

from members-preferably small donations rather than being too reliant on a few major sources of funders. This practice could be applied in BiH.

**Lucijana Sterle - (IDS) Opatija, Croatia**

*Youth and women organizations are very developed in Canada. Politicians do not preach to youth on how they should run the state. Politicians help them and teach them how to lead the state further. The Prime Minister Chretien in his speech addressed young liberals and he talked about education, offering concrete suggestions.*

**Dragica Škreblin (LS) Opatija, Croatia**

*After I settled my impressions I would like to earmark following:*

- 1. "Canada Elections" impressed me. I give the greatest importance to that institution for the high level of political life in Canada. /top limit of the election campaign and entire organization in order to solve election problems, possibility of fraud etc./*
- 2. Level of the public work is extremely high in Canada and the Government consults with citizens in other words it is open for co-operation.*
- 3. Selling the influence is a criminal offence.*
- 4. Donors of the political parties are known in public and they have some privileges when they pay tax.*

**Slobodan Popovic, (SDSS) Vukovar, Croatia**

*It was a remarkable idea to connect in such a direct and practical way the political party representatives from Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina with political scene of Canada, with its high democratic standards. In this context the remark made by the Canadian Minister of External Affairs was not an exaggeration when he said that everything what we had experienced so intensively in one week, with our eyes and ears wide open, can happen only to few people.*

*The experience we gained has been useful in various ways. Above all, we should start with a fact that political party representatives from two former Yugoslav countries were brought together in the same time and in the same place. The nature of the situation provided a frame for a normal, spontaneous and free exchange of opinions on all, even the most delicate issues and opened the space for pleasant socializing.*

**Tihana Kačavenda, NDI Zagreb, Croatia**

*I had the honour to be a part of this delegation, and my task during this trip was to interpret.*

*First thing which struck me the most, besides the cold Canadian spring was the openness and transparency of the system. The fact that Canadian Government consults Canadians on all issues speaks enough for itself. Secondly legislative, executive and judiciary bodies of the system are independent from each other and at the same these three bodies control each others work. Also the fact that governmental and nongovernmental organizations and different interest groups have influence to the Government's policy. The most important thing is that the Government responses on the*