

Jean-Pierre Hamel is in Algiers as Counsellor (Commercial).



He joined the Department in 1986 and has since been posted to Yaoundé (1987-1989), Bonn (1989-1992), Tunis (1994-1997) and Johannesburg (1997-2001), where he managed Canada's trade and investment office. While in Ottawa, he worked in the Export Finance Division, the General Trade Policy Division, as well as in the Western Europe Trade, Investment and S & T Division.

André Potvin is now serving in Tunisia as Counsellor



(Commercial) and Consul. He previously served in Lima (1979- 1981), Bamako (1981-1984), Paris (1984-1985), Niamey (1987-1991), Bangkok (1991-1993) and Cairo (1997-2001). While in Ottawa (1985-1987 and 1993-1997), he served as Deputy Director for Personnel (1985-1987), and worked in the former Soviet Union Division (1993-1995) and the South Europe Division (1995-1997). He speaks Spanish.

Ali M. Mir is a new foreign service officer now serving as



Trade Commissioner and Vice-Consul in Tehran. He previously worked in Ottawa in the Mexico Division. Prior to joining the foreign service, he gained experience in financial analysis working in the summers between 1995 and 1998 while completing studies in international economics at

McMaster University, Hamilton (1999). He speaks Urdu, Hindi and Persian.

Suzanne Szukits is now serving in Tel Aviv as First Secretary



(Commercial). She previously served in Belgrade (1990-1992) and Houston (1992-1993). While in Ottawa, she has held a wide range of positions, including responsibility for strategic trade communications, as well as trade development with Latin America and the former Soviet Union. She

has also been involved in international trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization and on implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Gilles Poirier is now serving as Counsellor (Commercial) in



Tehran. His previous postings include Yaoundé (1974-1977), Caracas, (1979-1981), Paris UNESCO (1981-1985), Vienna (1986-1989), Paris (1993-1997) and Algiers (1997-2001). While in Ottawa, he worked as Desk Officer in the Francophone Africa Division (1977-1979), in the UN Affairs

Relations Division (1986) and in the International Security Division (1989-1993).

Shaun Wedick is working at the Canadian Embassy in Abu

Dhabi as Senior Trade Commissioner. He joined the Department in 1983 and has served abroad in New York (1984), Trinidad and Tobago (1985-1987), London (1990-1992), Tokyo (1995-1998) and San Francisco (1998-1999). During his last two postings, he was responsible for investment promotion. He speaks Italian and some Japanese.