

**ALAIN BOUTET**

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Alain Boutet has been appointed Director of the International Activities Office and Adjunct Professor of International Development Studies at Saint Mary's University in July 2009. He is a graduate in anthropology (B.A., M.A.) from Université Laval, Québec, and in communication and development (Ph.D.) from Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) where he was the Head of cooperation with the Americas from 1992 to 2003. Two of the international partnership projects in which he has been closely involved were rewarded in 1999, 2000 and 2002 by the AUCC, the Scotia Bank and CIDA for their contribution to campus internationalization and to international development.

From January 2007 to June 2009, Alain Boutet was the Director of the Office of International Relations at the Université de Montréal, as well as Associate Researcher at the Latin American Studies Network of the Centre for International Studies and Research (CÉRIUM). His teaching and research activities bear reference to the role of participatory communication strategies in social transformation, and local governance regarding environmental issues.

From September 2003 to December 2006, Alain Boutet was the Director of the Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD) at the University of Regina, where he was appointed in May 2004 Adjunct Professor (Graduate Studies and Research) at the Department of Sociology and Social Studies.

Over the recent years as Director of International Relations in Canadian Universities, Alain Boutet has been responsible for the integration of an international perspective into the University threefold mission of teaching, research and service, through the establishment of international partnership agreements for student and faculty members mobility, international students recruitment, the internationalization of curriculum and research projects. Alain Boutet has also been responsible for planning with faculty members and their partners in developing countries, institutional strengthening projects funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and other international funding agencies.

Fluent in French, English and Spanish, Alain Boutet is a member of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), the Superior Council of the College of the Americas (Inter-American Organization for Higher Education), the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development. Over the recent years, he has been Member of the Selection Committee of the Rhodes Scholarships Program, the Canada-Latin America and the Caribbean Research Exchange Grants (LACREG), Board Member of the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, President of the ACFAS-Saskatchewan Board of Directors, and Western Canadian universities representative on the University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development (UPCD) Program Consultative Committee.