

Health and Medical Research

Co-operation in this area of research continues to be very active in many sectors, such as immunology, genetics, and enzymology, in which joint projects exist. Funding for researcher exchanges has been provided by agreements concluded with the Medical Research Council and the Fonds de la Recherche en Santé du Québec on the one hand, and with INSERM and the CNRS on the other.

Nuclear Energy

The visit to France in 1988 of the Chairman of the Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board, elicited interest in establishing links and information exchanges with the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique et l'Electricité de France, particularly concerning nuclear security and safety.

Co-operative Exchanges and Resources

Any summary of exchanges would surely be incomplete if it limited itself to the Program of Activity administered by the Joint Scientific Commission. There are many university exchanges each year (about one hundred university agreements exist in this area). The Canadian Embassy in Paris does not, unfortunately, have any statistics on the subject. The CNRS/NRC, CNRS/MRC and INSERM/MRC agreements, as have been seen, provide for many missions to be conducted on both sides. Similarly, the Canada/France Program of Scientific and Technological Co-operation (previously known in Canada under the name "Mois-Chercheurs") allowed for 32 missions of Canadian researchers in France during 1987-1988, yielding a total 65 researcher-months.

Fellowships and grants for studies and further training awarded as part of the intergovernmental agreement of 1965, should also be mentioned. About twelve each year are given out by both sides in scientific disciplines.

On the other hand, the program of ten annual post-doctoral fellowships, initiated by the National Research Council and exclusively intended for French citizens, was extended in 1987 to the countries of the Economic Summit. This modification has considerably reduced the numbers of post-doctoral contacts. We might finally mention the many Canadian university researchers who select France for lengthy stays during their sabbaticals.