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Ravinder Rakhra — Regional Director at PWGSC

Ravinder has been with PWGSC since 1990 and has a varied background with the Department (having worked in Real Property, the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises, in Ethics and with Engineering Assets). In her current position, she is the Regional Director, Human Resource Branch, PWGSC Pacific Region.

She holds a Bachelor of Commerce and an MBA from the University of British Columbia. She also holds a certificate in Conflict Resolution from the JIBC.



Pat Tobin — Regional Executive Director at Canadian Heritage

Pat has been with Canadian Heritage for twelve years, during which time he has worked in a variety of program and policy areas including book publishing, Multiculturalism, and youth engagement in Ottawa, Toronto and now Vancouver. Outside his work with government, Pat has worked in the charitable sector in Aboriginal affairs, urban issues and immigration and settlement. Most recently in 2008, Pat took a one year assignment with the Maytree Foundation in Toronto to develop an international partnership of major private foundations to create a global network of immigration and settlement professionals, called Cities of Migration. Pat holds a BA in Canadian history and MA in Canadian Studies, both from Carleton University.



Anita Tosch — Learning Consultant at Canada Border Services Agency

Anita Tosch is a Learning Consultant with Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) in the Pacific Region. She started as a Customs Inspector and has spent more than ten years in the learning and development field. Being deeply committed to life-long learning, she completed her B. Ed, B.A. and coaching certification while working for the CBSA. As a Leadership and Learning Consultant, Anita designs and facilitates workshops, coaches individuals, facilitates Peer Coaching Circles, and coordinates interdepartmental learning events. As a Certified Professional Co-active Coach, Anita believes in making a difference. She is passionate about helping others and finds it very gratifying when she can contribute to a person's career and personal development.



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Paul Molund – Food Specialist at Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Paul graduated with a Ph.D in Science from UBC.

He has worked for Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency as a Food Specialist, for the last 24 years.

One of the greatest rewards of his career has been his time spent working as a mentor, and has met with almost 30 people in the last 3 years. Paul volunteers to meet up with individuals, after hours, who are looking for a boost in their career, explore their life journey, or just need a cheer-leader.



Henry Ip — Regional Director at Health Canada

Henry obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of BC and his Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Manitoba prior to joining the Federal Government in 1988. In 1993, Henry participated in the Career Assignment Program and completed various assignments including the Assistant Regional Director for Statistics Canada, the International Trade Director for the Government of Alberta, the Executive Director for the Alberta Common Services Council and the Western Region CAP Manager for the Public Service Commission. With Health Canada, he has been a Regional Director since 2001. Henry brings a positive, passionate leadership style to the Federal Service and believes in making concrete steps toward making a significant difference.



Trevor J. Heryet — Regional Director at Transport Canada

After many years flying around the globe as a commercial pilot, Trevor Heryet joined Transport Canada in 1996 as an Air Carrier Inspector in Pacific Region. Since then he has held the positions of Regional Superintendent Fixed Wing Operations, Regional Manager of Aerodromes, Air Navigation Services and Airspace, Regional Manager Commercial and Business Aviation, Regional Director Surface and currently holds the position of Regional Director, Civil Aviation Pacific Region. In his current position he and his staff of 165 dedicated aviation enthusiasts are accountable for the safety oversight and certification of approximately 1000 aviation enterprises in British Columbia. Trevor holds a Master of Arts in Leadership from Royal Roads University.



Rob Flaim — Analyst at Employment and Social Development Canada

Rob has worked in ESDC since 1989. He was originally brought in as a programmer to work on various database systems, providing IT support for a variety of systems in the areas of Finance, Insurance and Aboriginal/3rd Party portfolios. Over the past 7 years, Rob has directed his focus towards progressing and championing Web 2.0 technologies in the workplace. He has created and maintained an Open Source Development Environment to house items such as a corporate wiki, blogs and forums, to enable employees to engage in open dialogue and discussion. Currently, Rob is work in the Collaborative Services Group where he provides support and does research to advance the capabilities for Web 2.0 technologies and SharePoint 2010 within the workplace.



Stuart Day — Executive Director at Pacific Federal Council

Prior to joining the PFC, Stuart served as the Senior Communications Advisor for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and held positions with the Privy Council Office and Treasury Board Secretariat. Stuart has been recognized by the Prime Minister for his nation building and philanthropic achievements. He has written, directed and produced programs for national broadcast on CBC, and he has helped raise millions of dollars for families and children in need. He holds a MBA from UBC and a Bachelor of Commerce from Dalhousie University in Halifax. An avid skier, scuba diver, and motorcycle enthusiast, Stuart lives in Vancouver with his wife and three daughters.



Angela Bate — Regional Director at Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Angela was appointed as the Regional Director, Policy and Economic Analysis, in April 2012. From 2009 to 2012, she worked as Director, Special Projects, with responsibility for managing the Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI). Angela started with DFO in 1999 and has worked in Pacific Region since 2005, when she joined the Policy Branch as Manager, Policy Analysis. Prior to her move to the West Coast, she worked with DFO in Ottawa in the Policy Branch in Strategic Priorities and Planning and the Fisheries Management Branch on the Atlantic Fisheries Policy Review. She also has experience in other federal departments, including the Privy Council Office, Industry Canada and the National Research Council.



Rizwan Kheraj — Industrial Technology Advisor at NRC

Rizwan's work in the 80's at the PhD level in psychology (Queen's University) gained him early expertise in human factors and user interface design. Rizwan has led the technical development, and management of customer relationship and web-based business intelligence systems at Knowledge Junction, ISM-BC, MPR Teltech, and Allied-Signal Corporation. Rizwan co-founded and ran Knowledge Junction Systems in 1997, and successfully raised three rounds of venture financing, while growing a technology company to 40 employees. In 2003, Rizwan joined an early-stage mobile software company, Mobile Operandi as co-founder and COO responsible for the commercial operation of the Mophone service, for finance, technical recruitment, human resources. The company was successfully sold to a US venture capital firm in February 2006.

Rizwan has been a member of the of the IRAP team as an Industrial Technology Advisor in BC since 2006 focused on the software sector (digital media, mobile, web, health IT) and has assisted over 750 early-stage ICT SME companies by delivering technical, business, and operational advice to his clients' CEOs to help them structure their companies, raise financing, grow their technological platforms and resource competencies, and commercialize their R&D results.

He is currently a member of the Queens University Arts & Sciences Cabinet, the BCIT Computing Advisory Committee, and the BC Chapter of the Manning Awards Foundation. In 2012 , Rizwan was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and has been an active participant as a mentor and judge to early-stage technology companies in the annual BCIC New Ventures BC competition since 2001.