

The Department of External Affairs announced today that senior officials had held a meeting on May 4th with individuals from the academic community and from organizations closely linked to that community. Relations in general between the Department and university specialists in international relations and area studies were discussed. A number of specific projects for developing closer contacts were reviewed, such as the foreign service visitor programme, exchanges of speakers, support of research, exchange of information and organization of seminars. There will be continuing consultation about such programmes.

The Chairman of the meeting was Mr. A.E.Ritchie, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. He was accompanied by Mr. Paul Tremblay, Associate Under-Secretary, and officials from several branches of the Department. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, was host at a luncheon for those participating in the meeting. Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, also attended the luncheon.

Participants in the meeting included the following persons:

Dr. G.C. Andrew	Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
Professor R. Joubarne	University of Montreal
Dean R. de Chantal	University of Montreal
Professor M.S. Donnelly	University of Manitoba
Professor A. Donneur	University of Quebec
Professor H.E. English	Carleton University
Mgr. J. Garneau	Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
Mr. Gordon Hawkins	Canadian Institute of International Affairs
Professor K.J. Holsti	University of British Columbia
Professor J. Hyndman	University of Ottawa
Professor A. Legault	Laval University
Dean R. St. J. Macdonald	University of Toronto
Dean H. Reid	Laval University
Professor G. Reuber	University of Western Ontario
Professor A. Rotstein	University of Toronto
Professor D. Stairs	Dalhousie University
Professor D. Verney	York University