

range from universities to research organisations and companies, large and small and the UK is particularly strong in biomedicine, agriculture, transport and social and economic research. The UK is in the top three in terms of partners of choice and is first choice for Germany, Denmark, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland and Norway. Hence, in light of the Canada-EU S&T Cooperation Agreement, there are many opportunities for Canadian researchers to use their ties with the UK to take full advantage of the many benefits that participating in European research programmes can offer.

6. Canada's Science and Technology Counsellor in the United Kingdom

Dr. Caroline Martin

Caroline Martin joined the Canadian High Commission in London in November 1998 as the Manager of the Science & Technology Programme. Prior to taking up this role, Caroline was an Associate Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Cambridge (95-98), and a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at University College London, (94-95). Caroline gained a PhD in organometallic chemistry and catalysis from The University of Edinburgh in 1994 and has co-authored over 50 scientific publications.

Situation at the High Commission in London

As a member of the Commercial and Economic Division, the S&T Counsellor is currently the sole full-time S&T resource at the High Commission in London. The Counsellor is supported, on a part-time basis, by an S&T Assistant and a new position of Technology Development Officer will be established in June 2002. The main S&T responsibilities are: To monitor, analyse and evaluate strategic S&T trends, policies and programmes, both in the UK public and private sectors; to assist in brokering partnerships and collaborations between Canadian and British researchers; and to showcase Canadian science and technology within the UK. The Counsellor also has specific responsibility for the biotechnology sector. The S&T programme in London is fully integrated within the trade and investment agenda.

Main priorities of the S&T Counsellor (STC):

- *General science policy* (strength of the science base, technology transfer/innovation, public confidence in science, skills/higher education issues etc.).
- *Biomedical science*
- *Food safety, agriculture and environmental biotechnology.*
- *Environment/Energy* (climate change, sustainable technologies and energy)
- *Space science, IT/communications, advanced materials.*
- *Social sciences*

Contact details:

Dr. Caroline Martin
Science & Technology Programme Manager
Canadian High Commission
Macdonald House, 1, Grosvenor Square
London, W1K 4AB
Tel: +44 (0)20-7258-6363
Fax: +44 (0)20-7258-6384
Email: caroline.martin@dfait-maeci.gc.ca