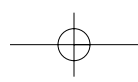




Engagement, Support, Innovation
Your Partner in HIV/AIDS Treatment Information
Annual Report 2006/2007



**Canadian AIDS Treatment
Information Exchange**
**Réseau canadien
d'info-traitements sida**



On The Cover

"My name is Frida Mdoe. I am from Hedaru village in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. I have drawn the moon and stars as the light I have gotten from this workshop. I believe the knowledge I will get will help others who have not come here. Also, the knowledge will help to brighten my own life."

This stirring image and the details on the cover and throughout were created as part of an innovative educational workshop designed to empower African women who are HIV positive through the creation of Body Maps, a form of art and narrative therapy. Resulting from a collaboration between CATIE and the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative for Children Affected by AIDS, Poverty and Conflict (REPSI) in southern Africa, this project combines REPSI's psychosocial tools for women living with HIV with CATIE's accessible, culturally appropriate HIV/AIDS treatment information. Positive women are invited to come together in facilitated groups to create individualized works of art—body maps—that chronicle and illuminate their personal histories, and allow each participant to explore and share her story with others.

The result—as you can see in the examples provided—is a series of compelling, life-sized paintings illustrating the impact of HIV, the visible and invisible marks left on each woman's body by her often-arduous life journey. Each self-portrait contains as well the various symbols of each woman's personal power and dignity and is accompanied by a brief first-person account of her life.

We invite you to visit our Web site at www.catie.ca/bodymaps/index.shtml for a gallery of portraits and narratives.





Engagement, Support, Innovation

The Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange came into existence 17 years ago in response to a terrifying and out-of-control epidemic. Our mandate was to provide people living with HIV/AIDS with the information and the tools to fight back, to learn about HIV and its impact on our bodies, and help use this knowledge to advocate for treatments. Nearly two decades later, we are doing the same... and, as you'll see from this Annual Report, much more.

For instance you will note throughout this year's report—starting with the cover—the work we are doing with “Body Maps,” visual and narrative representations of the lived experiences of some amazing positive Tanzanian and Zambian women with whom CATIE has had the honour of working this past year. Many of the women who have participated in the body-mapping process are widows who volunteer in home-based care. Twice a week they “minister” to those too ill with AIDS to leave their homes, providing physical, emotional and spiritual care and support, including being “on call” day and night, every day of the week. Their peer-based support bears similarities to the community activism in the early days of the epidemic here in Canada, the very dynamic that gave rise to CATIE.

Our contribution to this powerful psychosocial tool has been to offer treatment information, answering the women's questions about HIV, medications and side effects so that they can better help themselves and others in their communities. We remain deeply committed to working with these and other women in Africa to facilitate their efforts to learn about treatment information and to be community health advocates.

The next step is to bring these techniques and learnings to Canadians. Indeed, working with these women has helped us to refine our domestic response to HIV. While we will continue to convey recent treatment developments to treatment knowledgeable PHAs and their caregivers in Canada, through our publications such as *TreatmentUpdate*, we are acutely aware that text-based treatment information presents challenges to many individuals and communities.

Which is where body mapping comes in. This tactile, visual, holistic process allows participants to approach information through their and others' embodied experiences. In the fall of 2007, with the assistance of Hope, a participant in the body-

This tactile, visual, holistic process allows participants to approach information through their and others' embodied experiences.

mapping program from Zambia, we will be conducting a similar retreat for positive women from endemic countries who are now living in Canada. We plan to continue this work with other groups throughout this country, in partnership with community organizations. Through the integration of the body-mapping technique into our adult learning methodologies, as well as on-



Body Map, Eluminata, detail



Laurie Edmiston
Executive Director



Terry Pigeon
Board Chair

line literacy resources to be launched in the winter of 2007/08, we are striving to make treatment information more accessible for all PHAs everywhere.

There is no doubt that medical advances have dramatically improved the lives of positive individuals, which of course makes CATIE's work all the more important. But there is an unfortunate "side effect": HIV/AIDS is disappearing from the public radar. Despite stellar leadership by individual Canadians such as former UN Special Envoy Stephen Lewis and writer and columnist Stephanie Nolan—who have done an amazing job of educating the public about the disease in Africa—most Canadians know little about HIV in their own country. Sadly, treatment information and other efforts to improve the lives of positive people in Canada are simply not on the public agenda.

We are equally determined that these moving testaments to hardship and courage will remind all Canadians that there is still no cure for HIV...

When the Tanzanian and Zambian women very generously donated their body maps to CATIE, they did so with the express intention that they would be used to educate Canadians about living with HIV in Africa. For this reason, we are taking every opportunity to share these compelling visual representations of women's courageous efforts to integrate their experience of living with HIV into their increasing understanding of HIV treatment. We are confident that displaying their body maps will deepen Canadians' understanding of the horrific impact of AIDS in Africa, in particular on African women. We are equally determined that these moving testaments to hardship and courage will remind all Canadians that there is still no cure for HIV, and that any and all efforts to improve the lives of PHAs in Canada deserve more attention and resources.

Laurie Edmiston
Executive Director

Terry Pigeon
Chair



Body Map, Manka, detail



Engagement : Internet services

CATIE's Internet presence once again this year has achieved remarkable things.

The reach of the Web site (www.catie.ca) continued to grow during the last year, with the number of pages viewed more than doubling to 4.5 million. The popularity of our Web site is growing fastest among French-speaking surfers—both in Canada and abroad—who now account for more than half the visits. Our unique multilingual portal (www.treat-HIVglobally.ca), created in partnership with the Toronto-based Ethnoracial Treatment Support Network, grew in reach and size (see box). And we saw a doubling of the visits to our Youth site (www.livepositive.ca)—a collaboration with Positive Youth Outreach, YouthCo, the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children and others. We also continue to maintain www.catie.ca/nurses—a site dedicated to HIV information for nurses in partnership with the Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (CANAC); www.positiveside.ca—the zinc version of *Positive Side*, our health and wellness magazine for people living with HIV/AIDS; and www.aidsvolunteers.ca—Canada's premier site connecting volunteers and AIDS Service Organizations.

CATIE will actively seek the input of diverse individuals and communities in the development of targeted materials and is committed to working in partnership and to building capacity to facilitate local, regional, national and international organizations' ability to deliver targeted information for specific populations.

—CATIE Partnership Policy

We launched a number of new Web-based modules ranging from how to access drugs programs across Canada, to information for people who are newly diagnosed, to a multilingual glossary that can help caregivers communicate across language barriers. We piloted several new ways to use IT to reach our audiences, such as multi-site videoconferencing, Web telecasting and multimedia presentations. We have also started a year-long project to create an online learning environment that will connect treatment-savvy people across Canada with one another and with those who are just beginning to learn about HIV. (See "Leading in Online Learning," page 10.) This project will also include the development of low-literacy resources to be used by ASOs and other health centres.

In the next few years, the newest wave of Information Technology known as "Web 2.0" will be bringing some exciting new tools for interactivity and collaboration. In order to continue our leadership role in the use of IT for health information, we have completed a comprehensive review and will be developing a long-term plan for adapting new IT tools for our diverse communities.

treatHIVglobally

We Speak HIV

HIV knows no borders, speaks no language, and respects no culture. Which is where www.treat-HIVglobally.ca comes in. This innovative Web site improves access to HIV/AIDS treatment information to people across Canada and around the world, by providing information in 10 languages using culturally appropriate terminology: Traditional and Simplified Chinese, Tagalog, Tamil, Vietnamese, Hausa, Swahili, Punjabi, French and English.

The result of extensive collaboration by CATIE with the Asian Community AIDS Services (ACAS), Africans in Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (APAA), and the Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP), the site offers simple-to-read, easily downloaded information that is inter-linked so that it can readily be shared between people, even if they do not speak the same language, and a multilingual glossary of HIV terms in 12 languages. Over the year, the number of visitors accessing information from this portal more than quadrupled.

It is unlikely that any of this would have happened without ACAS and one of its founders, Dr Alan Li. ACAS—and Alan—have long provided leadership in improving access to treatment and information for diverse communities in Canada, particularly through the creation of the Ethnoracial Treatment Support Network. It was that organization's commitment to the development of linguistically and culturally appropriate treatment information that culminated in www.treatHIVglobally.ca.

Launched at AIDS 2006 with the distribution of more than 5,000 CD-ROMs, the site was created with financial contributions from the Public Health Agency of Canada's National HIV/AIDS Information Service Initiative, Public Health Agency of Canada (Ontario) AIDS Community Action Program, AIDS Bureau (Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care), Toronto's Public Health Department, and Glaxo-SmithKline in partnership with Shire BioChem. It is truly an international resource.



Innovation : publications

WRIP

Waiting Room Information Program

We at CATIE are always trying to figure out better ways to do things. Consider distribution. Every year, CATIE produces stacks of materials on all facets of HIV/AIDS treatment information in all manner of formats, from single-page “Plain & Simple” fact sheets to highly detailed in-depth reports, up-to-the-minute issues of *TreatmentUpdate* as well as magazines and practical guides. But how do we get this material into the hands of the people who are looking for it?

Many ways: online and by-phone ordering, through AIDS Service Organizations, distribution at conferences and via the Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre. And last fall we added a new dimension: the Waiting Room Information Program, or “WRIP” as we all call it now. Supported by a grant from GlaxoSmithKline in partnership with Shire BioChem, the aim of the program is to put our materials where our readers are: in the waiting rooms of the busiest HIV/AIDS clinics in the country. To that end, CATIE has supplied display stands and a wide range of site-specific materials, and has worked with local volunteers and clinic staff to ensure the material is there when it is needed.

By any measure, the rollout has been a success. Andrew MacDonald, CATIE’s Marketing and Communications Coordinator, has overseen phenomenal growth and remarkable distribution: in the seven months from launch to fiscal year end, nearly 30 clinics in eight provinces distributed more than 3,300 documents, directly into the hands of the people who need them. Watch for this remarkable program to keep growing.

HIV treatment continues to advance quickly, and CATIE works hard to stay abreast—and help our members and subscribers do the same. Through several editions each of *TreatmentUpdate* and *CATIE-News* we provided information on breaking research: from integrase inhibitors, to liver transplantation, to new treatments for lipodystrophy. We launched a new series of brochures for use in clinics, AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) and doctors’ offices. Over the course of the year, we also continued to update and expand our fact sheets, adding important new topics such as anal cancer and abacavir hypersensitivity screening.

In collaboration with other HIV treatment information providers, CATIE will assess the need for and develop, disseminate and evaluate HIV treatment information products and services to serve the evolving HIV information needs of diverse communities.

—CATIE Partnership Policy

The Positive Side continued to bring a holistic view to living with HIV/AIDS with stories about staying fit, staying sexual, and staying adherent. A special edition created for distribution at the AIDS 2006 conference provided a broad perspective with articles on pressing international issues and the Canadian experience, including an interview with former UN special envoy Stephen Lewis, a retrospective of AIDS activism in Canada, and a profile involving InSite—Vancouver’s leading-edge supervised injection drug site. The Fall/Winter issue of *The Positive Side* took a look at many of the issues that came out of the conference, including articles about the emergence of women’s voices, treatment breakthroughs and interviews with delegates about what they felt worked and didn’t work at the conference.

After a year of hard work, a new edition of *A Practical Guide to Nutrition* will be released this fall. This all-new edition will cover the basics of healthy eating for PHAs, along with advances in our understanding of how important nutrition has become in managing HIV.

CATIE’s publications, whether in print or online, are proving to be invaluable to people looking for solid HIV treatment information. In the past year, we distributed 75,446 printed publications and CD-ROMs; 43,060 bulletins through e-mail; and over 4.5 million pages through the Web. These numbers do not include the reprinting and dissemination of CATIE’s information by our partner organizations.

Next year will bring more new publications as we continue to work closely with ASOs across the country to provide publications tailored to their needs.

WRIP Locations across Canada

British Columbia

Downtown Community Health Centre, Vancouver
Oak Tree Clinic, Vancouver
St. Paul’s Hospital-IDC, Vancouver
Victoria Cool Aid Society

Alberta

Northern Alberta HIV Program, University of
Alberta Hospital, Edmonton
Southern Alberta Clinic, Calgary

Saskatchewan

Regina General Hospital Infectious Diseases Clinic

Manitoba

9 Circles Community Health Centre

Ontario

AIDS Committee of Ottawa
University of Ottawa HIV Clinic
Positive Care Clinic—Peterborough
The Haven—Sudbury Regional Hospital
AIDS Thunder Bay
410 Sherbourne, St. Michael’s Hospital, Toronto

Casey House, Toronto
Maple Leaf Medical Clinic, Toronto
Sherbourne Health Centre/Naturopathic Clinic,
Toronto
Sunnybrook Medical Outpatient Clinic, Toronto
Toronto East General
Lakeridge Health Centre—Positive Care Clinic, Whitby
Windsor Hospital

Quebec

Gatineau Hospital, Gatineau
Hôpital Notre-Dame—UHRESS, Montreal
Hôpital Sainte-Justine, Montreal
Jewish General Hospital, Montreal
Montreal Chest Institute

Nova Scotia

QE II—Health Sciences Centre, Halifax

New Brunswick

Moncton Hospital HIV Clinic
Saint John Regional Hospital Infectious
Diseases Clinic

Newfoundland and Labrador

St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital, St. John’s



Support : toll-free phone line

Callers can speak to one of CATIE's helpful Treatment Information Educators—each of whom is fully trained and backed by our Resource Centre. This confidential toll-free service (1-800-263-1638) provides information on HIV/AIDS medications, complementary therapies and HIV/AIDS medical and psychological conditions. We also provide referrals to HIV/AIDS services and clinical trials across the country. Callers may also request print information packages to address their questions.

After a peak in the use of our 1-800 treatment information phone line in the late 1990s (coinciding with the introduction of HAART), CATIE has seen a decrease in phone queries with the rise of the Internet as the prime means of gathering information. Over the past two years, however this trend has stabilized: in that time period we have received roughly 35-40 treatment information inquiries per week from PHAs, healthcare providers, ASO staff and others across Canada. In 2006/07, CATIE Treatment Information Educators received a total of 2,021 treatment information requests by phone.

In an effort to understand the changing needs for our 1-800 services, CATIE staff members Tricia Smith and Lara Barker undertook a comprehensive survey and evaluation of CATIE's phone line clientele. They discovered the following interesting facts:

CATIE is a national, not-for-profit charity committed to improving the health and quality of life of all people living with HIV/AIDS in Canada. We serve people living with HIV/AIDS and the people and organizations that support them by providing accessible, accurate, unbiased and timely treatment information.

—CATIE Mission

- There is a high representation of heterosexuals among phone line users
- There is a high representation of disclosed PHAs among phone line users
- There is a high representation of women among phone line users
- The majority of phone line users are from Ontario and Quebec.

Our survey also revealed that:

- 78% of callers used the phone line to ask about HIV treatment information
- 10% of callers were inquiring about HIV prevention, testing and transmission
- 89% were very satisfied or satisfied with the phone service.

Many of our callers said that they find it very useful to speak to a person regarding treatment information rather than reading it online or in print. Another important learning for CATIE was the need to promote our phone line service when a survey conducted among 95 participants at CATIE workshops told us that 56 percent were not aware of CATIE's treatment phone line and 82 percent had never used it. As a result, in January of this year CATIE modified phone hours to better serve clientele in all time zones and supported the move with a nation-wide promotion of the service and the new hours. We will continue to monitor phone line use and trends.

In the final analysis, it is clear that those who use CATIE's toll-free phone line for treatment information truly appreciate this service, but too often the very people who could benefit from having access to highly trained peers to answer their HIV treatment information questions and ease their anxieties are not aware that this service exists. We will continue to work to ensure that those who need the service know about it.

In the fall of 2006, CATIE welcomed Sugandhi Wickremarachchi and Derek Thaczuk to the Treatment Education and Support Services team. Sugandhi's role as a bilingual Treatment Information Educator increases our ability to respond to our many Francophone callers and Derek brings his considerable skills in writing and speaking about HIV treatment to the CATIE team.

Knowledge Exchanges

The Learning Institute

CATIE launched the Learning Institute just in time for the International AIDS Conference held in Toronto in August 2006. Designed as a way to support and assist members of the positive community who would be attending from across Canada, the program offered a variety of resources and materials to enable attendees to get the most out of their time at the conference and, as importantly, to help them bring information home to share with their own communities.

CATIE's Treatment Education Support Services department (TESS) developed six pre-conference e-learning modules addressing HIV treatment topics. Participants then met a day before the conference, to get acquainted, attend a workshop on interpreting research results and to review the conference program. During the conference, an extraordinarily hectic and fruitful five days, CATIE's Learning Institute staff helped participants navigate their way through the maze by offering focused background readings on specific topics and recommendations on which sessions to attend.

After the conference, participants collaborated on a report-back presentation of treatment highlights from the conference at community forums in five sites across Canada. Other participants delivered presentations to their support groups, were interviewed by local media and worked to update fellow healthcare professionals. Post-conference surveys revealed a very high-level of satisfaction with the program. As a result more and different versions are planned for the future in conjunction with important regional and national HIV conferences, such as those of the Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR), the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN) and the Quebec Symposium sur les aspects cliniques de l'infection par le VIH.



Engagement : face-to-face

Welcoming the World

XVI International AIDS Conference, Toronto 2006

The XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto in August 2006 brought together 26,000 people from around the world, representing the many facets of HIV/AIDS, to learn and share. CATIE participated eagerly in the exchange by hosting a wide range of programs, from workshops to art exhibits. Among our activities were:

- The inaugural CATIE Learning Institute, a project designed to enable community delegates from across the country to maximize their experience at the conference (see page 7 for details);
- Engaging youth and getting them involved in the fight against HIV with our Positive Youth Project. Two posters were also presented about CATIE's youth-oriented site www.livepositive.ca, detailing the history of the project, community-based research with positive youth across Canada, and an upcoming Web site evaluation and proposed training manual;
- CATIE presented two workshops at AIDS 2006 on how to train peer treatment-information volunteers, and on skills-building and the training and support of culturally diverse peer volunteers in providing counseling and treatment literacy to PHAs and their caregivers. (The latter workshop was recorded and can be found on the Global Village Web site of AIDS 2006. Scroll down to "Holistic Training and Support for Peer Volunteers to Provide HIV Treatment Information");
- Darien Taylor, CATIE's Director of Treatment Information, presented on the historical and current role treatment literacy plays in the North American experience;
- CATIE also hosted a very successful satellite session entitled "Developing Health Literacy in Resource-Limited Settings" where participants from around the world shared their experiences and challenges;
- CATIE presented a special exhibition of "art posi+ive," our year-long celebration of HIV-positive Canadian artists, under the theme "Compelling. Connecting. Celebrating." in partnership with Gilead Sciences Canada, Inc.

*We pursue excellence in all that we do.
We strive to be energetic, innovative and
self-reflective. As a learning
organization, we strive for continuous
improvement. We learn from, inspire
and are inspired by each other
and other individuals, communities
and organizations.*

—CATIE Values

CATIE continues enthusiastically to meet its mandate to fulfill all requests for HIV treatment-related workshops on a wide variety of topics. Michael Bailey, Susan Massarella, Devan Nambiar, Annika Ollner, Tricia Smith, Derek Thaczuk and Sugandhi Wickremaratchchi presented a total of 104 workshops in 2006/07 to 4,083 diverse participants across the country, including the multinational audience brought together at AIDS 2006 in Toronto.

Members of CATIE's Treatment Education Support Services (TESS) team presented workshops on topics as varied as "HIV and Aging" and "Highlights from the 2007 Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI)." Among their audiences were people living with HIV in Gatineau, Quebec; social service workers in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia; healthcare providers in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut; people co-infected with HIV and Hepatitis C, prisoners, pharmacists and researchers—to name a few. CATIE also participated in numerous forums and exhibits, on panels, in consultations and in meetings.

Staff work hard to revise constantly our workshops so that they are always current and interactive, covering important topics at a learning level and in formats tailored to our audiences' needs. Increasingly, the team has been using new technologies such as Web- and video-conferencing and other e-learning techniques to carry our messages about HIV treatment to more people across Canada in ways that respond to their schedules and locations in a effective and efficient way.

Participants consistently rate CATIE workshops very highly. Evaluations tell us that:

- 94% of attendees felt more empowered to make appropriate decisions about managing their health as a result of attending a CATIE workshops;
- 95% were satisfied or very satisfied with our workshops;
- 98% would recommend our workshop to colleagues and friends.

Support : capacity-building



Following an 18-month project completed last year, CATIE received funding through the Public Health Agency of Canada's National HIV/AIDS Voluntary Sector Response Fund for Phase Two of our HIV Treatment Information Integration Capacity-Building project.

We continue to build the HIV treatment information skills of a number of our Phase One sites, including HIV Edmonton in Alberta, AIDS Program South Saskatchewan in Regina, MIELS-Québec in Quebec City, and the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia in Halifax. In addition, we have added new capacity-building sites to our work: Positive Women's Network in Vancouver; ANKORS in Nelson and Cranbrook, British Columbia; 9 Circles Community Health Centre in Winnipeg; the Toronto PWA Foundation; the Ottawa-Carleton Council on HIV/AIDS; and the AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador. The aim of this project is to increase each organization's capacity to integrate the provision of HIV treatment information into the continuum of services that it already provides. To do so, we develop site-specific strategies which support each partner organization to "move

to the next level" in terms of providing HIV treatment information to its service users.

Opportunities for the capacity-building sites to come together in regional and national forums have become a feature of the Capacity-Building Project as it moves into its second phase. One such opportunity was the CATIE Learning Institute, which preceded the annual Canadian Association for HIV Research conference. CATIE extended an invitation to the site representative from every capacity-building organization to attend a two-day series of workshops focused on preparing to participate effectively in this national HIV research conference. Representatives from organizations involved in the national Treatment Information Network, participants from CATIE's AIDS 2006 Learning Institute and others who were interested in knowledge exchange among researchers and community engaged in lively discussions about topics such as the implications of rapid HIV point-of-care testing and came away knowing better how to understand and critique clinical research methodologies.

Innovation : library

Through our toll-free 1-800 line and increasingly by e-mail, our friendly library staff and volunteers help people living with HIV/AIDS and their healthcare providers find the treatment resources they need, responding to over 250 individualized requests for treatment information research in the past year. We added over 500 print items and electronic links to CATIE's library collection.

In December 2006, the CONNECT database and Web site were launched. CONNECT is a Web-based portal that contains records from the library catalogues of the five largest HIV/AIDS resource centres in Canada, including CATIE's own collection. The CONNECT database is available at www.hivinfovih.ca.

Building on the Library-in-a-Box project, in which a small, carefully selected library of treatment information resources was assembled and shipped to partner ASOs, we created the Library without Borders project. Through this project, CATIE's Information Specialist is working with recipients of Library-in-a-Box collections to enhance and maintain their organizations' treatment resource collections.

Supporting our mandate to empower PHAs through the provision of treatment information, we assisted CATIE service users to

strengthen their internet research skills by offering our popular workshop, "An Introduction to Researching Your Own HIV/AIDS Treatment Information," in e-learning modules. These include an animated tour of the CATIE Web site and interactive modules of searching and evaluating HIV treatment information and are being piloted with participants of CATIE's Capacity-Building Project.

CATIE will take a lead role in helping build the capacity of the HIV treatment information network through collaboration and partnerships with PHAs, local, regional, national, and in some instances international, organizations.

—CATIE Partnership Policy

An innovative, accessible online learning environment that will help eliminate the barriers of geography, culture, language, stigma and discrimination



Body Map, Fortunata

Leading in Online Learning

Inukshuk Wireless

Studies have shown repeatedly that the more a PHA knows about HIV and the ways to manage it effectively, the more successful he or she will be in combating the effects of the virus and leading a long and healthy life. That's why CATIE spends so much time and energy creating learning opportunities for people living with HIV/AIDS—as well as the people and communities who care for and support them. And that is also why we work hard to identify and overcome the barriers facing so many PHAs in Canada.

This year, CATIE, in partnership with the Ontario AIDS Network and the Ontario HIV Treatment Network, began work to develop an innovative, accessible online learning environment that will help eliminate the barriers of geography, culture, language, stigma and discrimination. The heart of the initiative is series of feature-rich, multimedia learning modules intended for low reading-literacy audiences. In addition, there will be a networked e-learning platform for advanced learners, caregivers and other support workers in informal learning settings, such as counselling sessions or clinic visits. These modules will be further enhanced through the fostering of an online learning community of people living with HIV and their caregivers.

With financial support from Inukshuk Wireless (an equally owned partnership between Bell Canada and Rogers Communications created to build and manage a Canada-wide wireless broadband network licensed by Industry Canada), the outcome of this project will contribute to building health literacy, improving quality of life and ultimately will have an impact beyond Ontario and Canada, for the nearly 40 million people living with HIV around the world.



Engagement : volunteers

CATIE's work is significantly enhanced by the extraordinary support received from its diverse volunteer network: people of all ages, backgrounds and sectors across Canada deeply committed to one shared goal—that people living with HIV/AIDS have access to more treatment options and therefore can live healthier lives.

Throughout the year we continued to celebrate the spirit and energy of volunteerism at CATIE. In August the XVI International AIDS Conference brought together more than 100 CATIE volunteers from across Canada. Through the support of several community partners, we welcomed 17 new volunteers to support the Waiting Room Information Project. In program areas, volunteers continued to index and catalogue treatment information, translate and copy-edit documents, take part in usability testing or conduct internet research. Through our continued partnership with Georgian College and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto, we welcomed two international interns and a second-year medical student as part of the Determinants of Community Health program.

In 2006-07, more than 300 volunteers across Canada contributed over 13,000 hours. We are proud to recognize and celebrate the contributions volunteers have made—and continue to make. From all of us at CATIE, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. For more information on CATIE's national volunteer program, visit www.catie.ca.



Patrick Cupido Outstanding Volunteer Award 2007

Seldom is the task of choosing the recipient for this award as simple as it was for CATIE's board of directors this year. Which is not to say there weren't many deserving candidates—CATIE is blessed with a dedicated and energetic corps of volunteers. Rather it is because it is hard to imagine a more worthy recipient than outgoing board member Patrick Cupido, so stellar has been his contribution over the eight years he has served CATIE.

As an organization, CATIE faced significant challenges during his tenure and underwent major changes. The fact that it emerged as strong and as healthy as it is, is due in large measure to Patrick. In times of difficulty and upheaval, his positive outlook and commitment were key to our being able to overcome some critical obstacles, just as his energy and creativity helped us evolve and enabled us to grow into what we are today.

Patrick has his Honours degree in Business Administration and for many years was employed by the Provincial Auditor of Ontario. He tested positive for HIV in 1989, and so began his commitment to the empowerment of PHAs and to building the capacity of the community movement to respond effectively to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. That energy and passion led him to be Executive Director of the AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo Area and to volunteer positions at Fife House, the Ontario AIDS Network, AIDS Committee of Toronto, and the Canadian HIV Vaccines Plan. He continues to volunteer at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network and serve on the board of the Canadian Treatment Action Council.

Patrick was elected to the CATIE board in 1998 and immediately was appointed Treasurer, a natural position given his background and expertise. This was a time of significant and demanding change for CATIE, because although CATIE's programs were national, our governance was local. It was later, under Patrick as Co-chair and subsequently Chair of CATIE, that the organization made the transition to a nationally representative board for the first time. It was also under Patrick's leadership that CATIE became the first national NGO in Canada to require that PHAs comprise a majority of our Board of Directors.

Throughout these challenging times Patrick showed himself to be a true leader, guiding the Board to take constructive action, creating consensus and never taking the spotlight for himself. As CATIE moves into the future without him, he will remain a great source of inspiration for Board members and staff alike, providing an example of someone who is always ready to listen and accept other viewpoints. It seems only fitting then that we would say farewell to Patrick with one other symbolic gesture: by bestowing upon him the title in perpetuity of Honorary Board Member. Indeed it is the feeling of the board and staff that in having Patrick accept this distinction, it is we who are honoured.

Board of Directors 2006/2007

Aboriginal At Large
Ken Clement
(resigned March 2007)

National At Large
Yves Brunet
Peter Coleridge
Patrick Cupido (Treasurer)
Bill Downer (Vice-Chair)

Pacific Region
Daryle Roberts
David Swan

Western Region
Ken Bristow
Peetanacoot Nenakawekapo

Ontario Region
Charlene Catchpole
Rob MacKay

Quebec Region
Laurette Lévy (Secretary)
Terry Pigeon (Chair)

Atlantic Region
Dr. Bill Bradley
Angela McKinnon
(resigned March 2007)



Engagement : partners

Prestigious Partnerships

CATIE staff and Board members are involved in assisting the work of numerous other organizations. These include:

Canadian HIV Trials Network, Community Advisory Committee
Devan Nambiar, Treatment Information Educator

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
Canadian HIV/AIDS Research Advisory Committee
Sean Hosein, Science and Medicine Editor

Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC) Board of Directors
Patrick Cupido, Member of CATIE Board

European AIDS Treatment Group
Sean Hosein, Science and Medicine Editor

Leading Together Championing Committee
Terry Pigeon, Chair of CATIE Board

Ontario Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS (OACHA)
Laurie Edmiston, Executive Director

Ontario Gay Men's HIV Prevention Strategy
Ethno-racial MSM Working Group
Devan Nambiar, Treatment Information Educator

POZ Prevention Working Group
Rob MacKay, Member of CATIE Board
Devan Nambiar, Treatment Information Educator

Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN)
Cohort Study Governance Committee
Chair: Darien Taylor, Director of Treatment Information
Patrick Cupido, Member of CATIE Board

Health Care Provider Network Support Advisory Committee
Devan Nambiar, Treatment Information Educator

HIV-HCV Co-infection Task Force
Darien Taylor, Director of Treatment Information

Living and Serving II Research Project
Darien Taylor, Director of Treatment Information

OCS Genotyping Working Group
Darien Taylor, Director of Treatment Information

OCS Scientific Steering Committee
Darien Taylor, Director of Treatment Information

Scientific Review Committee
Sean Hosein, Science and Medicine Editor

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, AIDS Bureau Women & HIV Working Group
Darien Taylor, Director of Treatment Information

Projet Action Sida Femme (PASF)
Laurette Lévy, Member of CATIE Board

Voices of Positive Women
Advisory Communication Committee
Devan Nambiar, Treatment Information Educator

Partnerships

(in alphabetical order)

Africans in Partnership against HIV/AIDS (APAA)
AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton
AIDS Coalition of Newfoundland & Labrador
AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia
AIDS Committee of Durham
AIDS Committee of Ottawa (ACO)
AIDS Committee of Thunder Bay
AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT)
AIDS Community Care Montreal
AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS)
AIDS Prince Edward Island
AIDS Programs of South Saskatchewan
AIDS Vancouver
AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI)
AIDS/sida New Brunswick
Alberta Community Council on HIV/AIDS
All Nations Hope AIDS Network
Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP)
Asian Community AIDS Services (ACAS)
Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS (ASIA)
BC Persons with AIDS Society (BCPWA)
Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention
Blueprint for Action on Women & HIV/AIDS
Bruce House
Bureau régional d'action-sida (BRAS)
Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)
Canadian AIDS Society (CAS)
Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR)
Canadian Association of HIV Clinical Laboratory Specialists (CAHCLS)
Canadian Association of Hospital Pharmacists
Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (CANAC)
Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine
Canadian Harm Reduction Network
Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN)
Canadian Pharmacists Association
Canadian Society for International Health
Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC)
Casey House
Centre d'accueil héritage



Engagement : partners (continued)

Centre for Spanish Speaking People
COCO-sida
Comité des Personnes Atteintes du VIH (CPAVIH)
Comité LIPO-ACTION
Conception Bay North AIDS Interest Group
DOCH Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Georgian College International Internship Program
HIV Edmonton
Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto
International Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD)
Le Centre des Ressources et d'Interventions en Santé et Sexualité (CRISS), Montreal
Living Positive Resource Centre Okanagan

Maple Leaf Clinic, Toronto
MIELS-Québec
Natural Health Products Directorate
Nine Circles Community Health Centre, Winnipeg
Ontario AIDS Network
Ontario HIV/AIDS Treatment Network (OHTN)
Ontario Organizational Development Program
Pacific AIDS Network
Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association
Positive Living North
Positive Women's Network
Positive Youth Outreach
Prisoners with AIDS Support and Action Network (PASAN)
Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative for

Children Affected by AIDS, Poverty and Conflict (REPSSI)
SIDA-AIDS Moncton
St. Boniface Hospital
St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, St. John's
Teresa Group
Toronto People with AIDS Foundation
Two-Spirited People of the First Nations
University of Western Ontario – Faculty of Information & Media Studies
Vancouver Island Persons with AIDS Society
Vancouver Native Health Society
Voices of Positive Women
Women's Health in Women's Hands
YouthCO

Special Thanks: Alain Boutilier

All of us at CATIE felt that it would be appropriate to acknowledge in print the extraordinary contribution of Alain Boutilier, translator extraordinaire. Alain has been the cornerstone of our French-language treatment information for more than 10 years now, a time during which CATIE has established an impressive international reputation for the highest quality French-language material (indeed, more than half the visitors to our Web site are francophone, be they from Quebec, France, Africa or elsewhere). Given the universally positive feedback we receive regarding our material in French, it is apt that we formally recognize Alain's considerable contribution. We salute his impeccable ear for phrasing, his grasp of complex science and his passionate commitment to helping people living with HIV/AIDS. *Alain, veuillez acceptez nos sentiments meilleurs, et nos remerciements.*

—TIM ROGERS, DIRECTOR, PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH.





Engagement : donors

Government Funding

Public Health Agency of Canada

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, AIDS Bureau

Canadian International Development Agency, Canadian Society for International Health, Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

CATIE would like to acknowledge and thank the following corporations whose support, both in cash and in kind, is helping us to provide all people living with HIV/AIDS with the best possible treatment information.

Platinum Donors (\$50,000 and over)

Gilead Sciences (Canada) Inc.
Hoffmann-LaRoche (Canada) Ltd.
Inukshuk Wireless

Gold Donors (\$20,000 to \$49,999)

Abbott Laboratories Ltd.
Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd.
GlaxoSmithKline in partnership with Shire BioChem

Silver Donors (\$5,000 to \$19,999)

Bristol-Myers Squibb (Canada) Inc.
Pfizer (Canada) Inc.
Schering-Plough Canada
Tibotec (a division of Janssen-Ortho Inc.)

Gifts in kind

Shepell- fgi

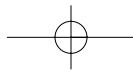
In addition to the above, we extend our thanks to our many friends and supporters who generously donated money, products and/or services.



Body Map, Ottilia

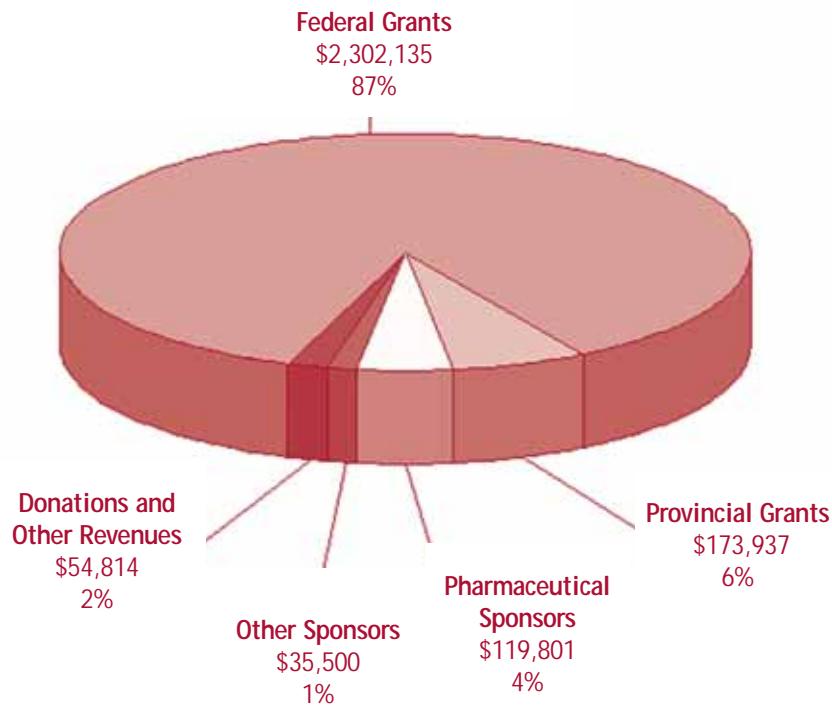


Printed on paper made from 100% post-consumer waste

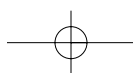
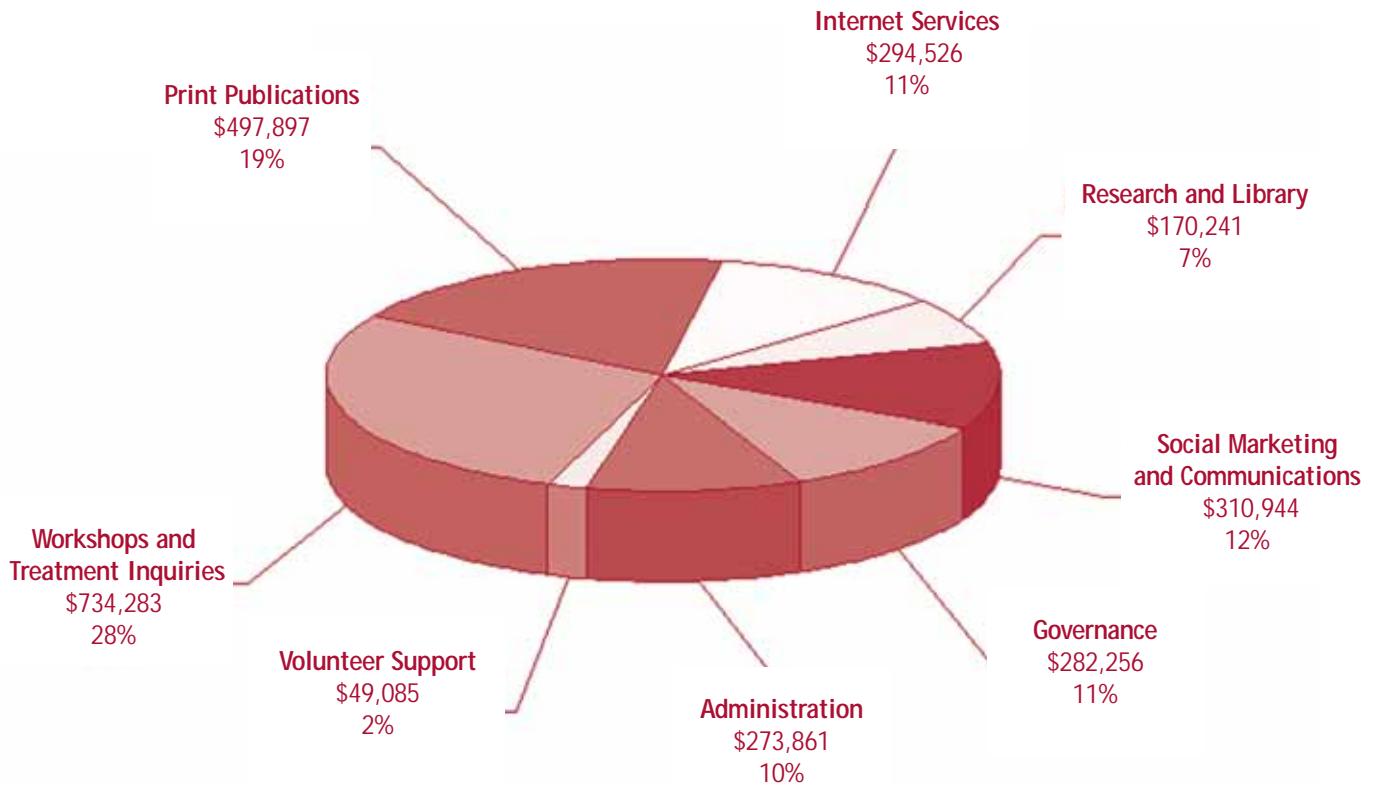


Financials : 2006/2007

Revenue \$2,686,187



Expenses \$2,613,092





Body Map, Fortunata