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Paul Brettle is now in **Dubai**, where he is Consul and Trade Commissioner. He was India Desk Officer in the South Asia Division (1999-2000). Prior to that, he was assigned to the International Trade Centre in Winnipeg (1995-1999), served abroad in The Netherlands as Deputy Program Manager (1992-1995), in Hong Kong as Trade Commissioner (1991-1992) and in Toronto (1989-1991) at the International Trade Centre.

Sophie Legendre is now in **Beirut** as Counsellor (Commercial). Her first posting was to Mexico (1994-1997). Since 1992, she has trained at the Foreign Service Institute, then worked in the International Finance Division, media relations, the Mid-East Division, and in the Maghreb and Arabic Peninsula Division.



Jean-François Desgroseilliers

is now Assistant Trade Commissioner in **Abidjan**, where he acts primarily as a trade liaison officer with the African Development Bank. After graduating in civil engineering and obtaining a master's in political science, he completed engineering internships in Latin America and China before joining DFAIT in September 1999. During his first year, he served as a spokesperson for trade issues.



Carl Pilon, trained as an architect and regional planner, is now based in **Riyadh** as Third Secretary (Commercial), where he will use not only his Arabic but also his experience at the Policy and Strategic Planning Division (1998-1999) to help Canadian businesses in Saudi Arabia. Besides policy and strategic planning, his area covers education and training, agriculture and agri-food, geomatics, and health-care/biomedical products and services.



Catherine Gosselin

fluent in Spanish, and conversant in Hebrew and Bahasa, is now Third Secretary (Commercial) in **Tel Aviv**. Prior to this posting, she was in the South America Division, which covers Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay (1999-2000), and the Trade Policy Planning Division, which dealt with the FTAA negotiations (1998-1999).

George Sanderson, fluent in Arabic, is now located in the Commercial Section at the Canadian Embassy in **Riyadh**, which also covers Bahrain, Yemen and Oman. He began with DFAIT in 1991 in the Western Europe Trade, Investment and Technology Division (1991-1995), then moved to the South Pacific Division (1995-1996). From 1996 to 2000, he served in Damascus as Commercial Counsellor. Prior to joining DFAIT, he was employed by the United Nations in Africa.



Jean-Dominique Ieraci

is now serving as Commercial Counsellor for Syria, Jordan and Cyprus in **Damascus**. In Ottawa (1993-1995), he worked in media relations. Fluent in both Italian and Korean, he was posted to Seoul (1995-1998), rising to Second Secretary and Vice-Consul. Back in Ottawa (1998-2000), he served in the Personnel Division.



Derek Zeisman is now at his first posting in **Algiers** as First Secretary (Commercial Affairs and Development). He joined DFAIT in 1998 and worked in European Communications and Public Affairs, and as Transportation Policy Analyst in the U.S. Bureau. He assisted at the Eighth Summit of La Francophonie in Moncton in 1999.

