

Subsequently, Dr. Earl Brown, Director of Research Programs for the Ontario Research Foundation, visited France in April 1988 on behalf of the Department of External Affairs. Several co-operative proposals involving business are expected to result from this mission.

Cold Region Technologies

This high-interest prospective sector has benefitted from the support of the Mois-Chercheurs program as well as from exchanges under the CNRS/NRC agreement.

The joint undertaking which began in 1982 between Carleton University and the University of Manitoba on the one hand and the CNRS laboratories at Caen and the Ponts et Chaussées laboratories in Paris on the other, continues and is providing valuable results, especially for industrial firms operating in cold regions. Another project on ice-structure interactions involves researchers from the Laboratoire de Glaciologie of Grenoble and those from the laboratory of the Institute of Marine Dynamics of St. John's, who specialize in cold regions, and which could become an axis of future co-operation with French research centres on the cold sector.

In addition, discussions were recently held between French engineers and Professor P. Adams, Chairman of the Centre for Frontier Engineering at the University of Alberta, in order to jointly (France and Canada) organize an international meeting on arctic engineering, including aspects of physical sciences and materials engineering as well as research and technological development. This meeting will take place in Paris in early 1989.

Information Technologies

At the CMS meeting in Vancouver, the Canadian side presented about fifteen proposals which introduced many different possibilities for co-operation. For various reasons, a good number of these proposals could not be pursued because of changes in personnel, lack of funds, or simply because partners could not be identified. Nonetheless, co-operation on a project for developing integrated circuits between the Ministère des Communications and the CNET went very well and should continue for the next three years.

Moreover, a mission came to France in April 1987 to explore the possibilities of co-operation in the field of telematics within the framework of the "PRESENCE" project which is being carried out by the Canadian Workplace Automation Research Centre. This mission, which helped set up good contacts, has not yet resulted in co-operation, however, in the