Farewell Dave Quist  
**IMFC executive director moving on to a new opportunity**

**Ottawa, December 4, 2012** – It is with mixed emotions that the Institute of Marriage and Family Canada (IMFC) announces the departure of executive director Dave Quist, who will be leaving to pursue new leadership opportunities next month.

Dave has been with the IMFC in Ottawa since it was established almost seven years ago. Under his direction, it has grown in size and profile and has emerged as the preeminent leader in family research and commentary in Canada’s capital.

“It’s bittersweet for us to see Dave move on. He’s done fantastic work, building the IMFC from the ground up, forging connections, directing research and representing this research in the public square,” says Andrea Mrozek, Manager of Research and Communications. “Thanks to Dave’s work, Ottawa and indeed Canada have a more robust debate going on social issues of grave importance affecting our families, our communities and our economy. We are going to miss him, but we are thankful for his tremendous contribution.”

Mrozek adds: “We are happy to see him advancing into new responsibilities, just sorry to see him go. Dave is the kind of person who cares deeply about his work and the people around him.”

Dave has accepted a leadership position in Calgary, Alberta which will allow him to continue the work he’s passionate about while being much closer to his family. He will continue to serve as the executive director of the IMFC until December 28, 2012. The team at the IMFC wishes Dave and his family all the best, thankful for Dave’s dedication to social policy in Canada.

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