

Technology Inflow Program (TIP)

This program of Canada's Department of External Affairs was created in 1985 and facilitates international co-operation by providing Canadian scientists and engineers with financial support in helping them become acquainted with foreign technologies which respond to their needs. Within the framework of this program, ___ missions on the part of Canadian businesses were conducted in France. TIP also provided financial support to exploratory missions by specialists who want to gather information on new technologies for Canadian industry, identify key individuals, facilitate initial contacts and recommend joint ventures. One example of such support was the Mission organized in France by the Canadian Department of Communications in the fall of 1987, to identify possible opportunities for co-operation in the area of pre-competitive R&D in the information technologies sector.

Technology Opportunities in Europe Program (TOEP)

This program was created in 1986 to help Canadian business participate in EUREKA projects in conjunction with European partners. The \$20,000,000 program has enabled many heads of Canadian business to explore the possibilities of co-operation in technological research and development along with French and European companies. The mission of fifteen Canadian industrialists, headed by the Minister of Industrial Regional Expansion (see above), in November 1986, received a warm welcome from governmental authorities and several heads of French businesses.

Recently, the Conférence of "High level" representatives from EUREKA, agreed, according to the established procedure, to participation of the Canadian firm ZENON Environmental Ltd. in the EU-05 EUREKA project for the design and production of ultrafiltration membranes. This was the first EUREKA project in which a Canadian company became associated as a partner with European companies, which in this case was with the firms Lyonnaise des Eaux and DDS of Denmark.

Other contacts between Canadian and French industrial concerns are now in progress on other EUREKA projects and should conclude in the coming weeks or months.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Special importance was assigned to relations with regional technological research and development centres. On the industrial level, in particular, a number of regional activities have been carried out during the past year,