

already existing subsidization by other Government departments and agencies and private funding institutions, the Academic Relations Service examines possibilities for further financial assistance for advanced studies and research and takes appropriate action. Generally speaking, the Service's object is to ensure a continuing dialogue and a close relation and, most important of all, mutual respect and confidence, between officials engaged in the pursuit and execution of foreign policy and those scholars who devote themselves to researching and reflecting on international affairs, particularly those of operational relevance to the Department.

The *Cultural Affairs Division* is responsible for the conduct of cultural relations between Canada and other countries so far as these contacts proceed through intergovernmental channels. It also maintains liaison with other agencies, both official and private, with a view to making Canada better known through cultural and educational activities. It has specific responsibility for the governmental aspects of Canada's membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and provides departmental liaison with the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO. The division's duties include primary responsibility for negotiating and administering cultural agreements with other countries and developing cultural programs with them (including such activities as scholarship programs, exchanges of professors, tours by performing arts groups and art exhibitions). It arranges for Canadian participation in cultural events outside Canada, such as festivals of the arts and handicrafts, selected international exhibitions and competitions, and participation by foreign artists and cultural personalities in similar events in Canada. It helps keep Canadian cultural organizations informed of cultural activities outside the country and provides general assistance to Canadian students, artists and professors going abroad. It has a book-presentation program that arranges donations of Canadian books to libraries abroad, and it handles questions arising from international agreements on intellectual property and copyright.

The *Information Division* has two main responsibilities: (1) to convey to the people of other countries a knowledge and understanding of Canada and the Canadian people and (2) to provide information on Canada's external policy and the work of the Department of External Affairs to Canadians as well as citizens of other countries. The division produces and distributes a variety of publications, such as *Statements and Speeches*, *Reference Papers*, *Reprints*, the departmental bimonthly journal *International Perspectives*, the *Canadian Weekly Bulletin* and several booklets and folders in English, French and certain foreign languages. It also purchases a number of Canadian publications in quantity for distribution abroad. In association with the National Film Board, the division organizes the distribution of films by Canadian posts. It also co-operates with Information Canada/Expositions (the former Canadian Government Exhibition Commission) in the provision of display materials to posts for trade fairs and exhibitions in other countries. It is responsible for liaison between the Department and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), and for co-operation with the CBC International Service. The division also operates a visits program under which prominent journalists are brought to Canada.