Toronto ’16 Conference Workshop – PRT participation

Per my email canvass to the PRT earlier this year, Robert Walden (Ontario based practitioner who works extensively with Indigenous groups) will be leading a workshop focused on how ADR practices and institutions can engage or support the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations. Robert (Bob) is envisioning a process where the leadership of ADRIC and each Affiliate (president or designate), convene a discussion circle to consider what activities are currently taking place in an Indigenous context and what might be possible to that end. The “inner circle” will firstly engage these questions, with the audience “outer circle” participating as led by the facilitator (Bob). The goal of the workshop is to engage ADR practitioners in thinking and dreaming about their collective role in supporting or engaging several of the calls to action in the TRC recommendations. Though the lens of the Affiliates (who represent the work of ADRIC on the ground), the hope is that workshop participants (those in the outer circle) will seek to be more strongly engaged with their regional Affiliates on this file. The promotional text of the workshop, as in the Conference materials, follows.

Indigenous Issues Workshop:
What Does ADR Offer to Reconciliation?

Facilitated by Robert Waldon, M.A., Q.Med, Bedford Consulting and Associates

“What can we do?” and “What should we do?” to support the critical goals of reconciliation?

All members are invited to participate in this very important workshop. Join ADRIC leadership from across Canada to explore these questions in a dialogue session and take part in developing answers that could lead to actions to support progress, positive change and which speak to our collective professional commitment and principles.