

# The “Report Project” Process

1. A request was made of the CACOR Board on January 13, 2005. Within the next few months an autonomous initiative by interested persons would produce a Report to the Association: would the Board acknowledge the initiative, simply expressing interest in receiving the report when it was ready? The Board agreed to do so and went further, welcoming the initiative. A Board member, Sheila Murray, was appointed liaison with the Project.
2. Received by the Board in early June, the Report, authored by Charles Beaubien, Nancy Doubleday, Patricia Roberts-Pichette and Jerzy Wojciechowski and entitled A Future of Possibility, was immediately distributed by the Board to all CACOR members. The distribution was facilitated by Board member Elaine Isabelle.
3. The Report was formally presented to CACOR through Board member Bill Pugsley (acting liaison in Sheila Murray’s absence) at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on June 21, 2005. An initial discussion of the Report was convened at the meeting.
4. A short paper by Dr. Rennie Whitehead, “The Global Crisis,” introduced by the Hon. Charles Caccia at the AGM, was subsequently distributed to all members.
5. In the following weeks, written comments on the Report and the Whitehead paper were received and a Compilation document was prepared by Sheila Murray. The Compilation contained A Future of Possibility, “The Global Crisis,” all written comments received on these, plus various communications and reports that had been sent to the CACOR Board in connection with the Report Project.
6. The authors and all those who had commented in writing on either the Report or the Whitehead paper were invited to attend a Special Session of CACOR. Convened at the request of the Board, the session was organized and co-chaired by Sheila Murray and Gail Stewart. Authors of the Report and Tony Cassils, Andy Clarke, John Maskell, George Metelski, and Cathy Starrs convened in special session with the co-chairs on September 28th. Regrets were received from Rennie Whitehead, Charles Caccia, David Delaney and Fred Thompson. A copy of the Compilation Document, complete to date, was made available to all invited participants. A discussion was followed by the identification of a number of questions designed to stimulate discussion of the global problematique/global possibility. Two participants, John Maskell and Tony Cassils, volunteered to convene the next stage of the Report process. [Tony Cassils had subsequently to withdraw through pressure of other commitments.]
7. An Interim Report on the Special Session was prepared by the co-convenors and received by the CACOR Board the day following the Special Session, September 29th.
8. The Interim Report was the basis for a report on the Special Session given by CACOR Board member Rob Hoffman to the Annual General Meeting of the Club of Rome in Virginia on October 1, 2005. He reported in the following terms: “[to be obtained from Rob].”
9. In mid-November, 2005, a letter was sent from the co-convenors to the participants in the Special Session, attaching the Compilation Document (inclusive now of comments received subsequent to the Special Session plus a copy of the Final Report on the Special Session).

10. Also in mid-November, the Final Report on the Special Session was filed by the co-convenors with the CACOR Board and a copy of the updated Compilation Document was contributed to CACOR for its archives.
11. On November 13, an invited article on the Special Session and a backgrounder on the Report process to date and how it is continuing were submitted to the Editor of CACOR *Proceedings*.
12. Later in November, 2005, discussion of the global problematique/global possibility is to continue on an autonomous basis among those interested, stimulated by A Future of Possibility and the Whitehead article, and assisted by the Compilation Document and various issues of

*Proceedings*. The stage is thus set for a discussion, facilitated by the Association, among CACOR members and others, a discussion that is sharply alert to the global crisis while focused on a future of possibility rather than mere prediction. As authors of the Report had said, "This document is a call for opening the borders of conventional thought and seeing beyond the geopolitical walls that circumscribe our usual ways of thinking and doing. It is a call to step aside from the dictates of our training, to drop the prejudices of the past and be, to the greatest extent possible, in communion with a future of possibility rather than prediction."

Sheila Murray and Gail Stewart  
November 13, 2005

## THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CLUB OF ROME

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(a) **to promote study and discussion** among all segments of the Canadian public of the nature of world problems and the need to develop new policies, attitudes and courses of action to ensure a stable and viable future for mankind; and **to cultivate a new humanism** that will contribute to world peace, social justice and individual well-being;

(b) **to stimulate and conduct study and research into problems of human well-being and future survival**, and the interactions and inter-dependance of such problems, to understand better the workings of the world as a finite system, and **to suggest alternate ways to meet critical needs**;

(c) to assess Canada's situation and identify any particular and specific aspects of it that may affect or be affected by world problems and to determine the implications for Canada of possible world solutions; **to be a catalyst in seeking solutions** and the identification of Canada's possible roles and **to promote their implementation**; and

(d) in furtherance of the objectives aforesaid, to solicit, receive and accept subscriptions, gifts, legacies, bequests, grants and other contributions.