

Robert Czerny



Robert Czerny's career has married theory and practice. He is an experienced manager, researcher, educator, communicator and facilitator. His academic foundation is mathematics and humanities, particularly philosophy – engineering with abstract materials and the specialist training of a generalist. In 21 years with the Canadian federal government, he applied his skills throughout the management cycle from policy development and strategic planning to program management and evaluation; and in areas as diverse as training design and delivery, human rights, educational technology, information management and technology transfer. Prior to his government service, he had some experience as a journalist. Along the way he learned that – regrettably – “Most communication isn’t.”

As a private sector management consultant since 1995, Robert has provided a wide variety of services: partnership, management consulting, communications, program evaluation, surveys, facilitation, training and ethics. He is the principal author of *The Federal Government as 'Partner': Six Steps to Successful Collaboration*, published by Treasury Board in 1995; and of *Forming Health Care Leaders: A Guide* (Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, 2009). His clients have included government departments and agencies of Ontario, Nunavut, Canada, Bermuda and the Vatican; several national associations; and private sector firms. His translation (French to English), writing and editing work is primarily on socio-political, religious and philosophical topics. He is founder and principal of Agora Management Associates.

A member of EPAC since 2005, Robert took on the chairmanship on May 27, 2013. Another ethics involvement in his volunteer life is serving as a community member of the Research Ethics Board of the National Research Council of Canada.

Application for renewal as Chair

I am honoured to seek reappointment as Chair of EPAC. I feel that with the new web site, EPAC enjoys a public face that is modern and dynamic, and helps us to approach potential partners and members with greater credibility than before. This is crucial to our being more than a local organization. My great desire is to have EPAC function as a lively “community of practice” and interest group throughout Canada. With excellent continuing and new Directors and with the expertise and effort of our members, we can make a great contribution to raising the level of ethical awareness and responsibility throughout our country.

More than a service to members, EPAC must provide a platform for members to learn, to network, and to dialogue with each other their ethical perspectives. This has been the

focus in my first two years in this role, and I believe that we should continue in this direction. Thank you.