

INSERM stated that it was pleased with its agreement with the Medical Research Council. It would also like to benefit from the Mois-Chercheurs program.

A review of the co-operative efforts on the priority topics defined during the Sixth Session of the CMS in Vancouver (biotechnology, space, oceanography) elicited the following comments:

The key figures in the area of Biotechnology were the INRA (for France) and Agriculture Canada. This co-operation was active and satisfactory and resulted in a constant series of exchanges.

France's key organization in the Space field is the CNES. A group of different research centres, which were recently organized into a future Space Agency, fulfill a parallel role for Canada. Scientific co-operation in this area could be more diversified. Consequently, two topics were selected for implementation: human physiology in space and applications of remote sensing. A more detailed study of the complementary aspects of the space industries of our two countries could result in more substantial cooperation.

Oceanology, which is currently a dormant sector, nonetheless continues to command full attention. Certain programs are underway.

With respect to prospective topics, co-operative proposals on Cold Region Technologies have resulted in programs being established in which the LCPC and the CNRS are involved on the French side and the NRC, C-CORE, the University of Manitoba and Carleton University are involved on the Canadian side.

In the area of New Materials, co-operation has occurred primarily within the CNRS/NRC framework.

New projects presented to the CMS should ensure the revival of this sector.

Canadian requests concerning Telecommunications and Data Processing, have not yet stimulated the interest of French groups operating in this field.

As for other sectors, the scheduled Land Transportation program has been partially carried out. In the area of Civil Aviation, the presence of the Department of Transport Canada's VSNA division has ensured ongoing technological co-operation.