

available as part of the Commercial/Economic Division.

The post has a highly developed link with the National Research Council of Canada's IRAP-ITA network and their SME clients. The prevailing focus on applied science and engineering at this post is motivated by Germany's excellence in these areas, and by the availability of two TDOs. A considerable amount of collaborative research also takes place under the Canada-Germany S&T Cooperation Agreement. The S&T Counsellor's time is devoted to ensuring smooth running of the Agreement through liaison with official ministries and technology associations to identify new areas of opportunity, remove any impediments/bottlenecks on specific projects, provide S&T policy and market intelligence, and coordinate the annual reviews or consultation meetings.

The Counsellor and the TDOs travel extensively within Germany to visit public and private R&D based organizations to build and maintain contacts and explore German capabilities. Special attention is paid to Germany's world-class trade and technology shows, e.g. Hannover Fair, Materialica, Lasertec etc.

S&TC's priorities and contacts

The S&T officers promote scientific cooperation, technology partnerships and alliances between R&D - based SMEs, and contributes to the development of trade with Germany in the following areas:

- Biotechnology and Genomics
- Industrial Machinery
- Advanced Materials
- Lasers and Photonics
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Environmental and Space Technologies

Monitored Institutions

Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology, Max Planck Institutes, Helmholtz National Centres, Fraunhofer Institutes. In addition, depending on the requests from Canadian clients, contacts are maintained on regular basis with a wide range of sectoral trade and technology associations (eg. BDI, DIHT, AIF etc).

Main Bilateral S&T Mechanisms

I. Agreement between Canada and Germany on Scientific and Technical Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding between National Research Council of Canada(NRC) and the Helmholtz Research Society (HGF).

A number of bilateral S&T arrangements were also signed in February 2002 during the Team Canada 2002 mission visit to Berlin and Munich. These include agreements between:

- CIHR's Institute of Genetics and the Canadian Genetic Diseases Network and Max Planck Institute for Molekular Genetik, Berlin;
- St. Boniface General Hospital Research Centre, Manitoba and Max-Delbruck Centre for Molecular Medicine, Berlin;
- Photonics Research Ontario, Toronto and Fruanhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering, Jena
- Laser Lab, Goettingen and NRC's Industrial Materials Institute, Boucherville