

Focus on The Canadian Trade Commissioner Service



McDonald, Lynn

Lynn McDonald's first posting abroad is as Third Secretary (Legal Officer), Permanent Mission of Canada to the WTO in Geneva. Since 1996, when she joined the Department, Lynn has held positions in Ottawa with the Legal Bureau (Humanitarian Law) and with the Investment Trade Policy Division. She graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto in 1994 and was called to the Bar in British Columbia in 1995.

Nasim, Khawar

After completing his Masters of Business Administration in International Business from McGill University, Khawar Nasim joined the Department's European Investment and Technology Division in 1993. In 1996, Khawar moved to the Southeast Asia Trade Division, where he contributed to the successful 1997 and 1998 Team Canada Trade Missions. Rome is his first foreign assignment.



Stulken, Peter

Since May 1999, Peter Stulken has been serving as Trade Commissioner in the Canadian Consulate in Düsseldorf, Germany, covering health sciences with an emphasis on medical devices and pharmaceuticals. Peter's last posting was in Munich (1995-98), where he was responsible for the German software market. He has also worked in the Recruitment and Training Pool (1993-95) and the Trade Communications Division (1993).

Latin America and the Caribbean

Allard, Stéphanie

Stéphanie Allard started as Trade Program Manager in Bogotá in August. Before that, she spent three years in Moscow as Trade Commissioner responsible for bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, trade policy, financing, agri-food, medical, services and cultural industries. Stéphanie, an economist, joined DFAIT in 1993.



Cooper, Michelle

Michelle Cooper will be posted to Chile for three years, covering trade policy issues, including the Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement, as well as promoting agricultural exports. Michelle graduated from the University of British Columbia with an MA in Economics. She worked at Nesbitt Burns before joining DFAIT in 1997. She has held positions relating to Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and market access and trade policy.

Egyed, Peter

Peter Egyed joined DFAIT in 1990 (after having been Director of Trade Promotion at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce) and spent his first five years in the United States Trade and Investment Bureau. He was First Secretary (Commercial) at the Canadian Embassy in Rome (1996-99). In Mexico City, he is responsible for mining equipment and services, transportation, aerospace and defence, and oversees the telecommunications, information technology, construction and building products and educational services fields, among others.



Gartke, John

John Gartke is First Secretary (Commercial) at the Canadian Embassy in San José, Costa Rica, which includes Nicaragua and Honduras. John previously served as Trade Commissioner responsible for Brazil and Mercosur in the South America Division at headquarters, from 1996 to 1999. He also served as Second Secretary (Commercial) at the Canadian Embassy in Bogotá, Colombia (1993-96).

Harwood, Randy

Randy Harwood joined the Department in 1982 and has held postings in Egypt, Australia, Iran and South Africa. Following the completion of his most recent assignment as Senior Departmental Assistant to the Minister for International Trade, Randy assumed his new duties as Commercial Counsellor of the Trade Section at the Canadian Embassy in Santiago, Chile.

