

6. Prospects for the future

The past three years have shown a dramatic expansion of Canadian Studies in The Netherlands. This expansion was the result of the combined effort of Canadian government officials of the Canadian Embassy at The Hague and of a small but highly dedicated group of Dutch Canadianists. With the help of several Canadian programmes that do fund Canadian Studies outside Canada, the Studiegenootschap Canada (A.C.S.N.) could be founded.

To date the Studiegenootschap Canada is the proponent of Canadian Studies in The Netherlands and it will remain so in the years to come. Continuation of the Studiegenootschap's activities at the present scope and rate of intensity will undoubtedly lead to a further expansion of Canadian Studies in The Netherlands. In order to continue its activities the Studiegenootschap Canada is now starting to seek funds outside Canada. The first modest attempts at corporate funding have been successful and I am confident that other attempts will yield similar results.

Young as the Studiegenootschap Canada is, it yet has built itself a reputation. What was started with all modesty and restraint has matured quickly. Canadian Studies in The Netherlands are entering a new phase and the Studiegenootschap Canada is well prepared to monitor and promote further developments in a field that is becoming more and more accepted within the Dutch academe.

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