

administrative support for conferences and seminars on various Canadian topics is provided in foreign countries. This assistance - which ranges from grants for conference administration to information displays and participation by embassy officials - helps to ensure that conferences and seminars on Canadian subjects are well-presented and well-attended whenever they are convened abroad.

Given the high costs involved in raising consciousness of Canadian studies abroad, the Department must be extremely skilful with respect to the way its resources are deployed in this field. In consequence, to date it has concentrated on France, Great Britain, the Federal Republic of Germany, United States, Belgium, Italy and Japan. During 1977 and 1978, Canadian studies activities grew rapidly in these countries. Here are some highlights in each of these countries. In the Federal Republic of Germany, a colloquium on Canadian studies was held at the Theodor Heuss Akademie in Gummersbach. It was attended by over 60 academics representing 21 universities. A Co-ordinating Committee was elected in order to undertake the groundwork for the establishment of a permanent Association of Canadian Studies. In France, the network of communications among teachers and students interested in Canadian studies was dramatically expanded. In addition, the Association française d'études canadiennes organized a number of seminars in Paris on topics of Canadian interest. In Italy, 10 universities - at Bari, Messina, Pisa, Venice, Bologna, Turin, Urbino, Florence, Rome and Genoa - offered or planned to introduce courses on Canadian studies. Moreover, at Bologna and Pisa, a number of seminars on Canadian studies were held and plans were laid for the creation of an Italian Journal of Canadian Studies. Since that time, a Coordinating Committee on Canadian Studies has been established. In United States, Canadian studies have been growing rapidly under the sponsorship of the recently-established Association of Canadian Studies which now boasts representation from virtually every State in the Union. In addition, specific contributions were made to Yale, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern and Duke universities to continue their excellent programs in this field. In Great Britain, a full-time academic affairs officer was appointed to the Canadian High Commission in London and two new Canadian professors in Canadian studies were appointed at the Universities of Edinburgh and Sussex. In Belgium, there were valuable exchanges of professors between Antwerp and Toronto as well as exchanges of educational delegations between the two countries. Finally, in Japan, a number of special events were undertaken to commemorate the centennial of Canadian-Japanese diplomatic relations. Included here were a commissioned history of Canadian-Japanese relations; a number of exchange professorships; the realization of a Japanese Association of Canadian Studies; and a major conference on Canadian studies.

The Canadian studies program is a highly specialized program designed to promote interest in a particular aspect of academic studies - namely Canadian studies. In contrast, the program of academic and scholarship exchanges is a generalized program in the sense that it is designed to provide general opportunities for students and scholars to study, regardless of their particular field of specialization. In financial, if not in strategic terms, this program is many times larger than the resources available for academic relations with other countries.

At the post-graduate level, the Department offers approximately 150 scholarships - of about \$ 7,000 each - to scholars from some 20 countries spread throughout the world. These scholarship opportunities are administered on behalf of the Department of External Affairs by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research