

the arts, which should be brought to the attention of our bilateral partners.

M. René Picard briefly described our literature programs, and the quite respectable sale of rights to Dutch publishers. We support this "cultural export" by helping to fund tours by authors, book launchings, and, of course, the translation program of the Canada Council. Supported by Ms. Selucky he stressed the importance of Canadian participation in the Frankfurt Book Fair, which is important for marketing throughout the whole world. A recent funding cut to enable Canadian publishers to be present in Frankfurt was therefore highly regrettable.

Mme Comeau (CCN) outlined NCC activities in the context of the 50th. anniversary of the liberation of The Netherlands by Canadian troops, and the opportunities the NCC could offer to artists from abroad on its various stages around the city. The NCC works with many local organizations, as well as with the Dutch embassy to coordinate these various events. Veterans Affairs is, of course, the lead department in the commemorative events, and arrangements are being made for Canadian veterans to travel to The Netherlands next spring.

Mr. Advokaat thanked all participants and closed the meeting just before 17:00 hours.