

Africa and Middle East

Lajos Árendàs is now working in **Beirut** as Counsellor (Commercial). From 2000 to 2002, he served as Program Manager of the Political and Public Affairs section in Beirut. He was previously posted to Guatemala (1995-1998). In addition, he has worked in Ottawa with the Task Force on Central and Eastern Europe (1993), the Caribbean and Central America Division (1993-1995), and the Human Rights Division (1998-2000).



Anne Argyris is now Head of Consulate in **Dubai**. In Ottawa, she worked in the Import Controls Trade Policy Division (1986-1988) and the Export Information Systems Division (1995-1996), and served as Deputy Director, WIN Exports (1996-1998). She also worked in the United States Business Development Division as Deputy Director, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Investment and Services (1998-1999), and as Acting Director (1999) and Deputy Director, Trade and Investment (Northern Region) (1999-2000). She served as well as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (2000-2001), and as Deputy Director in the South Asia Division (2001-2002). Her postings were to New Delhi (Immigration) (1983-1986), Beijing (1989-1992) and Hong Kong (1992-1995).



Maurice Bernier is Trade Program Manager in **Rabat**. Since 1978, he has worked in Ottawa as Special Assistant, Deputy Minister's Office (1984-1985), as Desk Officer, Western Europe Division (1985-1987), and in the Competition Policy Division (1991-1992), the Africa and Middle East Division (1992-1995), and the Canadian Foreign Service Institute (1999-2002). His postings were to Kinshasa (1978-1979), Lagos (1979-1980), Paris (1980-1984) and Brussels (1987-1991), and to the European Union (1995-1999).



Geneviève Dionne is currently serving in **Algiers** as Trade Commissioner and Head of the Cooperation section. In Ottawa, she worked as a desk officer in the Maghreb and Arabian Peninsula Division. Prior to joining the Department, Geneviève worked in the private sector (1997-1999), with Les Rues Principales Varennes (1999-2001) and at Transport Canada (2001).



James Hannah is now Trade Commissioner in **Dubai** responsible for the agricultural and food program in the Gulf region. While located in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), he is also responsible for assisting with activities related to agri-food trade in the Gulf area, including the UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Iran, Lebanon and Egypt. He has extensive overseas experience and has served in Tanzania (1981-1983), Pakistan (1987-1988), Guyana (1991-1992) and Korea (1994-1998). Prior to accepting the posting to Dubai, he was Senior Marketing and Trade Officer, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, in New Westminster, B.C.



Michael Lazaruk is now posted to **Riyadh** as Trade Commissioner. He previously served as Desk Officer for Pakistan in the South Asia Division (2001-2002). Prior to joining the Trade Commissioner Service he worked for many years in Japan and speaks some Japanese.



Tracy Reynolds is serving in **Damascus** as Trade Commissioner. In Ottawa, he has worked in the Export Financing Division (1996), the Eastern Europe Division (1996-1997), and the International Economic Relations and Summit Division (2001-2002). He was previously posted to Moscow (1998-2001).



George Sanderson is currently serving in **Kuwait** as Program Manager. Since joining the Department, George has worked in Ottawa in the Western Europe Trade, Investment and Technology Division (1991-1995), and the South Pacific Division (1995-1996). He was previously posted to Damascus (1996-2000) and Riyadh (2000-2002).

Kenneth Wong is now serving as Trade Commissioner in **Johannesburg**. He joined the Department in 1999 and was assigned to the Export Development Division as Special Projects Desk Officer and Project Manager, Dow Jones Interactive Training Initiative. Before his posting to South Africa, his last headquarters assignment was as Desk Officer responsible for the ICT sector in the Japan Division.



Asia Pacific

Nancy Bernard is now Trade Commissioner and Vice-Consul in **Hong Kong**. In Ottawa, she worked in the Southeast Asia Division (2001-2002) and also had an assignment in the Trade Commissioner Service Post Support Unit (1999-2000).



Jeff Blackstock is posted to **Sydney** as Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner. Since 1989, he has worked in Ottawa on U.S. trade and economic policy, air transport services and Canada-Mexico trade. Most recently he served as Deputy Director, trade, Southeast Asia Division (1999-2002). His previous posting was to San José, Costa Rica (1996-1999).



Louis-Pierre Emond is now serving in **Tokyo** as Trade Commissioner. Since 1999, he has worked in the Team Canada Inc Secretariat (1999), and in the Western Europe Division as Desk Officer for France (1999-2000). He attended Japanese language training from 2000 to 2002.



Matthew Fraser is currently serving in **Tokyo** as Third Secretary (Commercial), dealing with forestry and building products. Previously, he served in Ottawa as Trade Commissioner in the Japan Division (2000-2001) and attended Japanese language training (2001-2002).

