

- ▶ the operation of the Centre required constant administrative and public relations effort, the intern took the burden of such activities from the already overworked directors
- ▶ the presence of dedicated and dynamic Canadians added new life into the everyday functioning of the Centres, they came up with new ideas and ways to approach problems and created a range of new activities

Undoubtedly, the internship proved invaluable to the interns as well. It contributed to their self-development (academic and personal), created new opportunities (contacts), and provided them with an important experience working abroad that may help them take better advantage of their academic and carrier opportunities in the future.

In the greater context, the internship contributed to spreading/projecting Canadian values and consequently promoting Canadian interests in the global society. This is especially valuable in such a diverse and complex environment that Eastern Europe presents.

3. Recommendations

All the academics and Canadianists in the region strongly recommend that the internship is renewed with the following list of possible improvements:

- ▶ Internship should be more structured as to what is expected from the interns and how they should prepare -- this of course requires a dialogue with the relevant university.
- ▶ The intern should be informed about the main venues of cooperation with the Canadian counterparts and about the sources available to the Canadian studies project in Canada as well as regionally.
- ▶ It would be helpful if the intern could actually teach a basic introductory course on Canada and leave behind the materials used for its preparation in order to enlarge the Centre's library.
- ▶ The internship should be longer.
- ▶ The intern could solely, in some instances, raise funds from regional sources.