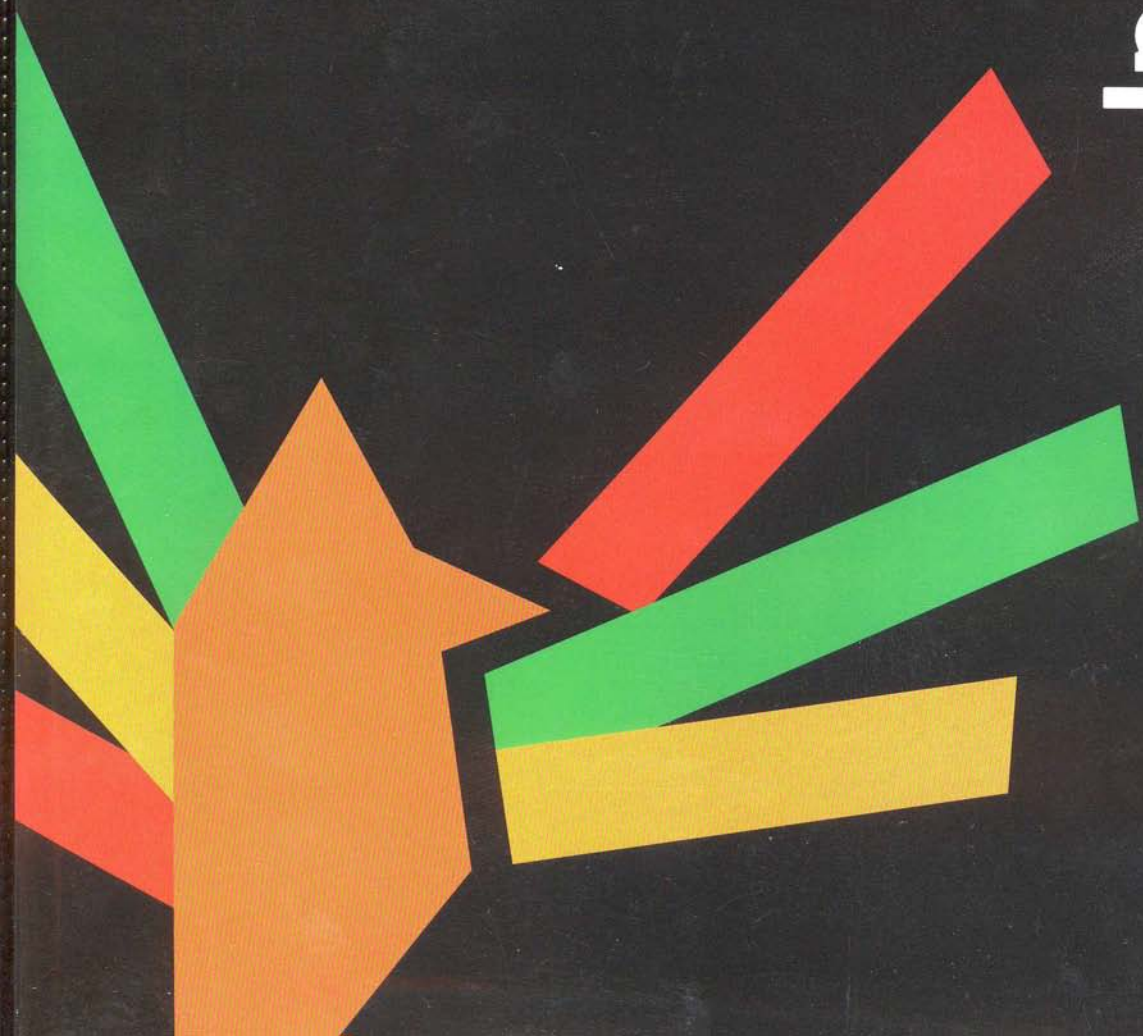


HALIFAX, CANADA | MAY 14-20, 2000



Input2000

TELEVISION ON THE EDGE



Welcome

Greetings from Richard Rogers, Canadian Coordinator, INPUT 2000

So you've got a great idea, a strong mandate from a supporting broadcaster, a clear focus, appropriate resources, solid partners, and a hard-working creative team . . . all the makings of a great TV program, right? We're hoping it's also the recipe for a fantastic INPUT conference, since these are the ingredients with which we've been fortunate enough to work.

From day one we've had the essential backing and full support of our own Canadian Broadcasting Corporation/Société Radio-Canada as our host broadcaster. This INPUT conference could *not* have happened without CBC/Radio-Canada. We also could not have done it without the financial and service support of so many government, corporate, and institutional partners.

And what a creative team we have had! I cannot begin to name everyone, but I must mention a few. Marianne Ward, INPUT 2000's Halifax Coordinator has been a miracle of planning and organization. I want to thank Marianne for her meticulous attention to detail and her tireless dedication to the conference and to all of you. Jennifer Gillivan is the one who introduced so many new



“partners” to this INPUT conference. We could not have done this without our partners, and without Jennifer! I also want to thank Technical Director Andrew Shipley. INPUT has entered the digital age because Andrew skillfully assembled the latest digital technology ensuring you will enjoy the finest quality screenings possible. And of course there's Doug Kirby, our INPUT 2000 Media Coordinator who effortlessly gathered the tapes to play in that hi-tech equipment. And far from last is the amazing Amanda Howe, Volunteer Coordinator extraordinaire.

And a huge show of appreciation and thanks to Acting Regional Director Penny Longley and the staff of CBC Halifax. They immediately understood the spirit of INPUT and enthusiastically signed up to make the perfect INPUT team. Everyone deeply appreciates what they have done.

We've been guided throughout the planning by a great group of INPUT devotees from across Canada – our steering committee. The first thing the Canadian Organizing Committee did was to confirm our focus and the theme for this year's conference: Television

Welcome

on the Edge. That theme and how it relates to the particular questions and pressures facing public service television is addressed in the following pages by Fred Mattocks on behalf of the Canadian Organizing Committee.

It has been my great honour to be the Canadian Coordinator for INPUT 2000. Here's hoping you find yourself "on the edge" of an unforgettable week that will send you home with new ideas, new friends, and the fondest memories of INPUT 2000 in Halifax! Now it's time to watch some great tv!

Have a good one!

Richard Rogers
Canadian Coordinator,
INPUT 2000