

Left to right - François Deshaies, Martin Comeau and Suzanne Barake reviewing new multi-media products.

- Student resources on vocabulary and grammar immersion programs
- Access to language software, courseware and internet tools
- Related country information on history, geography, culture, art and lifestyles

Let the Multimedia Lab Put You in the Driver's Seat

Learning or improving skills in the two official languages as well as 40 foreign languages has never been more interesting and more accessible. The multimedia language lab with 40 computers at CFSL's Bisson campus in Hull and the Pearson building library offers a range of cutting edge technology to support your language learning. Interactive CD-ROMS, DVD readers, satellite dishes and receivers are part of the tools on hand for your use. Each computer is equipped with a multilingual word processor to let you write, print and e-mail in the language of your choice. In the lab you may select from six foreign-language specialty television channels. Via the e-lang portal, lab computers allow access to many audio Internet files, including digital radio from many countries.

Family Matters in 2000

Of 175 students enrolled in pre-posting language training during the year 2000, 25 were spouses.

Maintaining the Language Edge

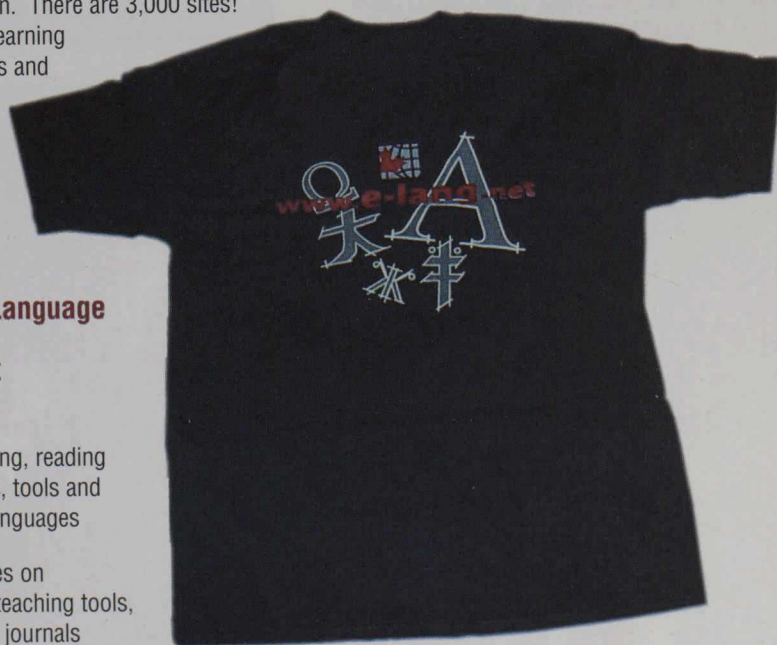
Language maintenance classes at HQ include 16 groups (39 students) in languages of the Americas; nine groups (42 students) in European languages and 12 groups (97 students) in languages of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Around the world, CFSL has partnered with missions to deliver over \$600,000 worth of language maintenance training programs.

Virtual Invitation to Language Learning Support [www. E-lang.net](http://www.E-lang.net)

Here is where we can help you do it via the Internet. Scroll down. There are 3,000 sites! This new language learning resource for teachers and students offers everything from proficiency tests to a course on how to improve your letter writing skills.

The Centre for Language Training's site www.e-lang.net will provide:

- Listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, tools and activities in 40 languages
- Teacher resources on methodologies, teaching tools, conferences and journals



Tell us how you used e-lang.net at work or to improve your language proficiency. E-mail your story to Gerald Redmond (CFSL). T-shirts will be sent to the 10 most interesting entries.

A New Format

Savoir-faire will focus on specific themes in this and subsequent issues. Language training is the subject of this issue. Future topics will include management development, distance learning and pre-posting training. This thematic approach should help employees better understand training and how it interacts with other HR processes.

OGDs Climb on Board

Registration for CFSL's pre-posting language training for personnel in other government departments doubled from 1999 to 2000.