

technology development officers in our embassies and are not accompanied by a public announcement.

Also, the international scientific community is similarly well connected through their publications in scientific journals and their attendance at international conferences. There are also indications that those Canadian firms which can and do participate in a number of R&D consortia are becoming "consortia-fatigued". With a number of technology development initiatives to choose from, these few firms must allocate their resources carefully in order to maximize the net benefit to the firm of its membership in these networks.