

prepare and implement a strategic development plan, establish a training and internship program, and twin co-operatives to share expertise and assist in the transition.

Finally, Canada is continuing to play a leadership role at the International Management Centre (IMC) in Budapest. Funding for the not-for-profit Centre comes from more than six countries, but Canada has a special profile at the IMC, in large part due to the Centre's dean, University of Calgary professor Dr. Julie Rowney. Canadian projects with the Centre have focused on tailor-made training programs for company managers and marketing of the Centre's management services. Now a Canadian-Hungarian joint venture, Kansys Ltd., has announced plans to establish a special computer facility at the Centre, further enhancing the school's resources and teaching capabilities.

## Romania

The Task Force on Central and Eastern Europe launched its program of technical assistance to Romania in the spring of 1991, and, in just one year, remarkable progress has been made.

Law Program hosted a conference on federalism and the nation state June 4-6. Drawing together leading politicians, academics and analysts, the conference examined the role of federalism in changing global political structures, including a special focus on Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Canadian Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Jake Epp visited Russia and Ukraine May 20-29. As part of his schedule of activities in Ukraine, Minister Epp toured Chernobyl and announced a joint Task Force/Atomic Energy Canada Limited/National Cancer Institute of Canada project to establish a computerized cancer registry. Accompanied by representatives of 25 Canadian firms, the Minister also promoted the Canadian oil and gas industry at an international trade show in Moscow, and unveiled an energy regulatory project and a resource policy development initiative, both funded in part by the Task Force on Central and Eastern Europe. These projects draw on energy expertise in Alberta's private sector, the Alberta Energy Department, the National Energy Board, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. ■

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In the summer of 1991, Romanian officials attended the Canadian Human Rights Foundation's international human rights training course. Their participation, the first ever by Central and East European delegates, marked a historic expansion of the internationally recognized program, which has drawn delegates from around the world for over a decade. Following two weeks of intensive study of human rights issues and law at Prince Edward Island University, the participants met with a range of Canadian government and non-governmental institutions to get a first-hand appreciation of the complexities of protecting and promoting human rights. This year the groundbreaking project will be expanded to include participants

from Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and the C.S.F.R., in addition to Romania.

The Task Force has also launched innovative initiatives in the field of trade union development and labour relations. The Canadian Labour Congress participated in the organization of special seminars for women workers in Romania, and has provided training for Romanian union leaders in such areas as collective bargaining and workplace health and safety. In addition, the École Polytechnique de Montréal is assisting in the development of new curricula and teaching materials designed to link academic training more closely with the needs of various industrial sectors.

Nuclear safety is another priority focus of Canada's technical assistance program in Romania. Canada's Atomic Energy Control Board, in conjunction with the International Atomic Energy Agency, is providing advanced training in nuclear regulatory and control activities for 12 Romanian officials at various sites in Canada. The 15-month project will run until March 1993.

Agriculture initiatives in Romania have ranged from dairy farm management training and swine industry technology transfers to projects focusing on grain handling facilities and feed processing technology.

In addition, the Task Force has launched seven business management and consulting projects. A highlight of these, the Young Entrepreneurs Program, organized in co-operation with the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse, placed 15 young Romanian entrepreneurs and managers with Quebec corporations and government departments. Their assignments took the Romanians to such varied workplaces as electronics companies, mining operations and the provincial Department of the Environment. ■