

## NEW COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PARTNER



The Office of the Chairman is pleased to announce that the IIC has entered into a cooperative/partnership agreement with the **Professional Business Accountants' Society of Canada (PBA)**, The PBA , formerly known as the Registered Public Accountants Association of Canada, was founded in 1980 and has approximately 1,000 members across Canada.

The mission and goals of the PBA as listed on their website (<http://pba-canada.org>) include:

- Promotes, organizes and coordinates the educational activities of a diverse and growing group of professional accountants. The PBA designation can be attained when certain educational and work experience requirements are met.
- Promotes and furthers the profession of accounting across Canada.
- Provides you with an incredible opportunity to meet with those practicing in all areas of the accounting industry. Once you have obtained your membership you will be part of a professional and well recognized association of professionals.
- Educates industry, government and the general public. A Member holding the designation of a **PBA** is a recognized professional accountant.
- Brings together all qualified accountants to build bridges within the diverse sectors of the membership and foster a sense of association among those members.
- Provides a continuing program of professional development for members of the association through seminars, workshops and an annual convention. **PBA** Members are required to accumulate continuing education credits annually to remain abreast of changing legislation and advancing technologies.
- Public practicing members are subject to a practice review on a periodic basis. This allows the association to ensure that the standards set by the association are being met.
- Is an association dedicated to the improvement and advocacy of accounting in the public interest.

The Cooperative Agreement allows members of each organization to share resources and benefits common to both organizations. To further this cooperative effort, the IIC and PBA subscribe to this agreement and pledge to undertake the following ventures:

1. The IIC and PBA will publicize each other's conferences, workshops, seminars, and other educational events via a calendar of events in each association's publications and website.
2. The IIC and PBA will explore opportunities for jointly sponsoring conferences, seminars, workshops or meetings.

3. The IIC and PBA members will be extended the courtesy of registration at each other's conferences, workshops, seminars, and other education events at each association's member rates.
4. The IIC and PBA will include respective names and hyperlinks on each other's websites.
5. The IIC and PBA will promote membership in each other's associations.

Additional information on the PBA can be found on their website at [www.PBAonline.org](http://www.PBAonline.org)