

a Negotiated Development Grant can only bring together a fraction of the Departmental staff.

The Cooperative Research Centres we are advocating are a sort of poor man version of the Negotiated Development Grant. Their purpose is to achieve cooperative research planning not by bringing research teams up to a critical size within a University but by promoting inter-university cooperation by means of a format which would give substance and continuity to this much advocated and much elusive goal.

Financial support for this type of endeavour is only a fraction of the cost of Negotiated Development Grants and yet it fulfills some of the latter's more important functions. Furthermore, we have tried out this formula at the Station de Biologie de l'Universite de Montreal and we are satisfied that it is worthy of consideration.

Types of Scientific Cooperation

Scientific cooperation is nowadays becoming more and more popular and is done in many different ways: there are (a) field expeditions where a group of scientists join their efforts to study a problem where it exists, an example could be the adaptations of Eskimos to their own environment; (b) collaborations between different laboratories, different disciplines in a given institution; (c) sharing of equipment between different investigators; (d) workshops or study groups where different scientists pool their thinking; and (e) there could be cooperative research centres of the type described below.