

## 1. COMMUNITY CENTRES

The original focus of earlier MEDP practice, it is still a central tenet of our objectives. It has become apparent that in order for such community centres to work, the individuals living within that community must understand its use and function. As such, it is at this point generally only a realistic option for communities that hold this form of knowledge.

MEDP's process for deciding which areas have the appropriate prerequisites include an intensive survey, general meetings, and in-depth analysis which produces a "likelihood of success" (LOS) number. Based on this information, we either choose to proceed or move on to the next community. To simply establish one community centre requires a host of legal and logistical arrays. Most importantly, it must sit on a chartered agreement struck by all members of the community for upkeep, use, etc. In light of these matters, it is understandably important that a community wants MEDP's help in establishing such an affair in their regional lives.

Beyond these issues rests the benefits of having a community centre. The architecture and building materials used by MEDP ensure for an extremely long-life for the building. It's main hall and smaller "function" rooms offer a variety of opportunities for members of the community to undertake such as socials, meetings, study groups, day care, etc. Furthermore, a community centre can help create or solidify a sense of place or solidarity among those living near each other. The basic argument is that for a national government to be healthy, it requires a healthy local political atmosphere: clearly something opposite to the current trend seen in many countries of the world.

The way in which we insure this process is through a combination of funds derived from donations and a redirection of capital earnings from conferences, *The IADI*, and book sales. All attending conferences or buying an issue of the *IADI* can know that their funds are being strategically reinvested, quite possibly in their very own community. The difficulty of objective monetary re-investment lies directly on the countries which host MEDP's conferences. We use a simple algebraic calculation to ensure that our philanthropic and not-for-profit investments are balanced so as to maximize the returns of our delegates, guests, and readers.

If you think that your community is ready for a community centre, please contact us. In an email, tell us why you think your community should get a community center.

## 2. THE COLLEGE OF MASTERS

This is MEDP's academic arm. Its main purpose is to provide rigorous research resulting in some *practical* outcome. Practicality, useability, and realism are the main element for our research branch. Many of our best ideas, however, come from idealists in the New Sophist's Society which is composed of various MEDP scholarship holders, invited scholars, and intellectual notables from around the world.

MEDP's publications, save for materials resulting from conferences, come through the College and are corroborated by a variety of university press editors so as to ensure the highest quality of information is produced for our readers. In relation to editing, it is a central caveat that any work produced by the college must be understandable by anyone with basic literacy skills. Our publications are always published in a variety of languages and we seek to add a practical edge to the often theoretical nature of academia.

The College is nearing its opening as it will be seated in MEDP's general secretariat which is currently under planning and construction. We will be placing an application process online once the establishment process is complete.

## 3. THE NEW SOPHIST'S SOCIETY

Not entirely seated in academia, but not separate from it, the New Sophist's Society is MEDP's social contribution to academia. We hold a variety of get togethers, socials, balls, etc. for networking, friendship, and intellectual exchange. Membership in the Society has a slew of benefits including a much higher degree of publication, support from other members, scholarships, and career aid. There is no application for this body, and it is generally formed on a selection basis by the CEO of MEDP, Jean-Paul Gagnon. There is always time for a chat by the fireplace in the study or a more lively exchange during sporting matches, etc. There is no defined structure, but rather a set of themes by which the society operates.

## 4. THE INTERNATIONAL ABRIDGEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC IMPROVEMENT

*The IADI* is an annual publication. It is an academic peer reviewed journal, but tempered by influences from Time magazine and slightly more salacious Maxim. Through this magazine, we provide very up to date and practical articles which are easy to read and understand, but come from the highest of academic rigour. Many

of the articles come from the delegates of MEDP's Conference. Others are from professors or individuals. The overall objective of this magazine is to provide a large amount of entertainment for our readers whilst also recapping the events of the year which improved any area related to democracy.

We have 70 full pages available for advertisement. Once ad space has been purchased, the ad will stay in *The IADI* for the entire year. Although our magazine is not finished production, we have been receiving many requests to host ads, and needless to say, it will be an intensive selection process. The companies buying ads have to option to have a professor residing near an advertised product to test it out and present an objective assessment of it for readers to enjoy.

Finally, *The IADI* is all about keeping academia fun and accessible to everyone, not just university goers. It's a combination of excellent research, hilarious episodes, and a practical, easy to understand body of work.

