

IBM Canada Takes iT on the Road

By Vaughn Dragland

For three weeks, starting September 27, IBM held a series of roadshow celebrations across Canada called “i on iS”, at which various customer “iVangelists” gave testimonials of their



success with the i5 platform, and watched live demonstrations of HMC, AIX, Linux, Windows integration, Webshpere Portal, IBM Director Multiplatform, Virtualization Engine Console, IBM Access for the Web, and more — all running on iSeries. The kick-off in Toronto was followed by similar celebrations in Calgary, Cambridge, Edmonton, Saskatoon, St. John’s, Vancouver, and Winnipeg. At each venue, cohort **Kathy Gregson** and **Barry Pow** treated attendees to special i5 cupcakes with blue icing. (Consensus was that Saskatoon had the best cupcakes...)

The excellent live demonstrations were presented by **Robert Schuster**, Certified iSeries Consultant from IBM Rochester, via Internet connection to i5s in Minnesota. Each session concluded with a buffet lunch sponsored by Information Builders (Canada) Inc.

To cap off the events, at each venue, attendees were also able to witness the first inductions into the IBM Canada iSeries Hall of Fame. Inductees included IBM business partners, corporate customers, individuals, and LUGs, each of whom has made a significant contribution to the Canadian iSeries community in their own way. Of special note to TUG members is that **The Toronto Users Group for Midrange Systems (TUG)** was inducted, and commended for its 20 years of unrelenting support for the iSeries platform. The list also includes a number of current and former TUG Board members.



Robert A. Schuster


(See the complete list of inductees in the accompanying table.)

Want more info? Check out this blog: http://www-128.ibm.com/developerworks/blogs/dw_blog.jspa?blog=737.



Barry Pow



It is very gratifying to see IBM making the effort to reach out to its loyal supporters and show their appreciation in this way, and just goes to show that IBM Canada is indeed a “class act.” TUG will endeavor to keep you posted on further developments with the iSeries Hall of Fame, and future IBM iSeries customer-events. 



L-R: TUG Board members accepting the IBM iSeries Canada Hall of Fame award – Ken Sadler, Alkarim Sachedina, Stephen Bingham, Jay Burford, Glenn Gundermann, Bob Lesiw, and Léo Lefebvre; with Kathy Taylor Gregson, iSeries Advocate & Programs Manager, and Stephen Quan, IBM Liaison for TUG.

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