

The Internationally Educated Professional Conference HISTORY

Year One: February 2003

Centennial College Conference Centre

Over 600 attendees with the Conference Centre packed to capacity.

Year Two: February 2004

Toronto Congress Centre

776 registered from 66 countries

200 were turned away as venue capacity was 700

100 volunteers, market exhibitors and presenters

Year Three: March 2005

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building

Over 1,100 people registered with 1,000 people attending from over 66 countries

70 speakers

80 volunteers

30 exhibitors with 100 people

Included a policy roundtable lunch for government and key community leaders co-sponsored by the ICE Committee

Year Four: May 2006

Members Lounge, Toronto City Hall

A Think Tank was held to bring key stakeholders into the room to brainstorm ideas about facilitating the integration of skilled immigrants into the workforce and brainstorm ideas for the 2007 conference. The 60 attendees highlighted the following areas for attention:

1. Mentors
2. Employer Education
3. Informed Immigrants
4. Skilled Immigrant Transition Program

Year Five: October 19, 2007

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the conference was held on October 19, 2007 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

There were 1034 participants who attended from 96 different countries

75 Panelists

50 Volunteers

39 Market place spots – staffed by approximately 120 people

Year Six – February 20, 2009

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the conference was held on February 20, 2009 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

There were 1500 participants from over 100 countries

111 Panelists

80 Volunteers

40 Market place spots

Year Seven – January 29, 2010

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the conference was held on January 29, 2010, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

There were 1577 participants from over 100 countries

There were 57 Panelists

150 Volunteers

51 Marketplace spots

Year Eight – January 14, 2011

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the conference was held on January 14, 2011, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

There were 1371 participants from over 100 countries

There were 120 employers who attended the Employers Luncheon

There were 30 Panelists

100 Volunteers

60 Marketplace spots