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Editorial

It is always difficult in a magazine of 16 pages to capture the spirit and essence of a country the size of Canada. But in this issue, we are able to give an indication of the range and scope of Canada's many interests.

On the international front, Canada has just played host to the annual Economic Summit of major industrialised nations - the so-called G-7 summit - which was held in Toronto in June.

This is the third summit meeting that Canada has hosted in the past 10 months as well as the winter Olympics held in Calgary in February.

In October last year, Canada hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit in Vancouver; and in September, it hosted the Francophone Summit in Quebec.

On the technological front (but still in the international sphere), Canada has just confirmed its participation in the United States space station programme, along with a number of European countries.

Canada was the third country in the world to put a satellite in orbit (after the Soviet Union and the US) and will be drawing on its 25 years of space-technology experience to construct the station's Mobile Servicing System (see article on page 4).

Elsewhere in this issue, we show how Canada is taking constructive steps to reduce the damage

caused by acid rain; and conserving wilderness heritage through a national parks system which covers an area that is about the size of England and is by far the largest in the world.

We also report on Canada's participation in this year's Edinburgh Festival, and preview an upcoming exhibition of Canadian sculptures that is moving from the Venice Biennale to the Canada House Gallery in London.

And finally, we report on that most Canadian of institutions, the RCMP Musical Ride, which the Mounties recently performed in Britain before setting off on a tour of much of the rest of Europe.

International conferences, space technology, wilderness protection, the Edinburgh Festival and the RCMP all provides a glimpse of some of the diverse interests that Canada now pursues both at home and around the world.



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