□POSTING SERVICES CENTRE UPDATE□

POSTING OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

Focus on Re-Entry

Since February of this year, Re-Entry Kits have been sent to 314 employees and families reassigned to Canada. In September alone, 94 returning employees and families were interviewed, and 103 medical appointments were arranged, almost all of them for employees and families coming back to Canada.

Re-Entry Workshop

Over 200 personal notices were sent out to employees recently relocated to Ottawa announcing a Re-Entry Workshop designed and co-ordinated by International Briefing Associates. The English workshop went off very successfully on October 25; "very worthwhile" was the pleased comment of 13 satisfied participants who included 9 adults and 4 children. Look for an article in a future issue of *Liaison*.

New on the Block

The new Director and staff of ABB met with some of the new FSCA Executive in late September for a review of activities and concerns.

Staff also gave two presentations on the role of ABB as part of Personnel Management Orientation programs organized by the Training Division for new staff of the Personnel Branch.

COMMUNITY LIAISON

Education Data Update

Data on day care centres, nursery schools, and kindergartens culled from 415 questionnaires received from



71 missions have been computerized and are now available on request from our data bank.

In response to our request to missions for vertication of private and public school print-outs and updated Education Facilities Reports, we have received 864 corrected print-outs and 37 updated Reports. We encourage all concerned, especially foreign service parents, to ensure that the Education Facilities Report for their mission is up-to-date so ABB can supply the best possible information to families now making their decisions about 1987 postings.

Looking Ahead

We have recently sent a letter to all Canadian boarding schools which offer five- and seven-day programs requesting that they send information on their facilities. This data will be computerized and available next March. Brochures and other material provided by the schools will be available for your perusal in our documentation centre.

Community Coordinator Program

We now have 50 Community Coordinators on contract at 40 missions. See page 5 for the complete list.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH SPOUSES

Since the last issue of *Liaison*, the following items have been sent out to spouses on the Direct Communication list:

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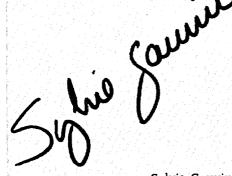
• A notice of Re-entry Workshop offered by the Posting Services and Community Liaison Division.

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• Reminder of the workshops for spouses **□**

DEAR READER FRIENDS

You will have noticed that *Liaison* doesn't look quite the same; it has adopted a new format. The changes were made to make its reading even more enjoyable. *Liaison* is evolving, a sure sign of its good health. Besides the regular columns which you are familiar with, you will find some innovations like the interview section and the anecdote contest. I sincerely hope that you will be pleased with the new formula and I wish you good reading



Sylvie Gauvin Editor

P.S. Please let me know what you think.