

From the Editors

Welcome to Volume 5 of *IK: Other Ways of Knowing*.

This issue of *IK* is a continuation of Volume 4 and features three additional articles from a study commissioned by the Canadian branch of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and one article that is separately supported. The aim of the study is to increase women's participation in economic activities, productivity, and employment options in poor, rural communities in Rwanda and Tanzania. Researchers identified indigenous knowledge, technology, and traditional enterprise practices in which women were involved. Chika Ezeanya-Esiobu, Nathan Taremwa, and Vedaste Ndungutse contributed an article about traditional fermentation techniques and the possibilities they hold for the economic empowerment of women in rural Rwanda. Jehovaness Aikaeli and Beatrice Kalinda Mkenda contributed two articles; the first casts light on the constraints and ways to harness the potential of Maasai indigenous knowledge and skills of making body ornamental products. Their second article discusses the extent to which handicraft activities can generate viable income and employment for rural women in Tanzania. The fourth and final article in the peer-reviewed section, not commissioned by the IDRC, deals with gorilla conservation and is written by Adam Pérou Hermans Amir.

In addition to the peer-reviewed articles, this issue will feature a documentary and two book reviews. The documentary, *Abagoré*, which means "women" in Kinyarwanda, describes examples of successful indigenous technologies used by women, such as vegetable production, traditionally fermented yogurt, banana wine, and sorghum beer.

We hope you enjoy this issue.