

Canadians share their

views on hemispheric relations

People across Canada and throughout the hemisphere can now take part in an open discussion about the future of the Americas. PanAm *byDesign* (www.panam-bydesign.net) is an interactive Web site that was featured at the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development (CCFPD) roundtable on the Americas, held in Calgary on March 17. The 80 participants from business, labour, NGOs and universities used the site to broadcast their day-long discussions to the Internet world.

The site was created by the University of Toronto McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology E-lab. Said director Liss Jeffrey, "We are very grateful for the opportunity to work with the CCFPD, and celebrate your far-sightedness and willingness to go outside the routine."

Taking part in the Calgary roundtable were: Professors Stephen Randall, Barbara Arneil, Maureen Wilson and Mark Dickerson; NGO activists Ricardo Acuna, John Chan and Nola Kate Seymoar; and Anna Nitoslawska of the Canadian Labour Congress. Presentations were made on human security, democracy and civil society in the hemisphere. DFAIT Assistant Deputy Minister (Americas) George Haynal was the keynote speaker.

To view the presentations and reports from the Calgary discussions, consult the following Web site:

www.panam-bydesign.net/ccfpd

The report on the Calgary roundtable recommends a human security focus to Canada's relations with other countries in the hemisphere, a role for the public in setting Canadian priorities, and attention to education, poverty, human rights, sustainable development and economic/trade issues.

The next Americas discussion will be held in Halifax on July 8, 1999. The focus will be on democratic development and civil society. Meetings this fall will be in Whitehorse, Montréal and Toronto. Other meetings will follow in 2000. ●—

Annual report highlights

June marks the third birthday of the CCFPD. Thousands of Canadians have been engaged in a wide range of activities and policy discussions, according to the latest CCFPD annual report, *Foreign Policy*

by Canadians. Public foreign policy development activities have included:

- 18 meetings of the National Forum on Canada's International Relations in 15 cities since 1996;
- 45 issue roundtables in Ottawa with Ministers and senior officials; and
- 75 other roundtables and conferences across Canada.

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