# STEP Canada Insider

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## Welcome to the STEP Canada Insider!

With access to the monthly STEP Insider, readers will receive the latest news about branch activity, national conference updates, practitioner opportunities, education, and more!

# The 15th National Conference Highlights

The much-anticipated 15th annual national conference took place June 10-11. The conference was an overwhelming success! A record attendance of **530 delegates** attended the 2-day conference at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. STEP's Crystal Anniversary was celebrated by 435 guests in an elegant, black-tie affair at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Those in attendance welcomed **Ian Worland** as the new chair of STEP Canada. Coincidently, Ian was also awarded the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award for all of his magnanimous work as Deputy Chair.

On June 10th, there was a full page ad in the Globe and Mail dedicated to STEP Canada and the conference. The page included editorial content about STEP, an interview with a member, and an ad acknowledging our generous sponsors.

A TEP delegate who attended the conference quotes: In chatting with many people last night ..., a common theme were supportive comments about the quality of program content and more importantly, the breadth and depth of topics and relative value from a practitioners perspective - and how this was seemingly more relevant to professionals than other conferences.

Congratulations to everyone that made the 15th National Conference an incredible success!

#### Branch programs of the 2012-13 season:

STEP Montreal – June 13, 2013 Digital Assets: Estate and Forensic Issues STUDY SESSION

STEP Montreal – June 19, 2013 STEP Canada – 15<sup>th</sup> National Conference Highlights STUDY SESSION



#### **Practitioner Opportunities**

#### Current ads:

RBC Wealth Management – Senior Trust Officer/Trust Officer/Trust Officer Trainee



### **Education Center**

During the 15th National Conference, awards were presented to the students in the <u>STEP</u> <u>Canada Diploma Program</u> and the <u>Qualified</u> <u>Practitioner</u> route who achieved the highest marks in 2012.

### Katy Basi - Law of Trusts

**Jody Hatto** - Taxation of Trusts and Estates **Michelle Desrosiers** - Wills, Trust & Estate Administration

Natalie Malech - Trust & Estate Planning Jennifer Tokarek - Qualified Practitioner essay

The **Gerald W. Owen Award** is awarded to the student of STEP who achieves the highest overall combined mark of all four STEP Canada Courses.

This year's recipient is Natalie Malech.

Congratulations to all award recipients!

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