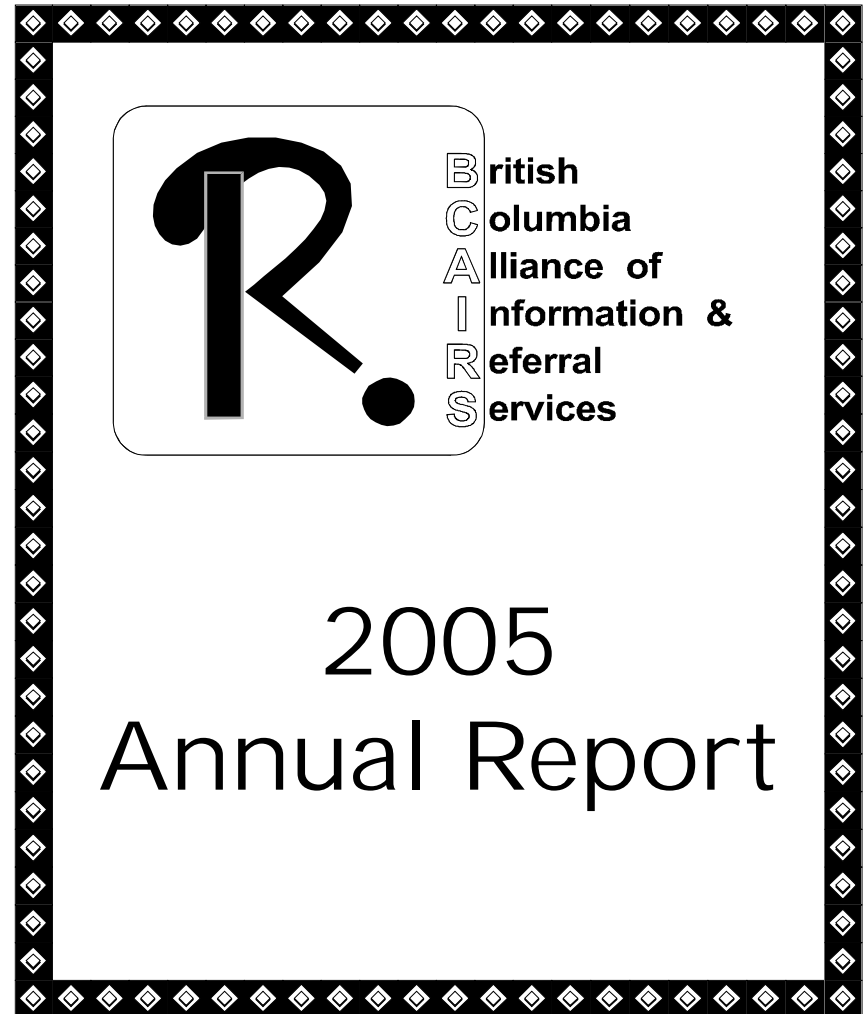


BC-AIRS Members 2005

- 411 Seniors Centre Society
- A&E Quality Education Services
- Alliance for Arts & Culture
- Arthritis Society BC & Yukon Division
- Autism Society of BC
- BC Association of Clinical Counsellors
- BC Coalition of People With Disabilities
- BC Crime Prevention Association
- BC Epilepsy Society
- BC Institute Against Family Violence
- Brenda Janzen
- Burnaby Information & Community Services
- Burnaby Fall Prevention Society
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Canadian Mental Health Association South Okanagan Similkameen Branch
- Canadian Mental Health Association for the Kootenays
- The Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia
- Children First
- Deltassist Family & Community Services
- Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon
- Information Services Vancouver
- Kelowna Community Resources Society
- Legal Services Society
- Mainland BC Military Family Resource Centre Society
- NEED Crisis & Information Line
- North Shore Community Resources
- OPTIONS: Services to Communities Society
- Peace Arch Community Services
- Self-Help Resource Association of BC
- Seniors Housing Information Program
- Seniors Support & Caregiver Services
- Share Family & Community Services Society
- Surrey Community Services Society
- Surrey Public Library
- United Way of the Fraser Valley
- Vickery Consulting
- Volunteer Richmond Information Services



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President's Report
2005-2006

Over the past year, BC-AIRS has maintained its role in assisting and supporting our members through our meetings and networking opportunities.

We've continued to include an educational component at each meeting. In September, representatives from the BC Co-operative Association introduced social co-ops as a potential model for the design and delivery of social care & services in BC. At our November meeting, members reported and shared information from the workshops they attended at the Canadian Community Information & Referral Conference (CCIRC) held in October. For our next two presentations, we tapped the knowledge and expertise within our own membership. Jack Vickery and Simon Ladell reprised their CCIRC workshop, Communicating with the Web. This timely and pertinent educational session demonstrated how essential it is in today's Internet-based world for an agency to get its message or mission across via a well-designed web, enhanced with RSS feeds, blogs, listservs and other dynamic media. Our next speaker, Janet Freeman, Legal Information Outreach Worker at Legal Services Society, presented a one hour condensed version of Using Legal Services Society Online Resources. Janet provided an overview of the Society's programs as well as introduced many of us to the vast array of online legal information and resources. To continue on our theme of how to effectively utilize emerging electronic and Internet resources, our next two speakers, Julie Douglas and Kay Cahill, librarians from the Vancouver Public Library, presented on Make Information Come to You: RSS Feeds, Alerts, and Other Ways and Virtual Reference: Delivering Information via a Live Online Chat Service.

Hosted by InformCanada and Information Services Vancouver, the 2005 CCIRC, Making Connections, was the first time the conference has been held outside of Ontario. Many BC-AIRS members participated and volunteered in various capacities. Some members also wrote the InformCanada/AIRS certification exam. We also seized this opportunity to showcase our unique organization with a display that included a collection of our members' organization and program brochures. BC-AIRS also contributed financially to host a successful Wine and Cheese Reception. Special thank you's to those who helped in the preparation and organization of BC-AIRS presence at the conference: Jack Vickery for coordinating with a graphic designer on the creation of our BC-AIRS sign; Carol Dickson for collecting local BC goodies for our silent auction gift basket and, along with Joanne Van Snellenberg, welcoming conference participants to the evening reception; and Simon Ladell for creating BC-AIRS identification badges and the ad for the reception. As a result of our visual exposure, we had successfully attracted new members to our fold and drew interest in the creation of a similar provincial I&R group.

In the last year, we have seen tremendous strides in the province-wide roll-out of 211. In December 2005, the executive summary of the final report from IBM Business Consulting Services, BC 211 Final Report and Business Plan: Providing 211 to All British Columbia was released. This summary report highlights both the operations strategy, and the financial summary, created during the development phase of the initiative. BC-AIRS is indebted to Alicia Hagerman for her contributions as our BC-AIRS representative on the BC 211 Steering Committee. She has attended a number of meetings on BC-AIRS' behalf bringing a community perspective, but most importantly, championing and honouring the diversity of information & referral services amongst our members. Thank you also to Mary Prodanovic, United Way of the Lower Mainland, who kept our membership up-to-date at each phase of the BC 211 Initiative.

Over the last few months, our executive has seen a number of people come and go. I would like to thank our past executive members, Sarah Jarvinen and Heather Jack for their contributions to BC-AIRS as well as to our current executive, Simon Ladell, Janet Freeman, Karen Sanders and Jack Vickery who dedicate their valuable time to the strength and health of our organization.

Respectfully submitted by,
Franca Lattanzio
June 21, 2006

2005-2006 Executive

Sarah Jarvinen	President (1/2 yr)
Franca Lattanzio	President (1/2 yr)
Sarah Jarvinen	Vice-President (1/2 yr)
Simon Ladell	Vice-President (1/2 yr)
Heather Jack.....	Treasurer (1/2 yr)
Karen Sanders	Treasurer (1/2 yr)
Janet Freeman	Secretary
Jack Vickery.....	Web Manager

BC-AIRS
Financial Statement
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

Opening Balance (January 1, 2005)	\$877.93
Revenue	
Bank interest	0.61
Membership fees	710.00
Miscellaneous revenue	14.00
Total	\$724.61
Expenses	
Office/Meeting supplies	19.99
Society filing fees	25.00
CCIR Conference (Wine & Cheese Reception)	500.00
BC-AIRS signage	199.50
Total	(\$744.49)
Closing Balance (December 31, 2005)	\$ 858.05