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CBIE Offers Free Pilot Webinars; Connecting with Members and Stakeholders in New Ways

Ottawa, April 13, 2010: The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), the national organization for international education, over the past weeks conducted two pilot webinars. The first launched the report *World of Learning: Canadian Post-Secondary Students and the Study Abroad Experience*. The second was an information session on student exchange programs managed by CBIE on behalf of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT).

“We are studying emerging trends and best practices,” said Karen McBride, CBIE President. “We wish to reach out to our members with this timely, useful information, and to do so through efficient, modern means.”

CBIE’s pilot webinars were technically produced by the University of Saskatchewan, a CBIE member institution. Derek Tannis, the university’s Manager of the International Student Office, and Tyson Brown of the university’s Information Technology Services office, played key roles in recommending the webinars and in providing technical expertise.

CBIE plans to explore further use of webinars as a valuable learning tool for sharing information with individuals in an interactive way – without the challenges of getting to the same location. CBIE currently disseminates information through its annual conference, regional meetings, E-Internationalist newsletter, website and publications.

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