

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Mr. Jon Allen (centre), Mr. James H. Taylor (right), Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. J.S. Stanford (left), Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

In a June 9, 1988 ceremony at the new National Art Gallery, Jon Allen, an External Affairs employee, G.V. Buxton and Dr. A. Chisholm (both of Environment Canada) were presented with a group Award of Excellence. Eight Awards were presented in the Second Annual Ceremony by the Honourable Doug Lewis, Minister of State (Treasury Board), to 31 employees from seven Departments.

In October, 1987, Environment Canada awarded a Merit Award to Jon Allen (then of Legal Operations Division), for his outstanding contribution as principal legal advisor to the Canadian delegation which led to the successful conclusion of the international protocol for the protection of the ozone layer. The delegation was headed by Dr. Alex J. Chisholm of Environment Canada. G. Victor Buxton, also with Environment Canada, was the primary author of the Canadian proposal for reduction of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) presented at the United Nations Environment Programme sponsored workshop in September 1986. Mr. Allen, Dr. Chisholm and Mr. Buxton were subsequently nominated by Environment Canada for the Public Service Award of Excellence.

Jon Allen is now assigned as Executive Assistant to the Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (DMC).

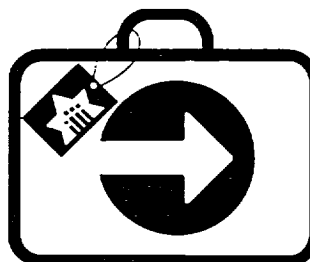
Commemorative posters of the Awards ceremony are being sent to all posts.

POSTING SERVICES CENTRE NEWS

Mr. Bill Devine, Employee Assistance Program counsellor, has retired from the Public Service. Since he joined the Department in 1980, Mr. Devine has assisted and encouraged employees and members of their families to overcome difficult situations in their personal and professional lives. The Centre, along with departmental employees, wish Bill a happy retirement. Until the position is staffed, Mrs. Marjorie Caverly will assist employees and members of their families.

Mrs. Christina Dowler, training officer at the Centre, has been temporarily seconded to Treasury Board as a member of the study group on Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value. Good luck, Christina.

The posting season has almost ended. This year, the Centre has organized 44 workshops. These sessions have seen 525 employee and family participants. The pre-posting briefing sessions for this year's posting season ended mid-September. The Centre organized 27 sessions, one of which was specifi-



cally presented for CIDA's employees. Participation was excellent, with 509 in attendance, of which 350 were departmental employees, 109 spouses and 50 from other departments.

In early October all employees returning to Headquarters are invited by the Under-Secretary of State to attend an orientation session with a focus on providing a better understanding of current Departmental concerns.

The Community Coordination Program has considerable success in improving the quality of life at Canadian diplomatic missions abroad. In the interest of sharing information, the Centre has recently published a report summarizing the activities conducted in 10 missions: Brussels, Bucharest, Kingston, Mexico, Nairobi, Paris, Prague, Tokyo, Tunis and Washington. The report conveys the energy, enthusiasm and imagination which Community Coordinators bring to their work. Copies of the report can be obtained by contacting Carol Walker at (613) 992-2229.