

# Canadian Wins King Faisal International Prize

Canadian James Francis Gusella is one of three researchers to share this year's King Faisal International Prize for Medicine. Gusella, who is Bullard Professor of Neurogenetics at Harvard Medical School, received the award for groundbreaking research on Huntington's disease. Huntington's dis-

ease results in totally disabling motor disorders and functional and psychiatric changes.

The prestigious King Faisal International prizes are presented annually in several categories. Merit governs the selection process, and each prize includes a cash award of

US\$200,000. The 1997 announcement brings the total number of laureates to 118 from 32 countries.

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than in the United States; and a low dollar, which has helped make Canada a great place for exporters — exports have been climbing by 16-17 per cent annually for much of the decade.

These advantages may seem obvious to Canadians. But they are not always apparent to foreign investors. To help companies decide to invest or reinvest in Canada, the International Marketing Group of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade conducts various marketing and communication activities. For example, it has recently produced Canada Investment Facts, an electronic presentation in Acrobat Reader, and released a new issue of its international newsletter, Canada Investment News, providing information on investment successes, prospects and joint ventures or strategic alliances with partners in Canada.

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Among the multinationals stepping up their investment in Canada in recent years are:

- Merck Frosst — \$260 million in pharmaceutical R&D spending over the past five years.
- Ericsson Communications Inc. — over \$375 million invested since the early 1990s to expand R&D facilities and develop a technical assistance centre.
- Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited — a \$4.5-billion investment in plant facilities and equipment since 1992.
- Cosmair Canada — \$25 million spent in 1996 to expand manufacturing capacity for cosmetics.
- Wyeth-Ayerst Canada Inc. — \$60 million spent in 1993 on a plant to produce the active ingredient in Premarin, a hormone-replacement product.
- Petresa Canada Inc. — a \$180-million joint venture between SCF and Petroquímica Espanola to produce an essential component in the manufacture of surfactants.
- Stora Forest Industries — \$650 million allocated to construction of a state-of-the-art specialty paper plant.
- Testori Americas Corporation — construction of a \$1-million plant in 1994 to build specialized interior components for aircraft and mass transit vehicles, followed shortly by the announcement of an \$11-million expansion.
- Standard Knitting Ltd. — \$8 million invested to upgrade computer technology and buy advanced knitting equipment.