

field of telecommunications with moving objects. But it seems for the moment that the project has been somewhat delayed by the lack of the necessary funding. On the other hand, co-operation under the aegis of the CNRS/NRC agreement and the Mois-Chercheurs program has proceeded very well. The latter involves the NRC's Division of Electrical Engineering and the Laboratoire des applications des techniques électroniques avancées of the INSA in Rennes, in a joint technical development project on 3-D vision techniques. By virtue of the importance that both countries place on information techniques and the degree of progress in this field that both have achieved, an equally-balanced process of co-operation may be anticipated in this sector.

OTHER SECTORS

Transportation

This sector, which had seemed unable to yield prospects of mutual interest, appears much more promising following visits to France by Canadian experts during the past year.

First of all, according to the Research Co-ordinator of the Canadian Association of Urban Transportation, it appears that technical co-operation on computerized operation and planning systems for urban transportation, as well as on information systems for users, may be quite achievable and of great benefit. The Director of the Transportation Development Research Program in Montréal, following a recent visit to France, intends to work out four or five co-operative projects involving the development of high-tech systems for the control of air traffic, maritime navigation and highway transportation.

The Environment

This sector, which did not appear in the Program of Action that was agreed in Vancouver in May 1986, is the subject of renewed interest in bilateral co-operation, because of the related problems with which both countries have to deal in this field.

A French team from the Ministère de l'Environnement visited Canada, focusing its attention on the Federal Department of the Environment and the Canadian Forestry Service, as well as various ministries of the Province of Ontario in Toronto. Their objective was to explore the possibilities of co-operation on a number of topics, including: acid rain, new technologies for purifying waste waters, and the treatment of toxic wastes (membrane technology).