

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Émile Martel (B.A., University of Ottawa, 1960; L.ès L. [Spanish Studies], Université Laval, 1962; Doctorado en filosofía y letras [Spanish Literature], Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, 1964), born in Amos, Quebec, was Assistant Professor of Spanish and French Language and Literature at the universities of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Victoria, British Columbia, between 1964 and 1967.

He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1967 and has served in San José (Costa Rica), Madrid, Mexico City and at the Canadian Embassy in Paris where he was First Secretary (Press) from 1972 to 1975 and Minister-Counsellor (Culture and Communications) from 1987 to 1991 . In Ottawa he was Director, Caribbean and Central America Relations, from 1983 to 1985, Deputy Director of Protocol from 1991 to 1992, and until quite recently, Senior Policy Advisor, Latin America and Caribbean Branch.

Mr. Martel has published eight poetry and fiction works and, as a translator, has published and produced a commentary on the works of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and Miguel Hernandez. Among his publications, *Les gants jetés* (1977) was a finalist for the prix du Journal de Montréal. Mr. Martel is a founding member of the Union des écrivains québécois. He is married to Nicole Perron-Martel and they have two sons.