

Canadian Embassy building in Warsaw wins awards

For the second year in a row, the new Canadian Embassy building in Warsaw, completed in 2001, has won a prestigious architectural award. This past October, the City of Warsaw named it the Best Public Building of 2002. And in 2001, the English-language bi-monthly magazine *Polish Business News* named it Best Building of the Year.

"I want to extend my sincere congratulations to the Canadian design team at WZMH Architects of Toronto on their tremendous achievement in designing this unique representation of Canada and our relationship with Poland," said Minister Graham last October 25.

The building's design captures Canada's character. Much of the façade, for example, is clear glass. During the day, sun streams through

the windows and skylight. At night, lights give passersby a dramatic view of the two-storey Canada Room within. Either way, the design reflects the Canadian ideals of transparency and openness.

To take a virtual tour of the Embassy, visit: www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/canadaeuropa/poland/tour1-en.asp

Foreign Policy Dialogue launched

On January 22, Minister Graham invited all Canadians to participate in national consultations on future priorities and directions in Canadian foreign policy. To guide discussions, the Minister released a paper entitled *A Dialogue on Foreign Policy*. This offers an overview of current issues and challenges, and poses a series of questions to which Canadians are invited to respond.

The consultations, which began in March, include town hall meetings and input from citizens, parliamentarians and experts, as well as an Internet discussion forum. The discussions will end on May 1, and in June the Minister will report to Canadians on the responses received.

For more information, visit: www.foreign-policy-dialogue.ca

You can also obtain a copy of the discussion paper by calling 1-800-267-8376 (toll-free), or by writing to: A Dialogue on Foreign Policy, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2.

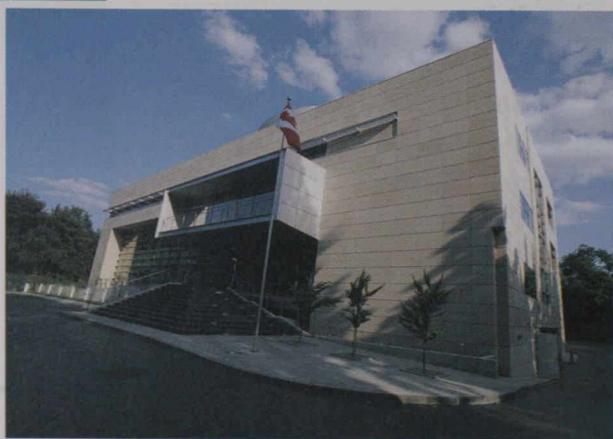
Young Canadians intern in the world's museums

Last September, 10 young Canadians set off to work in 10 different institutions in New Zealand, Australia and Britain. Their positions had been arranged under the Canadian Museums Association (CMA) project of DFAIT's Youth International Internship Program (YIIP).

Among recent CMA project participants: Robin Smith, assistant at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Surrey, U.K.; Jennifer Ellison, research assistant at the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, University of Sydney, Camperdown, Australia; Rob Armour, public programs designer for the Forrester Gallery, Oamaru, New Zealand; and Brenda Manweiler, assistant curator at the Queen Elizabeth II Army Memorial Museum, Waiouru, New Zealand.

YIIP operates in partnership with private- and public-sector, non-governmental and international organizations. It builds international links and furthers cultural initiatives, while providing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for Canadian youth. Similar placements exist for international trade and global issues projects.

For more information:
www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/interns



The main entrance of the award-winning new Canadian Embassy building in Warsaw, Poland