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CITT members and the Atlantic Presenters Association tour a coal mine in Glace Bay.

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## Rendez-vous 2004 “un grand succès” in Montréal

French Connexion, this year's CITT/ICTS Conference and Trade show, was held in Montréal from August 11th to 15th, hosted by the newly-formed Centre Québécois. Last year's popular Education Forum returned for the first day of the conference, ending with the always entertaining Xtreme Junk Challenge. For the first time this year, the Trade Show was the main feature of the second day, with delegates spending the morning touring the amazing Cirque du Soleil facility and nearby TOHU, Montréal's new “cité des arts du cirque”. This left the afternoon free to spend with the corporate vendors at the Congrès de Montréal. The evening wrapped up with Swag Bingo at the Monument-National.

Saturday morning and afternoon were spent at the National Theatre School, with workshops, conference sessions and the Annual General Meeting. The conference banquet, with the keynote address and CITT/ICTS Awards presentation, were held that evening on board a riverboat cruising the St. Lawrence. The entire day was generously sponsored by GALA Systems.

Delegates were back at the National Theatre School for more sessions on Sunday morning. After lunch, the remainder of the day was devoted to a seminar on Skill Development and Competency Charts.

Watch for the Conference Wrap-Up issue of Stageworks, coming in a few weeks.



Conference delegates assemble for the tour of the Cirque du Soleil headquarters and TOHU.

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## 2005 Conference Will Go “Beyond the Boundaries”

The National Board announced the title of next summer's CITT/ICTS Rendez-vous 2005 will be Beyond the Boundaries. Hosted in Calgary by the Alberta Section, the conference will run from August 11th to 14th, with pre-conference workshops on August 9th and 10th. The popular Education Forum will be held at the University of Calgary on Thursday the 11th, and the Trade Show will take over the Round-Up Centre on Friday afternoon. Conference sessions, meetings and workshops will take place at the EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts and the nearby Verigo Mystery Theatre.

Register for Rendez-vous 2005 before October 31 and receive \$100 off the conference registration fee.

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## CITT / ICTS Section News

### Busy Year for Atlantic Members

by Warren Beateay

During January's annual Tour Tech East Trade Show and Party, TTE donated a room at the Delta Barrington for the Section members to hold a information session to existing and potential members. At this meeting, Brian Cloutier from Rosco Canada demonstrated the latest in their gobos and dichroics and effects and Robert Bell from ET demonstrated the Marquee console and explained the latest updates with ACN protocol and ESTA's involvement in it.

February saw a joint presentation of Ron Epp's Theatre rigging inspection course with Imperial Theatre in Saint John and Neptune Theatre in Halifax. IATSE Local 680 provided the funding for Ron's fee in exchange for registration fees for their members to the course. CITT members recieved a discounted rate on registrations.

I was requested by the Atlantic Presenters Association to accomidate an information session and group discussions, during their Bi-Annual retreat meeting held in May in Sydney/Glace Bay, Cape Breton. The APA has approximately 35 members and a large percentage of these members are actual venues with technical staff. We had representation from Saint John NB, Sackville NB, Summerside PEI, St. John's NL, Mabou NS, Liverpool NS, Wolfville NS and the host theatre of Glace Bay. We set up two days of information and discussion sessions, a full product line demonstration by Brian Cloutier of Rosco Canada, a demonstration of wireless technology by Shawn Crockard of Sennheiser Canada and an information session by Alfred Larter of Christie Lites Halifax.

The weekend began with a steak and lobster dinner hosted by APA Friday night followed by Saturday's information sessions with a "trade show/ meet and greet" set up of the companies who came to demonstrate for us over a large bucket of beer and deli trays. This was also attended by all of the APA members who are mostly General Managers from various venues across Atalntic Canada. At the conclusion of the tradeshow, I was honoured to inform Dick Stoker of his winning the Professional Acheivment Award to be presented at the Awards Dinner in Montreal. We then proceeded "en masse" to tour a coal mine at the Miners's Museum. On Sunday we had further discussions until mid afternoon. One important thing to note is that CITT Atlantic did not encour any expenses other than personal expenses. The APA and the Venues participating paid for all refreshments, lunch on Saturday and rooms for our meetings.

We will proceed with the incorporation as soon as people return from much needed vacations and reconvene monthly meeting online.



Warren Beateay presents Dick Stoker with the CITT/ICTS Professional Achievement Award.

Photo: Brian Cloutier

### Ontario Section AGM



Jeff Cummings addresses the Ontario AGM in front of the Princess of Wales Theatre's spectacular Frank Stella mural.

The Ontario Section met for its AGM on June 26th at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto. Before the meeting, Alistair Hepburn gave us a tour, including a chance for the braver ones to walk out onto the mesh grid over the auditorium. Many members had not been in the Princess of Wales since "The Lion King" moved out, and were surprised how much room there is backstage when it's not packed full of automation, scenery and costumes!

The new Section Board consists of: Chair, James Smagata; Secretary, Aimée Frost; National Representative, Jeff Cummings; Corporate Representative, David James; Treasurer, Matt Farrell; Directors-at-Large, Scott Hill, Peter Urbanek, Gavin McDonald, Scott Spidell, Gord Rose, Joe Vermeulen and Rick Boychuk.

Full minutes of the 2004 AGM are now available on the CITT Ontario website at [www.citt.org/ontario/sect\\_ont.htm](http://www.citt.org/ontario/sect_ont.htm).

### Upcoming Events

OISTAT Governing Board & Architecture Commission meeting  
 October 1-3 Taipei, Taiwan  
[www.oistat.org](http://www.oistat.org)

LDI Entertainment Technology Show  
 October 22 - 24 Las Vegas, NV  
[www.ets-ldi.com](http://www.ets-ldi.com)

World Stage Design 2005  
 March 12 - 19, 2005 Toronto  
[www.wsd2005.com](http://www.wsd2005.com)

2005 OISTAT World Congress  
 March 13 - 15, 2005 Toronto  
[www.oistat.org](http://www.oistat.org)

USITT Conference and Stage Expo  
 March 16-19, 2005 Toronto  
[www.usitt.org/activities/AnnualConference.html](http://www.usitt.org/activities/AnnualConference.html)

CITT/ICTS Rendez-vous 2005 -  
 Beyond the Boundaries  
 August 11 - 14, 2005 Calgary  
[www.citt.org/conf.htm](http://www.citt.org/conf.htm)

### New Members

John Bilyk  
 David d'Anjou  
 Ducharme Seating  
 eXtension concepts  
 Maurice Gallant  
 Sarah Hirst  
 Hoffend & Sons Inc.  
 Daniel A. Smurlick

Toronto  
 Montréal  
 Saint-Leonard, QC  
 Montréal  
 Summerside, PEI  
 Oakville  
 Victoria  
 Oakville

### Corporate News

Christie Lites Group is pleased to announce that Mr. Gary Meiklejohn has joined them as Alberta and Saskatchewan Sales Representative. Gary has been involved in the stage lighting and entertainment industry for almost twenty years. In 1988 he opened and was the manager of Production Lighting in Regina and moved to Edmonton in 1992 to assume the role of general manager at Production Lighting where he remained until August of 2004. He is a past board member of the Alberta section of CITT and is also a current Advisory Board member for the Grant Macewan College Theatre Production Program. Gary and his wife Robin reside in St. Albert, just outside of Edmonton.