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Fiche 7.05

**Secteur de coopération
Programme:**

Cooperation in the field of
communication: visual arts

**Domaine d'activité
Field of Activity:**

Canadian participation in creation of
Marconi Museum

Description:

Creation of a Marconi Museum near Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.
(This fiche is for information).

Origine/Background:

A series of events were planned in Canada in December 1981 to December 1982 to commemorate Marconi's sending and receiving of the first world transatlantic messages from Signal Hill, Newfoundland and Glace Bay, Nova Scotia to Roldhu, England. These events culminated in the presentation of the Marconi International Fellowship Award of \$35,000, at Rideau Hall. A Celebration Trust was set up for these events chaired by Judge René Martin. One of the ongoing projects became the creation of a museum celebrating Marconi, who lived and worked for several years at Table Head, near Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. The Italian Community and the Marconi Celebration Trust began amassing funds for this purpose.

Funds have now been committed by the Cultural Initiatives Program of the Department Communications and by the Province of Nova Scotia in addition to funds donated by corporate sponsors and by the Italian Community across Canada. It is hoped that final funding of the project will be found.

Objectifs/Objectives:

Further underline the close ties between Canada and Italy in the communications field by honouring an Italian scientist whose pioneering work was made possible by the generosity of the Canadian and provincial governments of the time.

Décision et mise en oeuvre/Decision and Implementation:

This fiche is for information. The Italian side has informed that \$20,000 has also been provided by the Italian National Research Council. The Ministry of Cultural Heritage of Italy is going to set up a National Committee for the celebration in 1987 of the fiftieth anniversary of Marconi's death. Within the activities to be undertaken by such a Committee the Marconi museum could be officially recognized.

Institutions et Organismes/Organizations and Institutions:

Department of Communications
Environment Canada
Department of Manpower and Immigration

**Financement
Financing:**

**Calendrier, suivi
Schedule, follow-up:**