

beginning with the Midi-Pyrénées and Rhône-Alpes regions. Consequently, Canada participated in SITEF (Salon International des Technologies et Energies du Futur) for the first time in October 1987. This exhibition is held every two years in Toulouse. A Midi-Pyrénées mission, focused on high technology, has also just made a tour through Canada as part of the Canadian economic awareness program.

In association with the Canadian Consulate in Lyon, the "Science and Technology" unit of the Embassy is currently organizing "technological exchange days" in the plastics industry with assistance from the Canadian Plastics Institute and the CRIQ as well as with professional organizations from the Rhône-Alpes region. They are to be held in the fall of 1988. For its part, the Rhône-Alpes region has just opened a Canadian representation office in Montréal which will emphasize technological transfers.

Recently, contacts were made with those in charge of technological development and interested industrial concerns in the Strasbourg region, during an "economic day" organized with the participation of the Ontario Delegation in France.

Jacques-Cartier Meetings

In concluding this synopsis of regional activities, mention should be made of the huge success of the first Jacques-Cartier meetings, which were held in Lyon in June 1987. These meetings brought together more than 400 French and Canadian experts, primarily from Quebec, in 13 simultaneous scientific conferences in different sectors: from cardiovascular research to new materials, and from the environment to civil engineering, etc. The organizer of the operation was Alain Bideau, Director of the Centre Jacques-Cartier, who has proposed organizing a second set of meetings in Montréal in September 1988.

The Canadian Provinces

The Canadian Provinces, recognizing the immense possibilities which international co-operation in R&D increasingly offers, have expanded their efforts in France over the past two years. For example, the visit to France in October 1987 by two representatives of the Alberta Research Council made it possible to determine areas of co-operation, particularly with the Institut Français du Pétrole. The same applied to the Ontario Research Foundation whose President and Research Director travelled to France in April 1988 concerning the sectors of materials and data processing. The province of