

SPOUSES — WORKING AT HOME AND ABROAD

Employment Policy for Spouses

The process is well under way . . . it just takes time, so we must be patient.

The draft policy paper has been initially reviewed by the departmental Human Resources Planning Committee. It has also been sent to the Canadian Human Rights Commission for review for consistency of compliance with the Canadian Human Rights Act. The paper will be re-drafted to include input from the Planning Committee, Domestic Legal Services and the Human Rights Commission. Copies will then be provided for a final review to the External Affairs Joint Council and the Foreign Service Community Association. An early autumn target date is slated.

Employment Training Needs Study

We would like to thank all the spouses who participated in the Employment Needs Study. We are, at present, taking into consideration all the suggestions that were made in order to better orient the program to meet the specific needs of spouses who wish to develop and clarify their strategy for finding employment abroad and in the National Capital Region.

From the questionnaires returned, three major areas of concern were identified — career planning, interview techniques and job searching techniques. As part of our fall re-entry program, seminars will be offered in mid-October in each of these areas.

Other seminars will be offered in the winter months. Details will be available in the next issue of *Liaison* or on demand.

For registration for the above seminars, please contact Joanne Poulin at 992-2221.

Reciprocal Agreements

Canada now has reciprocal employment agreements with 16 countries — The Philippines and Denmark were recently added. These now join the list of countries including: The United States, Australia, New Zealand, The United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, Barbados, Jamaica, Israel, India, Guyana, Peru, Indonesia and Colombia. In addition, there are three countries where a reciprocal agreement is not necessary — Ireland, The Ivory Coast, and South Korea.

CANADIAN GROUPS TOURING ABROAD

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens have returned from their triumphant tour of Thailand, Singapore, Japan and Korea, amid rave reviews both from the press abroad and from the two journalists who followed the company throughout its tour. The two works that seem to have been the most highly praised were "Tam Ti Delam" (Brian McDonald—Gilles Vigeault) and "La danse des rubans rouges" (Zhang Yugi).

It is well known that autumn and spring are the two best seasons for artistic tours. The Cultural Affairs Division of External Affairs will be partially funding a large number of tours in September and October. Among these will be:



The Canadian Chamber Ensemble

Touring in September and October 1984

The Canadian Chamber Ensemble — a 16 piece orchestra that was originally formed in 1974 to provide the music programs at the Stratford Festival.

Their works range from a Beethoven septet to Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring" to delightful arrangements of Scott Joplin rags.

They are planning to tour through Mexico, San Jose, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in September and October. (Please contact the Canadian Embassies there for confirmation.)

Tefelmusik — a baroque orchestra founded in Toronto in 1979 that uses original instruments and historically accurate performance techniques to bring to life the works of Bach, Handel, Haydn and Vivaldi.

They will be touring through Great Britain, The Netherlands, Belgium and Portugal in October.

The Caravan Stage Company — an original group that is known for its colourful presentations, the 24 musicians, singers and clowns will be slowly touring through the United States in horse drawn caravans, for the next two years. In September they will be in the states of Oregon and Washington.

Special Delivery Dance Theatre — a group of 4 dancers and actors from Vancouver who have a unique style of presentation using elaborate costumes and special effects. They will be touring through Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and Brussels from September 13 to October 8.

Dolly Hopkins — a clown who is better known as "Gumboot Lollipop" and has already delighted children and adults throughout Latin American and the United States. She will be in Australia for two of their festivals, on September 27 and November 30.