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UPDATE on TRAVEL SUBSIDIES for IASC 2015

Dear Participants.

Thanks very much for your interest in attending the International Association for the Study of the Commons Conference in Edmonton (May 25-29, 2015). We are very excited and honoured to be hosting the meeting and hope to make it a very successful and meaningful experience for all those interested in attending.

We have completed the abstract submission and review process and are now in the midst of other planning and organizing. We are also working hard at fundraising to help support travel for those seeking to attend the meeting but whom many find the costs of travel beyond their personal or organizational budgets. Recognizing there is a differential capacity to pay, registration fees have been scaled by income (See Registration page at www.iasc2015.org).

We have applied for several key grants and made many requests for funding from various government departments, development organizations, university departments, industry and NGOs but the success of these requests is not yet known. **Further information about travel subsidies from our office will not be available until March 1, 2015.** The amounts available to cover airfare and accommodation will also not meet the needs of everyone who self identifies as in need of support. Priority will be given to **those who have accepted abstracts, have already registered for the IASC 2015 and who live in the *global south* or are from First Nations, Metis or Inuit communities in Canada.** Consideration of other cases may be made by emailing us after March 15th (bparlee@ualberta.ca).

We strongly encourage those interested in travel support to self-fundraise as much as possible to cover their costs; given the fiscal cutbacks being witnessed in many regions including Alberta and Canada, fundraising for large conferences is now very challenging. Individuals are likely to be equally or more successful at finding individual travel support than our organization's efforts at securing a large amount of funding for many people.

We are very excited about the upcoming meeting and are very hopeful you will be able to attend. Please consult the website again after March 1, 2015 regarding information and applications for travel subsidies.

Sincerely,

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