

# POSTING SERVICES CENTRE UPDATE

## COMMUNITY LIAISON SECTION

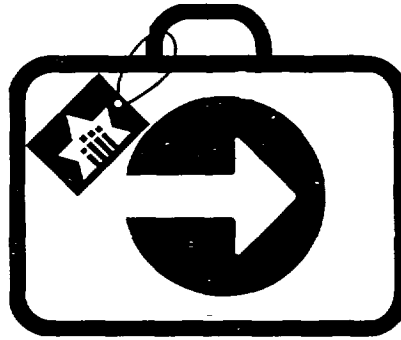
**Community Coordinators** — the program continues to expand. To date, 29 posts have given contracts to 38 spouses in order to implement it. (See page 6 for the complete list.)

A second "Community Coordinator Newsletter" — this one from Canberra — has now been received in the Centre. Entitled "Comments", it offers lively, informative articles on items of interest to Canadians who are posted there. (See page 6 for more details.) In addition, three workshops pertaining to the Community Coordinator Program were recently held at the Posting Services Centre. Judging from the evaluations and comments received, the 36 participants were satisfied with both the content and the methodologies employed. Future courses will be organized based on the feedback from these pilot workshops.

**Education.** A document, "Education Systems at Posts Abroad" has just been sent to all posts. In the Posting Services Centre, in addition to the "Post Education Reports", documentation is also available on international school systems, the Quebec and Ontario systems, boarding schools in Canada, and Canadian colleges and universities in the Commonwealth. These documents may be consulted in the Centre or obtained on loan.

**Employment possibilities.** 48 posts have now completed the *Employment Possibilities Study* and 468 potential employers have been identified. Our thanks to all those who were involved in this project.

Your efforts have resulted in the accumulation of material in the Centre which will greatly assist other spouses who are being posted and seeking employment.



## FOREIGN LANGUAGE SECTION

As of June, foreign language training had been provided in 28 languages to 78 employees, 52 spouses and 7 dependants who were being posted. For those being cross-posted, 19 employees and 9 spouses received language courses, plus efforts were made to enable 36 employees, 16 spouses and 4 dependants to undertake immersion training.

Should you require language training for your posting, please contact the officers at 996-3124 or meet with them on D-2.

## POSTING OPERATIONS AND TRAINING SECTION

In conjunction with the Foreign Service Community Association, information kits on the Ottawa/Hull area have been prepared and as of June 15 were mailed to 225 employees and their families who were returning home this summer or fall.

The kits contain useful information on housing, mortgages, education, community services, travel tips, customs information, and maps of Ottawa/Hull and Canada.

All posts abroad also received a kit and those implementing the Community Coordinator program received an additional one for reference.

We wish to remind employees returning home to come to the Posting Services Centre upon their arrival to obtain more information, receive their "rounds sheet" and be booked for a medical appointment with Health and Welfare Canada.

**Pre-posting Seminars and Briefings:** statistical summary for 1985.

35 pre-posting briefing workshops

362 participants including 111 spouses

13 pre-posting administrative briefings

258 participants including 71 spouses.

## FRENCH CLASSES FOR SPOUSES

From the end of September 1985 to mid-June 1986, French classes for spouses, at the beginner and intermediate levels, will be held in the Official Languages Division (ADL) of External Affairs.

The emphasis will be on improving oral expression, but reading and writing skills will also be studied. Classes will have six to 12 students and will be held twice a week — Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday — for three hours each day. Should there be sufficient interest, evening sessions could also be organized.

To register, or to receive further information, contact: Nicole Coulombe, Official Languages Division, Department of External Affairs, 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, K1A 0G2, Phone: 996-8514.

## OUR FRONT COVER — Canadian Winter by Jacques Frechette



An admirer of Canadian 19th century painters, sensitive to the savage beauty and harshness of life of yester-year, Jacques Frechette willingly takes the perspectives of the old masters and imaginatively adapts them to his own creations.

Having participated in various exhibits in Montreal, Ottawa and Geneva (where he completed his studies in Public International Law), he now pursues his artistic interests as often as time allows.

Jacques has been with the Department for the last four years and is presently assigned to the Economic Law and Treaty Division.

