

incorporated into a book detailing the contributions of Canadians to international work in the area of disability which is being produced as a separate project. 25-30 people participated in the workshop.

"Future Directions in Pursuing International Disability Issues" by Aldred Neufeldt of the University of Calgary and Henry Enns of CCDS provided a context for the emergence of disability issues internationally and summarized the main activities and accomplishments of Canadian disability organizations with respect to international work. Following this, the authors analyze themes derived from the research data on the international book and conclude with some observations on the frameworks within which the themes may be interpreted followed by conclusions about implications for future priority and directions.

"Canadian Foreign Policy And Disability" by Deborah Stienstra provided a brief overview of the elements of Canadian Foreign Policy and outlined the "checkered career" of the involvement of people with disabilities and their organizations in the development of domestic and foreign policy relating to disability especially immigration policy and landmines. She then indicated that foreign policy which includes disability issues must be developed in an integrated manner.

The discussion which followed the presentations enabled participants to raise fruitful questions and stress the need for further dialogue on the role of Canadian disability organizations in the development of Canadian Foreign Policy. Key points were as follows:

1. People with disabilities, academics, researchers, organizations, etc. must be aware of the economic forces that shape our lives and the effect of globalization on our local economies. Researchers have a role to play in providing people with disabilities and disability organizations with needed information to advocate for changes in the policies of international organizations and governments which will improve the lives of persons with disabilities around the world.
2. The Human Rights Commission of the United Nations adopted a resolution that United Nations agencies and governments reporting on developments in Human Rights Legislation must include disability in those reports. In addition to governments, organizations with disabilities could file parallel documents at the United Nations (similar to the women's movement) to present a more balanced portrayal of progress in Human Rights legislation and where changes need to take place.
3. Policies and programs in the area of disability which are formulated by international organizations should be based on human rights approaches and not solely on medical and rehabilitation paradigms.

As alluded to earlier, the two presentations will become chapters of a book about Canadian international contributions related to disability and these, along with presentations from other conference sessions, will be disseminated widely through placement on the CCDS website.

Further dialogue is also planned with organizations like CIDA on the role of disability organizations