



Canadian Bureau for
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2021 Annual Report

International Relations Professional
Learning Community (IR-PLC)

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PURPOSE

The International Relations Professional Learning Community (IR-PLC) is a community of International Relations Officers and others whose work focuses on supporting and promoting international collaboration.

MISSION

The mandate of the IR-PLC is to create a space where International Relations Officers can share experiences with their colleagues across Canada, exchange and access information, opportunities and best practices, link into the wider International Relations community and work together to champion international collaboration in Canadian higher education institutions. The IR-PLC also enables Canadian IROs to connect with peers in areas of common interest and we aspire to do this in ways that include our global community of practitioners.

OBJECTIVES

The goal of the IR PLC is to foster a community of practitioners, which includes:

- Exchanging best practices across institutions,
- Building partnerships with key stakeholders locally, nationally and internationally,
- Promoting discussion and exchange of ideas of key issues impacting our sector,
- Advancing the field of International Relations in Canada, particularly with regard to diversity, inclusion, and equity,
- Advocating for shared issues of concern.

STEERING COMMITTEE



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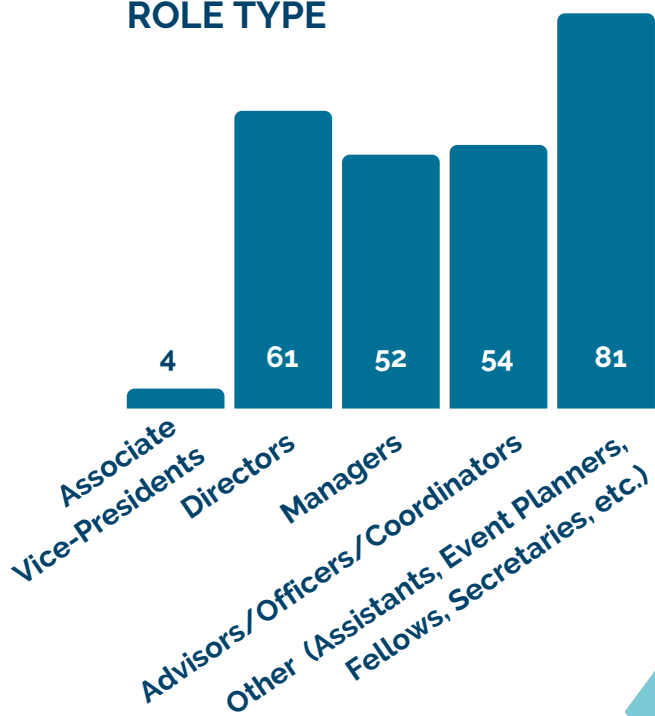
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OVERVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

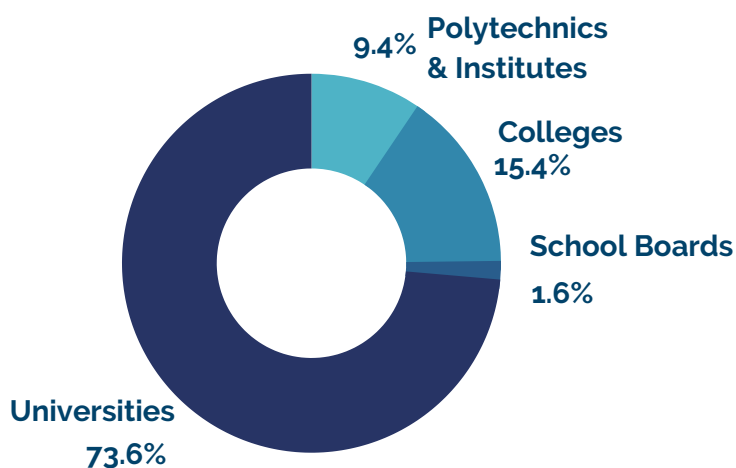
252 MEMBERS

From 60 members in 2019 to 252 members in 2021, the IR-PLC membership has steadily increased with 39 new members joining in the past year.

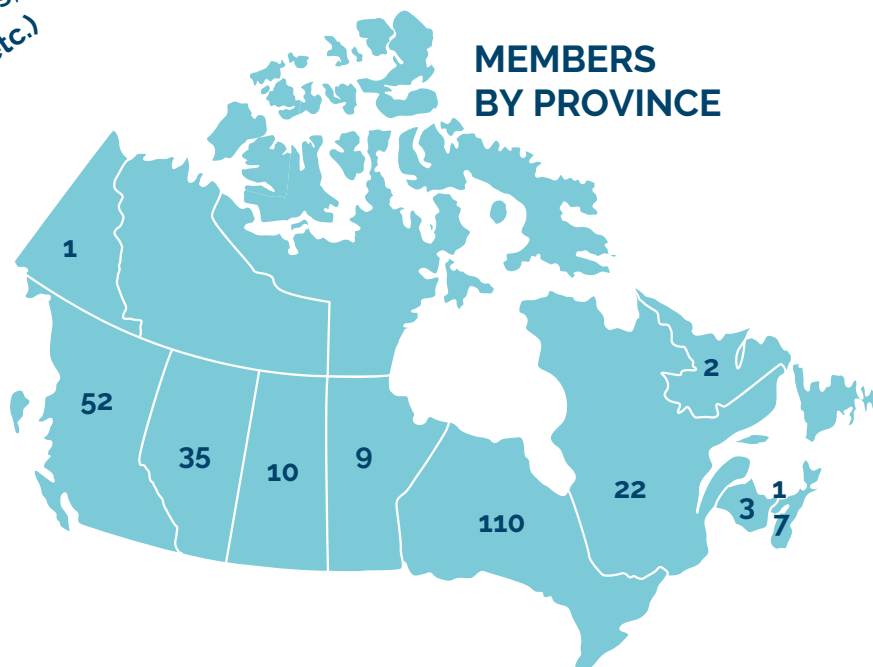
ROLE TYPE



INSTITUTION TYPE



MEMBERS BY PROVINCE



EVENTS & INITIATIVES

5 hosted webinars

on assessing partnerships, the US policy landscape and the sustainable development goals. [See events.](#)

12 welcomed guest speakers

from senior leadership positions, industry and academia.



launched a podcast

created from webinars and events. [Listen here.](#)



published a report

entitled: [Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals at Canadian Universities.](#)



presented at conferences

including sessions at the CBIE Regional Meetings, the QS EduPartner Forum and the Conference of the Americas on International Education.



completed a survey

on delegations and missions completed in conjunction with the University of Victoria.



established working groups

to advance the international relations field including a group on iGeneral Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and one on international partnership assessment.

ENGAGED OVER **600** INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS FROM AROUND
THE WORLD THROUGH OUR IR-PLC EVENTS .

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

This year the IR-PLC created a promotional video and launched the IR-PLC webpage.



COMMUNITY HUB

The IR-PLC was active on the [CBIE Community Hub](#) with 20 new discussions started and 49 posts updated. The posts included a number of topics.

DISCUSSION TOPICS





SPECIAL THANKS

The IR-PLC Steering Committee thanks all of the guest speakers, members and CBIE for their support with the various events, activities and initiatives undertaken throughout 2021.

For more information on the IR-PLC please visit our [webpage](#) or watch our [promotional video](#).