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GERMAN/CANADIAN WORKSHOP ON THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF THE RESULTS OF
RESEARCH FROM PUBLICLY FUNDED LABORATORIES

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GENERAL COMMENTS

The Workshop produced a series of well-articulated presentations followed by full, frank and lively discussions. The rapport established between all the participants was excellent and made for much stimulating informal discussions during meal breaks, coffee breaks and at the end of the various sessions.

After two and one-half days of interchange of ideas and experiences, the final session was devoted to a discussion of future activity of a bi-lateral nature. There seemed to be agreement that some effort must be made to bring about more inter-company contacts. It was suggested that this be the focus of a future workshop which would include company visits as part of its format. Participants also agreed to give some thought to more immediate prospects of such interactions and some initial discussion took place and some concrete suggestions made which will be followed up by various participants - e.g. a possible visit of company representatives from Berlin to the Waterloo Region, Guelph and Toronto to visit companies and meet with various company representatives. Exchange of information among participants regarding such possibilities was agreed upon. It was felt that much could be gained by having standing workshops, and to the building on a regional approach, based on the establishment of personal contacts.

Clearly, much was learned by all participants and much needs to be digested and reflected upon on the spectrum of activities discussed, ranging from the approach to spin-off companies through to the Co-operative Education concept.

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