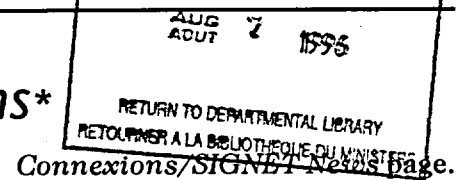


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Editor's Note

Welcome to the first issue of *Connexions**

The recent merger of the Information Systems (STD) and Information Resources Bureau (SKD) to form the new Information Management and Technology Bureau (SXD) gave us the opportunity to re-name *SIGNET News* to reflect the scope and mandate of SXD, and the diversity of our product. We ran a Bureau-wide contest offering a bottle of Director General Rick Kohler's best Bordeaux to the winner. The winner turned out to be Mike Munroe (Paris) with his submission: *Connexions*. Congratulations, Mike!

The new Information Management and Technology Bureau offers a broad suite of co-ordinated information management services to address the information and technology needs of the Department. Our goal is to "connect" you with

those services so that you can work smarter.

It is you, our client, who helps to make the newsletter what it is. Your ideas for future articles are most welcome. Our e-mail address is Suggestions.

Surf Your Turf

Staff at Headquarters are reminded that since the launch of the Intranet in March, you can now read *Connexions/SIGNET News* online. In fact, beginning in June you will only receive the newsletter electronically. To access *Connexions*, open the Netscape application in Network Applications. The list of recent additions found in the What's New section of the DFAIT Intranet Home Page links directly to the

How to distribute *Connexions* electronically to SIGNETized posts is currently under discussion. For reasons of bandwidth, the majority of posts will, however, continue to receive the newsletter in hard copy for sometime to come. We'll keep you advised.

Douglas Rosenthal
Director
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* not to be confused with *ConneXions - The Interoperability Report* - published monthly by the Interop Company, a division of SOFTBank Expos, Foster City, California, who kindly gave us permission to use the name *Connexions* for the Department's information management and technology newsletter.

STD + SKD = **SXD**

Delivering Information Management and Technology to Meet Corporate Objectives

To Our Clients

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the new Information Management and Technology Bureau (SXD), an organization designed and positioned, in consultation with you, our clients, to meet the Department's information management and technology needs in today's constantly changing business environment.

SXD resulted from the recent merger of the Information Systems Bureau (STD) and the Information Resources Bureau (SKD). The key

reason for the merger was to improve the delivery of information management and technology services to the "sharp" end of the Department. SXD builds upon STD's and SKD's expertise and co-operative efforts. Its strength is the synergy achieved when information resources and technology merge.

The Department's currency is *information*. How to effectively use that information is the biggest challenge we are facing. Information management and technology are therefore critical to the successful achievement of the

Department's objectives. SXD is responsible for developing and facilitating the information management function to help achieve the Department's objectives. The Bureau is also responsible for providing leadership in support of the Department's move towards more effective use and management of information.

Commitment to Clients *Joint Efforts to Achieve Mutual Goals*

Who is motivating SXD? You

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