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Canadian Studies Network reaches North Africa

Although the programming of the **International Academic Relations Division** (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) is subject to the Department's geographical priorities, i.e. the United States and other G-8 countries, as well as Mexico, China, India and Brazil, the **Division** also responds in providing support in other areas where Canadian Studies generate interest. This approach has enabled the widening of the Canadian Studies network around the globe, for example to North Africa, and is strengthened by those of well-established Canadianists. Thanks to initial meetings held during the Annual General Meeting of the International Council for Canadian Studies, in May 2003, Canadianists from Spain, Italy and France are now endeavouring to establish collaborative projects with university professors and researchers in Morocco and Tunisia interested in Canadian Studies.

Focus on Youth at ICCS Transculturalisms Conference

The **International Council for Canadian Studies** held its biennial conference "Transculturalisms: Diversity and Metamorphosis" in Montreal, May 22-24. The result of a three-year research project on transculturalisms, the conference used a comparative approach to examine transculturalisms, namely mechanisms of transfers, impact of transculturalism on Canadian identity and the global impact of Canadian culture. The conference attracted many key scholars from Canada and around the world, and the ICCS'



Young Canadianists (from left to right): Waubgeshig Rice (CSIIP intern at the Canadian Studies Program, University of Akron, Ohio, USA); Kenneth Bertram (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium); Gabriella Falcicchio (University of Bari, Italy); Myka Burke (University of Leipzig, Germany); Bronagh Clarke (University of Nottingham, United Kingdom); Laura Brown (CSIIP intern at the Canadian Studies Center, University of Innsbruck, Austria); and Joel Bastedo (University College of the Cariboo, Kamloops, British Columbia).

commitment to foster a new generation of Canadianists complemented the event. The ICCS funded the participation of five students from Canadian Studies Associations around the world and invited two interns from the ICCS' Canadian Studies International Internship Project (CSIIP). CSIIP offers young Canadians the opportunity to gain practical experience in a field related to their career objectives through internships in Canadian Studies centres outside Canada. The ICCS administers this program, under contract with **Human Resources Development Canada** (HRDC) and the **Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade** (DFAIT).

ICCS Delegates Gain First-Hand Knowledge of Canada and Transculturalisms

ICCS delegates and observers participated in theoretical and scholarly presentations on transculturalisms, but also had practical exposure to how Canada manages some aspects of this phenomenon. Mr. **Jacques Bensimon** (Government Film Commissioner and Chairperson of the National Film Board of Canada) gave a talk on the National Film Board and Canadian Studies. In addition, the **National Film Board of Canada** treated ICCS Annual General Meeting participants to a visit of its Cinema and Video Theatre and hosted a reception for the group. The **Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages** displayed information and documents, as did the Multiculturalism and Human Rights Branch of the **Department of Canadian Heritage**. Well-known Canadianist and historian Professor **Paul-André Linteau** organized and led conference participants on a tour of old Montreal.



From left to right: **Serge Jaumain** (ICCS Past-President), **Jacques Bensimon** (National Film Board of Canada); and **Zilá Bernd** (ICCS President).

Canadian Studies Centre in Columbia

The Canadian Ambassador in Colombia **Jean Marc Duval** inaugurated recently the fourth Canadian Studies Centre in Colombia, located in the EAFIT University in Medellín, Colombia. The year 2003 marks the 50th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Canada and Colombia. The Director of the new centre is Professor **Andrés Arteaga Uribe**, researcher and full time professor in the field of Arts Administration and Intercultural Management, Centro de Estudios Colombo Canadiense, Universidad EAFIT, Medellín.

ICCS Summer Seminars

The ICCS offered this summer the 2003 edition of its two five-day multidisciplinary international seminars in Canadian Studies. The seminars were held in Ottawa and in Calgary (Alberta). Both are extensive and intensive, and participants are not only exposed to university specialists, but also to experts in government, politics and the arts. The pairing of experts from various fields proved to be a practical and interesting means of presenting a broad and complete picture of the Canadian experience.

In Ottawa, the session "Canadian Federalism: Its Origins, Evolution and Future" included presentations by Professor **François Rocher** (Director of the School of Canadian Studies at Carleton University) and by **Mary Dawson** (Associate Deputy Minister, Justice Canada), who drafted all Constitutional amendments since patriation in 1982; the session "Canadian Foreign Policy" paired **Stéphane Roussel** (Research Chair in Foreign Policy at the Université du Québec à Montréal) and **Steve Lee** (Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development), who has over twenty years of experience in government and diplomatic posts. The **Honourable Bob Rae** (Chair and President of the Forum of Federations and Former Premier of Ontario), keynote speaker, delighted participants with his insightful talk on the development of federalism around the world. In Calgary, the **Honourable David Kilgour**, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), Government of Canada, as guest speaker, gave an appreciated talk on opening night of the seminar, while the session "Federal/Provincial Perspectives: Health/First Nations" proved to be of great interest to participants.

Travelling Book Display's continued success

The Canadian Studies Travelling Book Display (TBD) is a collection of 250-350 books in English and French available for display at Canadian Studies events around the world. A committee appointed by the Association for the Export of Canadian Books chooses the titles, donated by Canadian publishers. The committee seeks to include titles in a wide variety of disciplines of



Left to right: Ms Jodie Robson (British Association for Canadian Studies), Barry Jowett (Editorial Director, Dundurn Press), and Chief Matthew Coon Come, at the BACS conference book exhibit, in Leeds, U.K.

interest to the international Canadian Studies community. A new collection of current books is assembled each year. There are five separate sets of the collection travelling to events in all regions of the world. Each year, thousands of university professors and students from around the world have a chance to examine the latest Canadian books from scholarly and fiction titles.

Did you know that ...?

- ✳ In recognition of her contribution to the development of Canadian Studies, Professor **Karen Gould** was awarded the 2003 ICCS Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies. Professor Karen Gould, Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Cincinnati, is a leading scholar of Quebec feminist writing, and is recognized internationally in the Canadian Studies community. She was President of ACSUS (Association for Canadian Studies in the United States) as well as President of the International Council for Canadian Studies.
- ✳ Professor **Luca Codignola** received an honorary Doctor of Letters (DLit) degree from Saint Mary's University, Halifax. Among his many achievements, Professor Codignola was President of the ICCS between 1985 and 1987.
- ✳ The jury of the Pierre Savard Award selected *Driven Apart: Women's Employment Equality and Child Care in Canadian Public Policy*, by Professor **Annis May Timpson** and published by UBC Press as the first recipient of the award. Professor Timpson is a member of the British Association for Canadian Studies. As well, *Driven Apart* was selected as an Outstanding Academic Title, by CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries, which reviews significant current books of interest to those in higher education, and it received the Canadian Women's Studies Association inaugural Book Prize.



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