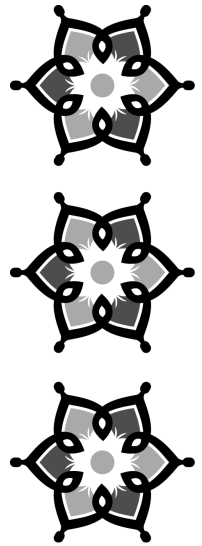
The Centre for the Indo-Canadian Studies hosted the Fraser Valley launch (including a poetry reading) of Ms. Kalsey's book *Colours Of My Heart* on May 15. Some of the local sponsors present at the event were Punjabi Literary Society of Abbotsford, Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford Poets Potpourri Society, the Apni-Awaaz program from the CIVL 101.7 FM radio station, and other community members.

JUNE 2011

Mr. Scot Slessor, Consul General for Canada in India visits CICS

Mr. Slessor visited the centre and met with UFV Provost and VP Academic Dr. Eric Davis, UFV BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development DJ Sandhu, CICS director Satwinder Bains, and members of the CICS Advisory Committee, including Andy Sidhu, Kelly Chahal, and Dr. Malwinder Dhani. DJ Sandhu discussed various issues with the Consul General and

updated him on some of the successful initiatives undertaken in India.



AUGUST 2011

Vice Chancellor and Registrar of Punjabi University, Patiala visit CICS

The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies was honoured to hold a meeting with the Vice Chancellor Dr. Jaspal Singh and Registrar Prof A.S Chawla of Punjabi University Patiala on August 11. UFV president Dr. Mark Evered had discussed with Dr. Jaspal Singh involvement in the initiative of opening up a Centre for Indo—North American Studies in Patiala. Dr. Jaspal Singh also suggested that collaboration for a Centre for Diaspora Studies and other initiatives like student exchange programs and offering online courses could be looked into in the near future.

CICS Associates

Senior Associates appointed to the Centre

CICS Associates continue to contribute to help build the research agenda and international collaborations of the Center.

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Satwinder Bains, India-Canada Studies program\

Adrienne Chan, School of Social Work and Human Services

Cherie Enns, Geography department

Garry Fehr, Geography department

DJ Sandhu, BC Regional Innovation Chair in Canada-India Business and Economic Development

David Milobar, History department

Ding Lu, Economics department

John Belec, Geography department

Nicola Mooney, Anthropology, Social Cultural & Media Studies department

Associates of the Centre

In addition to the senior associates, there are a number of faculty and staff within the UFV community who support and contribute to the efforts of the Centre. As such, their contributions over the years have also been immensely valuable.

Susan Fisher, English department

Douglas Hudson, Anthropology, Social Cultural & Media Studies department

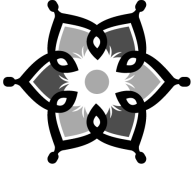
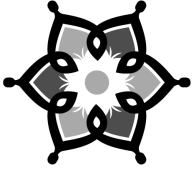
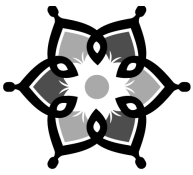
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