



## ***A Constant Presence in a Changing Field: CCSA releases 2006-2007 Annual Report***

**Ottawa, October 31, 2007**-The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), a national organization working to reduce alcohol- and drug-related harm, today released its 2006-2007 annual report, *A Constant Presence in a Changing Field*. The annual report was tabled earlier in Parliament by federal Health Minister Tony Clement, in compliance with CCSA's founding legislation.

This annual report provides a snapshot of CCSA's key achievements over the past year and focuses on the Centre's accomplishments through the lenses of competence, innovation and dialogue.

Some of CCSA's key achievements included

- co-chairing the National Alcohol Strategy Working Group, which recently issued its final report, *Reducing Alcohol-Related Harm in Canada: Toward a Culture of Moderation-Recommendations for a National Alcohol Strategy*;
- launching the Canadian Network of Substance Abuse and Allied Professionals website ([www.cnsaap.ca](http://www.cnsaap.ca)), the first national website dedicated to workforce development for substance abuse and addictions professionals in Canada;
- convening a blue-ribbon panel of experts to engage in a series of "think tanks" aimed at understanding the biomedical and neuroscience issues and the physical basis of addiction; and
- through CEO Michel Perron, promoting international dialogue on substance abuse in organizing the "Beyond 2008" International NGO Forum on behalf of the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs.

"CCSA's ability to adapt to ever-changing circumstances, while maintaining focus on our core mandate and goals, has been a key element to our success and past-year achievements," said Chief (Retired) Barry V. King, OOM, Chair of CCSA's Board of Directors. "This year's annual report illustrates the strength and diversity of CCSA's expertise and the tangible impacts that the organization is having on all aspects of the substance abuse and addictions field."

"I continue to be encouraged by the progress and real action being taken on priorities related to the *National Framework for Action to Reduce the Harms Associated with Alcohol and Other Drugs in Canada*, including the establishment of the National Treatment Strategy Working Group and the sustained focus on Canada's North and on workforce development," said Michel Perron, CCSA's Chief Executive Officer. "As we enter into our 20<sup>th</sup> year, I am proud of CCSA's many accomplishments and look forward to our future contributions to the National Anti-Drug Strategy."



CCSA's 2006-2007 annual report, *A Constant Presence in a Changing Field*, is available on the Centre's website at [www.ccsa.ca](http://www.ccsa.ca). Printed copies are available by contacting CCSA.

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**About CCSA:**

With a legislated mandate to reduce alcohol- and other drug-related harms, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse provides leadership on national priorities, fosters knowledge-translation within the field, and creates sustainable partnerships that maximize collective efforts. CCSA receives funding support from Health Canada.

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