



**40** years  
1975-2015

2014 Annual Report

Forty years of global solidarity

 Inter Pares

*Anniversaries celebrate duration and durability. They are about continuity. They are about reflecting on what has been learned and what has been accomplished. But as much as anniversaries are about the foundations laid by past action, they are also about looking forward with renewed energy and commitment to a hopeful future.*

**F**orty years ago, Inter Pares was born, the optimistic creation of a small group of young Canadians fresh from a range of challenging experiences in Canada and overseas. They were passionate about global justice and peace, and making the world a better place than they found it.

Forty years later, the passion lives on. Our voluntary Board of Directors and our staff are committed to continuing Inter Pares' social justice action, bringing a vision for a more just, more equal future, and new and creative ways to work together.

While the current team at Inter Pares is a new generation, many of those who built Inter Pares remain close friends and supporters. The values and approaches they brought – of global collaboration among equals, of social justice, of feminist thought – have continued and evolved, as we have woven in new ideas, perspectives, and experiences.

Donors and supporters from across Canada have also shared the journey with us, many with a decades-long commitment to support social justice and equality. That generosity continues to sustain our work and reinforce our independence.

Central to Inter Pares' work are our relationships with dedicated social justice activists around the world. They are the nexus where a wealth of cumulative experience meets the spark of new ideas.

Through relationships of trust with hundreds of organizations, we have learned about emerging issues over the years – biotech threats to seeds and biodiversity, the abuse of temporary foreign workers in Canada, the unheralded consequences of investment treaties that privilege rights

for corporations over people. Each of these issues has introduced us to new relationships of solidarity and support with activists and groups organizing to address the root causes of inequality and injustice.

Over the years, Inter Pares has collaborated with others in Canada to establish coalitions and organizations that address critical global social justice issues, such as the right to food, just tax systems, and the protection of democratic dissent. Exchanges we have facilitated among such groups in Canada and our counterparts in the South have become incubators of new ideas, shared strategies, and mutual support.

As a feminist organization committed to women's rights, we support women's leadership. Women's central and crucial role in all societies is absolutely critical to profound social transformation.

Whether in the Philippines attending to women's health, in Sudan challenging child marriage, in El Salvador taking practical steps to address violence against women, or in Canada promoting a federal leaders' debate on issues identified by women, Inter Pares will continue to support women's efforts to define their own lives, their culture, their problems, and their solutions.

This year Inter Pares celebrates its 40th anniversary, and enthusiastically launches its fifth decade of global social action. This *Annual Report* looks back at some of what we, our counterparts in the South, and our supporters and collaborators in Canada have achieved over those decades.

And as we do so, we look forward to continuing to join our efforts with others around the world as we work, together, to globalize equality.



PATRICIA GHAREST MUGWANEZA

# 40 years 40 accomplishments

Inter Pares contributes to more just societies by: **Initiating ground-breaking actions**

**Providing seed funding for social change**

**Advocating for responsible government policies**

**Raising awareness on social justice issues**

**Organizing memorable learning exchanges**

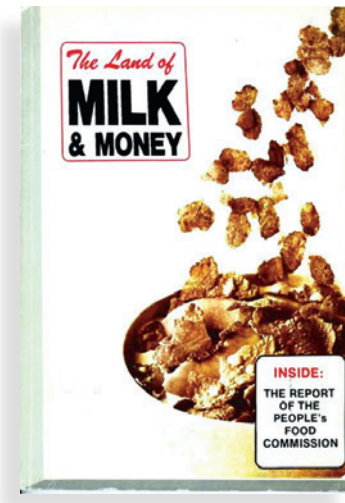
These are some highlights from our history, from 1975 until today. They illustrate the wide range of actions we took hand in hand with our counterparts in Canada and around the world. They illustrate the role Inter Pares has played, and continues to play, to globalize equality.

To learn more about these stories: [www.interpares.ca/40years](http://www.interpares.ca/40years)



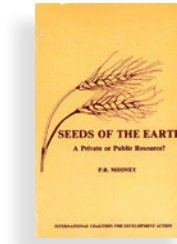
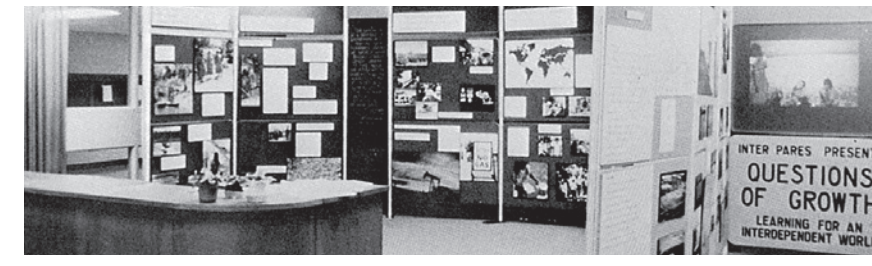
**1976** Inter Pares helped create the Agency for Cooperation in Research and Development (ACORD) to respond to emergency situations in Africa. Today, with a presence in seventeen African countries, ACORD works with over one million Africans and 2,000 community organizations to build peace and improve health care, food security, and women's rights.

**1976-1981** Inter Pares ran the radio program *Sounds Different* that broadcasted half-hour FM radio programs in twelve cities across Canada to change Canadian misconceptions about international issues. It featured journalists such as Elizabeth Gray and activists from Africa and Asia.



**1977** Inter Pares helped to conceptualize, organize, and carry out the *People's Food Commission*, a civic inquiry into Canada's food system. The commission held hearings in seventy-five communities from coast to coast, and engaged Canadians in a social justice analysis of food issues.

**1977** Inter Pares launched the *Common Heritage Programme* to improve understanding of international issues among Canadian students. For twenty years, the program published and distributed teaching resources to thousands of schools across Canada. Readings, case studies, photos, and discussion questions unpacked complex global issues, including terrorism, migration, biodiversity, and Indigenous people's rights.



**1979** Inter Pares published Canadian activist Pat Mooney's first book, *Seeds of the Earth: A Private or Public Resource?* This prescient international study brought public attention to the rapid erosion of crop diversity and the privatization of the world's plant genetic resources.

**1979**

In response to humanitarian emergencies in Latin America, Inter Pares and five international agencies created Project Counselling Service (PCS) to focus on the rights of refugees and internally displaced people. Today, PCS continues to promote human rights and provide critical support to marginalized communities in six countries across Latin America.

**1980** Gonoshasthaya Kendra was one of Inter Pares' first counterpart organizations in Bangladesh. With a small team and seed funding from Inter Pares, it began providing health care in villages by training paramedics, producing essential generic drugs, and establishing health insurance programs for the poor. The organization now provides health care to hundreds of thousands of vulnerable people.



**1980**

Inter Pares' seed funding enabled Nijera Kori to establish its rights-based programming with poor and landless people in Bangladesh. Today, Nijera Kori has grown to include over 200,000 people active in local groups to demand their rights to land, health, and education.

**1980-1985** Five years of seed funding from Inter Pares enabled ASSEFA in southern India to begin work with thousands of landless people, providing them with training and tools for farming. Today, ASSEFA runs educational, health, and rural development programs benefiting hundreds of thousands of people, particularly women.

**1981** Inter Pares was a key actor in *Tools for Peace*, the largest international solidarity movement in Canada since the Spanish Civil War. *Tools for Peace* had 126 chapters across Canada. It raised \$12 million in people-to-people aid for Nicaraguan villages, and effectively challenged the Canadian government to assume an independent foreign policy stance towards the Sandinista government.



**1984-1987** Inter Pares co-created a play called *Side Effects* that highlighted the harmful impacts of the pharmaceutical industry and population control on women in Bangladesh and Canada. The play was staged in fifty-one communities across Canada, led to the formation of the Canadian Women's Health Network, and prompted major changes in Canada's aid program.

**1986** Inter Pares became a non-hierarchical organization to better reflect the feminist principles of equality that guide our horizontal relationships externally. Since then, Inter Pares co-managers share responsibility and accountability for the organization, take major decisions by consensus, and earn the same base salary.

**1988** Inter Pares collaborated with sugar workers on Negros Island in the Philippines to dismantle a feudal system that had trapped communities in poverty for generations. In response to the mobilization of peasants and agricultural workers, the Philippines government brought in partial reforms to redistribute land from large landholders to small-scale farmers.



**1989** Inter Pares brought together women activists from Bangladesh, the Philippines, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, and El Salvador in a month-long cross-Canada tour called *Women Working for Change*. It provided a unique space for participants to reflect together and with Canadians on the important role women play in building a more equitable world.

**1990s** Inter Pares supported Project Counselling Service's work of accompanying Guatemalan and Salvadoran refugees in their return home by collaborating with other organizations to secure multi-year funding from the Canadian government. Additionally, we raised funds for refugee housing, health care, human rights protection, and livelihoods.



**1991** Inter Pares helped found Tiniguena, an organization that is internationally recognized for its environmental conservation work and its dedication to protecting Guinea-Bissau's rich cultural and natural heritage. Their successes include establishing the Community Marine Protected Area of Urok in the Bijagos Islands, which empowered local residents to preserve territory they deem sacred.



**1995** Inter Pares started supporting Likhaan's work on reproductive health in the Philippines. Their fifteen years of tireless campaigning led to a major victory in 2012 with the passage of national legislation mandating free family planning, skilled birth attendants, and pre- and post-natal care, to reduce maternal and child mortality.

**1997** Together with other Canadian organizations, Inter Pares helped form MiningWatch Canada in response to overseas colleagues asking for help in dealing with harmful Canadian extractive companies. It is now internationally recognized for its cutting-edge research, its support to communities affected by mining activities, and its advocacy for accountable mining practices.



**1999** Inter Pares organized the first of several learning exchanges between Likhaan, a community-based women's health organization in the Philippines, and the Mae Tao Clinic, which provides health services for displaced people from Burma. Over the years, they have shared strategies for improving community health care by addressing poverty and oppression.

**2001** Inter Pares co-created the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group, a coalition of thirty-eight Canadian organizations, to address concerns about national and international anti-terrorism legislation and national security measures. Its work assesses the impact of such measures on civil liberties, human rights, refugee protection, political dissent, governance of charities, and international cooperation.

**2001** Inter Pares started supporting independent ethnic media groups in Burma, who were operating underground for fear of persecution. They are now highly respected for their reporting on non-mainstream issues, in local languages, and from a local perspective.



**2002-2003** Inter Pares coordinated an exchange between refugee women from Guatemala and Burma. Both groups had fled state-sanctioned violence, struggled in exile, and recognized the need to organize as women. To this day, as the likelihood of refugees returning to Burma increases, the women refer to lessons learned from the Guatemalan experience.

**2004** Inter Pares provided seed funding for the production of the documentary *The Corporation*, which became an international hit. It raised important concerns about the growing scope of corporate power. As some corporations continue to violate human rights with impunity, the film remains as relevant today as it was over ten years ago.

**2005** Inter Pares helped form, fund, and build the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability. Over 95,000 Canadians have now joined in its latest campaign for access to justice in Canada for people who have been harmed by Canadian mining operations overseas.

**2006** By convening concerned groups, providing seed funding, and contributing staff time and expertise, Inter Pares was instrumental in founding the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN). Through its independent research, campaigning and public education, CBAN is a leading source for critical information on genetically modified organisms.



civil society groups across the globe, the United Nations upheld an international moratorium, thus protecting the livelihoods of millions of small-scale farmers.

**2006** Through the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, Inter Pares helped to stop the "Terminator" seed, genetically engineered seeds that are designed to be sterile at harvest. Thanks to pressure from

**2006-2008** Inter Pares facilitated a series of exchanges between women from Indigenous organizations in Colombia and Canada, enabling the participants to share knowledge and resistance strategies to combat discrimination and violence against women.

**2007** Thirty years after the People's Food Commission, Inter Pares helped to launch the *People's Food Policy Project*. This civic inquiry into our food system mobilized 3,500 activists and leaders to develop the first food sovereignty policy for Canada. The document is now at the heart of Food Secure Canada's advocacy and policy position.

**2007** Inter Pares was part of a small group of Canadian organizations that successfully advocated for Canadian sanctions to be enacted against the military regime in Burma. At the time, these sanctions were among the toughest in the world.

**2007** Inter Pares convened the *Women's Struggles for Justice* roundtable. It brought together twenty activists from four continents to share their experiences, concrete proposals, and action strategies for tackling sexual violence against women in armed conflict.



**2007**

Inter Pares supported the formation of the Burma Rivers Network (BRN), a coalition of organizations from ten dam-affected communities. BRN has extensively documented the repercussions that dam projects have on poverty and armed conflict. Their work has led to the review or suspension of major destructive dam projects. ▼



REBECCA WOLSKA

**2008**

Inter Pares ► funding enabled the Deccan Development Society (DDS) to build the Millet Network of India into a national coalition. By 2010, it had successfully advocated for the inclusion of millets – once a denigrated crop – into India’s national food security system. Today, DDS is working towards getting millets sourced from small-scale farmers using biodiverse production.



ANNA PASIKAL

**2008 and 2014**

Inter Pares brought together the Sudanese Organization for Research and Development (SORD) and the Toronto-based Barbra Schlifer Clinic, a leader in addressing legal and social concerns for women experiencing violence. SORD’s new legal clinic network in Khartoum aspires to the Barbra Schlifer Clinic model of wide-ranging services for women and their families.

## IN•EQUALITY

**2011**

Inter Pares organized the *(In)Equality Matters* tour, which hosted public discussions in Saskatoon, Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa on social justice, the economic system, and resource extraction in Canada and in Africa. More than 300 Canadians joined the conversation, and together enriched their common understanding of the root causes of inequality.

**2011**

With financial support from Inter Pares, DEMUS helped to develop plans to end violence against women in the region of Huancavelica in Southern Peru, and successfully pressured the regional government of the region to unlock financial resources for their implementation. Today, these public funds support the delivery of services to women victims of violence. ▼



GUILAUME CHARBONNEAU

**2012**

Inter Pares facilitated the *Just Work?* tour that brought together migrant worker justice activists from Latin America and Canada. Over twenty meetings were held in nine cities in Ontario, Quebec, and Alberta. The tour raised awareness about the vulnerability of migrant workers and strengthened the connection between movements for migrant workers’ rights.



EMILY RAMSAY

**2013**

▲ Inter Pares funded Guatemala’s Breaking the Silence and Impunity Alliance to provide legal and psychosocial support to fifteen Q’eqchi’ women. These survivors were the catalyst for the first criminal trial for sexual slavery and rape committed by government forces during Guatemala’s armed conflict, setting a powerful legal precedent in the country.

**2013**

Inter Pares-supported health care providers in and around Burma served a target population of 550,000 people. Between 2010 and 2013, our counterparts provided trainings to over 8,500 health workers, and birth attendants helped deliver over 24,000 babies.



MAEYAO CLINIC



**2014**

Our first-ever Solidarity Tour took fourteen Inter Pares supporters to Guatemala to learn about historic court cases led by Indigenous women, to meet survivors of human rights abuses, and to build solidarity. Once home, participants organized public presentations to raise awareness on social justice issues in Guatemala. ▼

**2014**

▲ Inter Pares brought to Canada four health care leaders from Burma who are working on a national health care vision. During the exposure trip, they shared their experiences of Burma’s highly centralized, ineffective system, and heard from Canadian health practitioners and policy-makers from academia, government, and Indigenous communities.



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## Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements to the Board of Directors, Inter Pares

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2014 and summary statement of operations for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Inter Pares for the year ended December 31, 2014. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated March 2, 2015.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Inter Pares.

### Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described in the note entitled Basis of Presentation included as part of these summary financial statements.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

### Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Inter Pares for the year ended December 31, 2014 are a fair summary of those financial statements, on the basis described in the note entitled Basis of Presentation included as part of these summary financial statements.

Ottawa, Ontario  
March 2, 2015

Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP  
Licensed Public Accountants

### Basis of Presentation

The summary financial statements are derived from the complete audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, as at December 31, 2014, and for the year then ended.

The preparation of these summary financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in the summary financial statements so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

These summarized financial statements have been prepared by management using the following criteria:

- (a) whether information in the summary financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete audited financial statements; and
- (b) whether, in all material respects, the summary financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete audited financial statements, including the notes thereto.

Management determined that the statement of changes in fund balances and cash flows do not provide additional useful information and as such have not included them as part of the summary financial statements.

The complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

For the full financial statements, please contact Inter Pares to request a printed copy by mail or visit [www.interpares.ca/2014finances](http://www.interpares.ca/2014finances)

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014

	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 1,414,684	\$ 1,198,586
Accounts receivable	127,360	108,530
Program advances	1,263,012	1,527,356
Prepaid expenses	23,337	44,672
Short-term investments	529,041	691,687
	3,357,434	3,570,831
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	3,669,875	3,295,886
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	606,117	625,280
	\$ 7,633,426	\$ 7,491,997
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 55,735	\$ 46,733
Deferred revenue	1,675,013	1,673,085
	1,730,748	1,719,818
<b>YEARS OF SERVICE BENEFITS PAYABLE</b>	100,501	92,679
	1,831,249	1,812,497
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Unrestricted	235,978	208,390
Invested in capital assets	606,117	625,280
Bequest Fund	3,681,595	3,602,212
Reserve Fund	901,422	874,401
Margaret McKay Fund	377,065	369,217
	5,802,177	5,679,500
	\$ 7,633,426	\$ 7,491,997

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

					2014	2013
	General Operations	Bequest Fund	Reserve Fund	Margaret McKay Restricted Fund	Total	Total
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Donations	\$ 1,593,250	\$ 185,995	\$ 3,000	\$ —	\$ 1,782,245	\$ 1,638,344
CIDA-PCB	1,417,556	—	—	—	1,417,556	1,355,299
CIDA-other projects	3,346,169	—	—	—	3,346,169	3,239,396
Project generated grants	71,818	—	—	—	71,818	150,425
Interest and other	13,782	75,004	24,021	7,848	120,655	268,242
	6,442,575	260,999	27,021	7,848	6,738,443	6,651,706
<b>EXPENSE</b>						
<b>Program</b>						
Projects	4,839,952	181,616	—	—	5,021,568	4,784,612
Operations	1,027,193	—	—	—	1,027,193	1,069,274
	5,867,145	181,616	—	—	6,048,761	5,853,886
Administration	248,012	—	—	—	248,012	222,259
Fundraising	318,993	—	—	—	318,993	285,887
	6,434,150	181,616	—	—	6,615,766	6,362,032
<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>						
<b>FOR THE YEAR</b>	\$ 8,425	\$ 79,383	\$ 27,021	\$ 7,848	\$ 122,677	\$ 289,674

**Inter Pares** draws on forty years of experience and a worldwide activist network to challenge inequality here in Canada and abroad. Known for a progressive and innovative approach to international cooperation, Inter Pares supports people's struggles to build societies that are fair for all by using the power of solidarity. We collaborate with over 120 counterparts and, together, identify the root causes of injustice and act towards sustainable social change. Join us: [www.interpares.ca](http://www.interpares.ca)

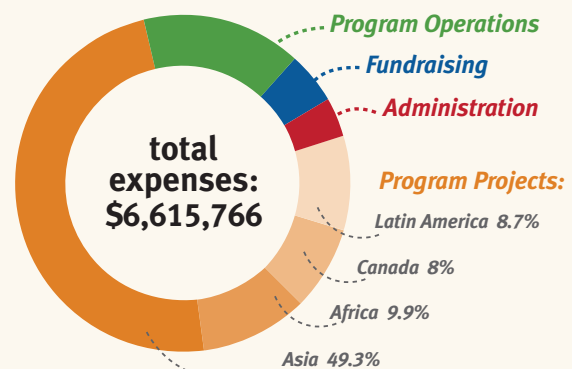
### Staff in 2014

- Bharat Bishwakarma • David Bruer • Guillaume Charbonneau
- Patricia Charest Mugwaneza • Eric Chaurette • Kathy Chen
- Kathryn Dingle • Bill Fairbairn • Jack Hui Litster • Kevin Malseed
- Samantha McGavin • Rita Morbia • Marie José Morrissette
- Laura O'Neill • Jean Symes • Sheila Whyte • Rebecca Wolsak

### Members of the Board of Directors in 2014

- Amanda Dale • Annette Desmarais • Nathan Gilbert
- Mireille Landry • Tamara Levine (Vice-chair) • James Loney
- Michael Manolson • Shree Mulay • Jeannie Samuel • Holly Solomon
- Lis Suarez • Sari Tudiver (Chair) • Bill Van Iterson (Treasurer)

### Inter Pares Expenses in 2014



75.9% **Program Projects:** funds sent to counterparts working in Africa, Asia, Canada, and Latin America

15.5% **Program Operations:** monitoring programs, management, program staff salaries

4.8% **Fundraising:** receipting, online donation systems, printing costs, bank charges, donor stewardship, fundraising staff salaries

3.8% **Administration:** Office costs, financial management, governance, administrative staff salaries