

## Property and Materiel Management LES

*In-Canada Program a Success*

The second in-Canada training program this year was delivered to 19 locally engaged staff (LES) who attended a two and a half week Property and Materiel Management Training course in Ottawa from November 17 to December 3.

The course was developed by CFSS in conjunction with the Physical Resources Bureau (SRD), and covered topics such as property management, contracts and leases, materiel management, cultural awareness, team work and delivering quality service. The missions represented were from all geographic regions.

Margaret Huber, Champion for the LES, invited the group for a get-together over coffee at the conclusion of the program. This was followed by a ceremony in the Skelton Lobby where the director-general of CFSI, Adriaan de Hoog, addressed the group. Certificates were then presented to the participants by John Klassen, DG, Personnel Management Bureau (HPD).



Locally engaged staff from missions around the world participated in a training program in Ottawa on Property and Materiel Management. In the photo, from left to right, in the back row: Adriaan de Hoog, CFSI, Alain Drion, Brussels; Ed Yungbluth, Buffalo; Krishna Ramlakhan, The Hague; Roman Danilchenko, St. Petersburg; John Klassen, HPD; Saliya Galagama, Colombo; Maureen McGovern, SRM; and Luc Henrist, Tel Aviv. Middle row: Vivien Ratcliffe, CFSS; Seth Ayim, Ankara; Ralph Saywack, Georgetown; Ramiro Bolanos, Guatemala; Diana Bryan, Bridgetown; Walid Abou Hamad, Beirut; Bill Wang, Ganzu; Jude Jacob, Dhaka and George Macmillan, SRMS. Front row: Tsegue Tesfaye, Addis Ababa; Titiek Sumanto, Jakarta; Anna Halford, Detroit; Ian Dawson, SRD, Carolina Barrios, Caracas; Adri Van Heerden, Pretoria and Samar Husary, Ramallah.

## Her Own Way: Advice for the Woman Traveller

"As a woman, my fear of being cooped up in my home without new challenges, new conversations, new vistas, far outweighs any fears I might have of travelling solo in a strange land," writes Evelyn Hannon in the booklet *Her Own Way: Advice for the Woman Traveller*, a publication of the Consular Affairs Bureau at DFAIT. Despite Ms. Hannon's love for travel, she shares the Consular Affairs Bureau's views on the importance of ensuring that foreign travel should be planned carefully to ensure that the experience is as safe and enjoyable as possible.

*Her Own Way* is a pocket-size booklet which is aimed specifically at the female Canadian traveller. The booklet offers useful information and down to earth advice on how to plan a trip from a woman's perspective. It also gives the addresses and telephone numbers of all Canadian diplomatic and consular missions around the world, in case you find yourself in need of assistance abroad.

*Her Own Way* also offers interesting tips on what a woman can expect when she encounters different cultures. For instance, in Saudi Arabia, a single woman doesn't drive a rental car. She must have a male driver. In India, a female's upper arms are considered sensual areas of the body and therefore must never be exposed in public.

*Her Own Way* and other consular publications on safe travel can be accessed and ordered free of charge through the "Travel" section of the DFAIT web site at: <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca>. The booklet is also available by calling 1-800-267-8376 (in Canada) or (613) 944-4000.

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### Information technology Web Sites of Interest

An article *Visions of Futures Past* offers insights from history on the impact of the Internet on our lives today. [www.compaq.com/rctoc/20000110.html#\\_Toc471710915](http://www.compaq.com/rctoc/20000110.html#_Toc471710915)

Last year the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission announced it would not try to control the Internet. Contrasting views on the need prospects for regulation of the Internet. The Ottawa Citizen editorial January 13, 1999 Online Evolution at: [www.ottawacitizen.com/editorials/000113/3429154.html](http://www.ottawacitizen.com/editorials/000113/3429154.html) and Atlantic Unbound December 15, 1999 The Unacknowledged Legislators of the Digital World at: [www.theatlantic.com/unbound/digicult/dc991215.htm](http://www.theatlantic.com/unbound/digicult/dc991215.htm)

Is 24 by 7 access to information technology always undesirable? See *Personal IT and the 24 by 7 life: buzz cut or bouffant?* [www.zdnet.com/filters/printerfriendly/0,6061,2410613-54,00.html](http://www.zdnet.com/filters/printerfriendly/0,6061,2410613-54,00.html)