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## At the Leading Edge of Information

Keeping on top of world events is essential to Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Gordon Smith. Mr. Smith accesses news sources on the Internet daily in order to follow developments in Russia or elsewhere. "Working in a 'real time' environment gives me an invaluable edge when it comes to analyzing events," he says.

The DFAIT Research Page (DRP) is a gold mine of information. It offers a starting point and reference to hundreds of sites on the Internet relevant to the business of the Department, including news sources (see *SIGNET News*, September 25, 1995). All users can access the DRP from any workstation connected to the Internet.\* To access international dailies using the

DRP as your guide — especially those listed below which Mr. Smith thinks should be of particular interest to desk officers — click on **News Media**, then on **International News**, and they (plus many others) will appear on your screen.

- African National Congress Newswire (South Africa) - Daily News Briefings (about 100 articles a day)
- CET On-Line - a free daily news service intended to provide high quality information to those interested in Central and Eastern Europe.
- CNN World News
- JCN's Jewish News Page - daily and late-breaking news

concerning **Israel and the Middle East.**

- Jerusalem Post - Israel's English-language newspaper.
- People's Daily - China.
- The Electronic Telegraph - daily news and opinion from the UK and around the world.
- The Korean Economic Daily - The most traditional economic daily in Korea.
- USA Today World

Questions about the DRP? Please contact Rick Dossett or Clancy Coughlin, Information Resource Services (SKS), via SIGNET.

\* Standalone workstations having access to the Internet can be found in the Library, in the BICOs and the LISOs. The URL or address of the DRP is:

<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/res>

## Important Notice!

### SIGNET Workshop Schedule

Please note that no one-hour SIGNET Workshops will be held at Headquarters until April 1. The regular all-day courses (SIGNET/ICONDESK, Quattro Pro and WordPerfect for Windows) will continue to be held. Please contact Marie Morin of the SIGNET Client Services Division (STC) at 996-2476 if you would like to take one of these courses.

## New Name for *SIGNET News*!

As the Information Systems (STD) and Information Resources Bureaux (SKD) will merge effective April 1 (see page 2), *SIGNET News* will be re-named to reflect the new organization. Look for a new name soon...

### Coming Soon on the DRP...

Links to departmental newsletters, news releases, statements and the Library On-Line Catalogue. The *News* will keep you posted on these developments.