



Meeting the challenges

Symposium "Aboriginal land, resources, goods, ideas and economic autonomy"

On June 10 and 11, part of the APG project team met in Val d'Or at a special meeting on the subject of: "Aboriginal land, resources, goods, ideas and economic autonomy". Organized by Professors Rod Macdonald (McGill University) and Daniel Thomas (UQAT), this meeting was part of the 6th initiative of the project's three-year action plan.

The meeting brought together twenty participants, including researchers and students from the APG team and several invited scholars. Representatives of local partners and people from the region of Abitibi-Témiscamingue, engaged in economic development programs for Aboriginal people, were also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to take the first steps, if only to identify the kind of knowledge and comprehension necessary for: 1) framing reflections regarding the economic communities in order to respect and understand their key concerns, and 2) exploring their understanding of the different types of political, economic and judicial measures to meet the challenges.

In this regard, and this being another one of the key objectives of the Aboriginal Peoples and Governance project, the goal of the meeting was to promote dialogue between different theoretical positions and maximize exchange on an issue that is both complex and crucial for the development and sustainability of aboriginal communities.

Introducing an ally

Manitoba Metis Federation

Today's Metis are descendants of the indigenous peoples and Europeans who came together to form one nation, specifically in Manitoba, towards the end of the eighteenth century. Through the years, they have given birth to their own language and moulded their own culture.

The focus of the Manitoba Metis Federation is to preserve, protect and share the culture, language and heritage of the Metis.

The main objective of the Federation is to promote the political, economic and social interests of its members. Numerous services offered that resonate with the priorities of the Federation include:

1. Preservation of culture, language and history
2. Metis' rights
3. Family
4. Personal wellbeing
5. Social services

Director's message

Congratulations to Sylvie Vincent



Congratulations to Sylvie Vincent, anthropologist and founder of the Native American Research Review in Quebec and president of the Native American Research Corporation in Quebec. She was awarded the 2009 Prix des Dix to honour her career devoted to indigenous issues.

On behalf of the team of Indigenous Peoples and Governance, I offer Mrs. Vincent our warmest congratulations for being awarded this prize.

Further details within the press release at:

http://www.recherches-amerindiennes.qc.ca/Prix_des_dix_2009.htm

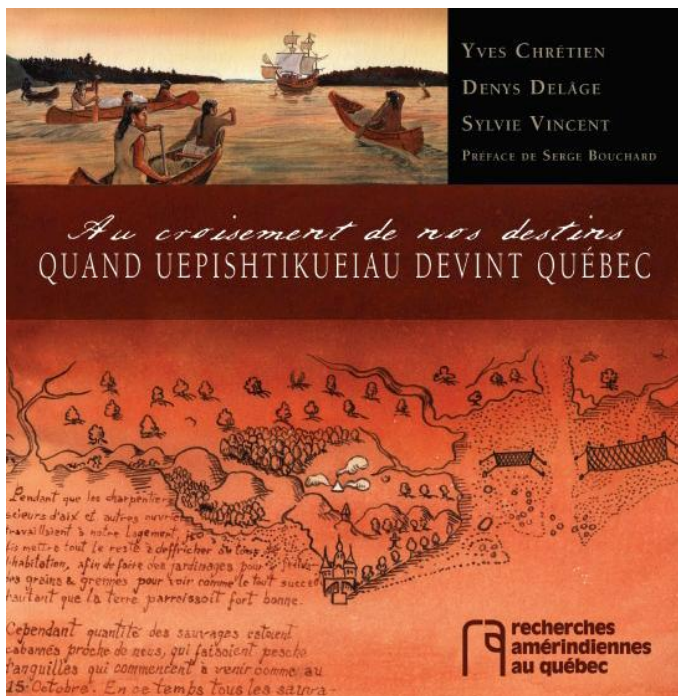
In the news

A new publication!

Au croisement de nos destins / At the crossroads of our destiny
Quand Uepishtikueiau devint Québec / When Quebec became Uepishtikueiau

This book, essential when teaching the history of Quebec, relates to the creation of Quebec, calling upon fields of archaeology, written history and oral tradition. Written by Yves Chretien, Denys Delage and Sylvie Vincent, this is the first book of the Native American Research within the Quebec series "Presence of First Nations" and is intended for a wide audience.

Happy reading!



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