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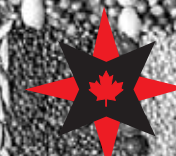
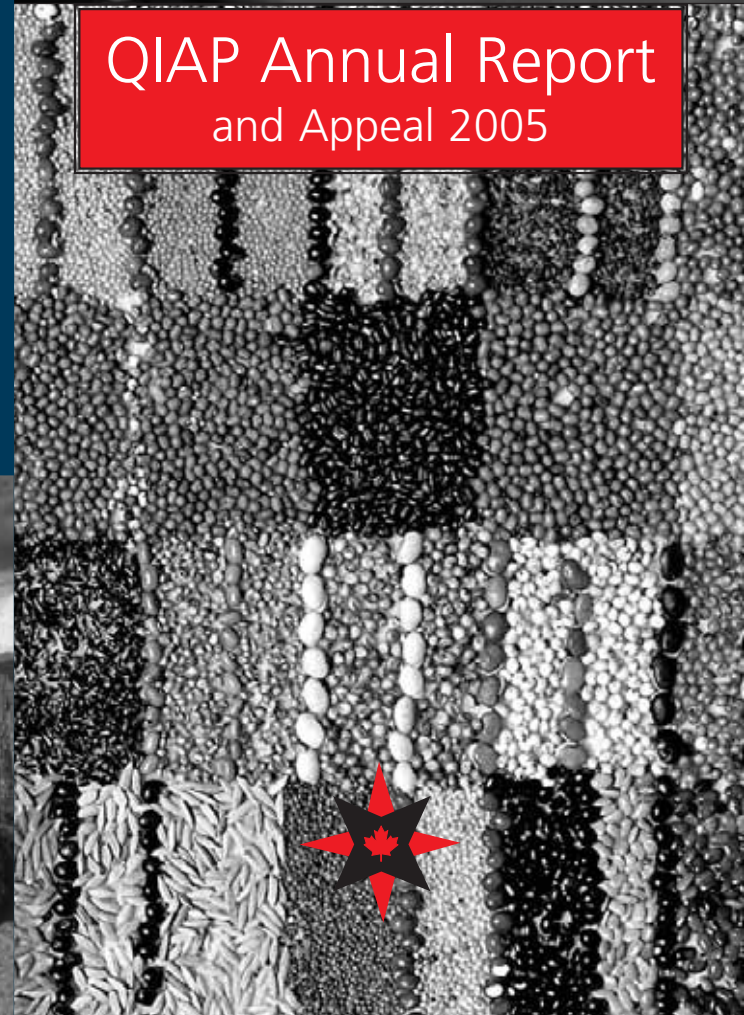
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PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS 2004–2005

The Quaker International Affairs Programme (QIAP) is currently working on concerns about Intellectual Property (IP). Here is an overview of our work of the past year.

Working in Canada

Canada is a key developed country player at the World Trade Organization (WTO). As such, changes in Intellectual Property (IP) policy here may have an important impact globally. QIAP works to broaden the perspective of IP policy-makers in Canada. This year, the Quaker International Affairs Programme (QIAP) was the lead agency in coordinating a visit to Ottawa by the UK Commissioners on Intellectual Property Rights to share the findings and recommendations of their report (www.iprcommission.org). A developing country expert and the Chief Executive of the UK Patent Office were also part of the visit, which included:

- a formal public seminar
- an off-the-record dialogue with Canadian policy-makers
- a meeting with civil society organizations

"In this era of global interdependence, QIAP tries to foster processes that will lead to a right sharing of worlds resources while honouring the integrity of Creation. We believe that each participant in our meetings can be guided by a spirit of concern that reaches beyond the individual to a vision of greater justice."

Carol Dixon, Clerk, QIAP Committee

Informing discussion

The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) sets high minimum IP protection standards for all members of the World Trade Organization. The current trend to further stiffen IP protection is referred to as TRIPS-plus. Implementing these tougher IP standards in regional and bilateral trade negotiations undermines work being done in the multilateral arena to ensure developing countries' rights. Our most recent issue paper, *"Bilateral Agreements and a TRIPS-plus world: The Chile-USA Free Trade Agreement"*, helps negotiators understand this trend and its implications for their own development goals. This and other papers we have produced can be downloaded from www.qiap.ca/pages/publications.html

Engaging the Public

There is a need for greater public involvement in policy making on the privileges society grants to patent holders. Attention from the media and public health advocates has already had an impact in important fields such as access to medicines. To raise public awareness, QIAP sponsored and organized a two-week, cross-country speaking tour by QUNO consultant Geoff Tansey in June and July. Geoff Tansey spoke about Patents, Rule Making and the Implications for Food Security, Health and Development at events across Canada.

"The immediate impact of intellectual property protection is to benefit financially those who have knowledge and inventive power, and to increase the cost of access to those without."

Report of the UK Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, p.7

Facilitating Dialogue

QIAP strives to support the capacity of developing country governments to negotiate on intellectual property issues. Toward this end, QIAP coordinated a two day seminar on TRIPS-plus in Free Trade Agreements (FTAs): What can be learned from previous FTA negotiations and what can be done in current and future negotiations? This workshop involved developing country negotiators from Africa, Latin America and South East Asia. This was the first time IP negotiators from different regions had been brought together in this manner.



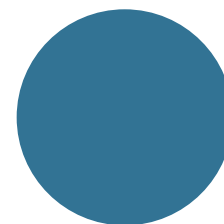
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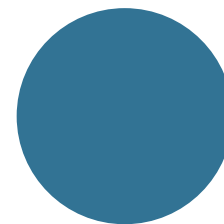
QIAP has one full time staff person. Our committee members, and other Friends, contribute many hours of volunteer work that are not reflected in the financial statement. To fulfill our work plan for 2005-2006, QIAP must raise \$46,000 in undesignated donations. To give, please see back page.

Revenue



- Individual Donors
- Monthly Meetings
- Government Sources
- Other Grants
- Grant Admin
- QIAP accumulated surplus

Expenditures



- Personnel (includes benefits and part-time help)
- Projects
- Office Admin.
- Grant Admin.
- CFSC

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Looking Ahead

During our first three years, QIAP has been working on the TRIPS-plus phenomenon and its impact on developing countries. In the coming year, QIAP will focus specifically on the patenting of genetic resources and the affect this has on food security and biodiversity. We hope to initiate discussion and inform debate in this area leading up to the 6th Ministerial meeting of the WTO in Hong Kong in December 2005.



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