

Celebrations for new CAs and candidates who passed the UFE

Saturday, February 20, was an important day for the many new CAs and candidates for the practice of the profession who attended two Ordre events at the Palais des congrès de Montréal: the Permit Presentation ceremony and Gala de la réussite.

Permit presentation

In the afternoon, over 700 people gathered to pay tribute to the new CAs who proudly crossed the stage to receive their permits from Alain Côté, FCA, Chair of the Ordre. They also received a gift to commemorate their achievement from Daniel McMahon, FCA, President and CEO of the Ordre. Douglas N. Baker, Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta and Chair of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants was also on hand to address the new CAs. Finally, Emmanuel Dubourg, CA, MNA for Viau and Parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance read a congratulatory note on behalf of Jean Charest, the premier of Quebec.

Antonella Petrazzuoli, CA, and Isabelle Forget, CA, emceed the ceremony. Having receiving their permits not so long ago themselves, their heartfelt presentations no doubt inspired our new CAs! In short, the moving ceremony will long remain in the memories of all the guests!



From left to right: Emmanuel Dubourg, CA; Douglas N. Baker, Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta; Antonella Petrazzuoli, CA; Isabelle Forget, CA; Alain Côté, FCA; Daniel McMahon, FCA

Gala de la réussite

In the evening, the Gala de la réussite also provided an opportunity to celebrate the success of the new members and the candidates for the practice of the profession who passed the 2009 Uniform Evaluation (UFE).

The “Playground” theme transported guests into a festive world of carnival arcades and games! The program included a cocktail reception, a performance by trampoline artists, amazing feats by magician Luc Langevin, a comedy routine by Patrick Groulx and a fast-and-furious number by the group Tribal Rythm.

The six aspiring CAs who earned a place on the CICA’s UFE Honour Roll were also honoured during the event. Among them, Etienne Girardin, who achieved the highest standing on the UFE in Quebec, was awarded the Chartered Accountants of Canada Gold Medal and a \$2,500 cash prize.



From left to right: Douglas N. Baker, Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta; Étienne Girardin, Isabelle Perreault, Alexandre Leclerc, Hélène Gadbois Nadeau, Jérôme Bouchard, Audrey Bistodeau, 2009 top candidates; and Alain Côté, FCA

Congratulations!

This year, the Ordre welcomes 500 new CAs and celebrates the success of 599 candidates who passed the 2009 Uniform Evaluation (UFE). Congratulations to you all on this major accomplishment and best of luck in your future careers!