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Blake, Sven

At Canada's Mission to the World Trade Organization (WTO), Sven Blake is responsible for intellectual property issues and co-operation between the WTO and other international agencies, like the World Bank. Sven's previous assignments include two years as Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister for International Trade (1997-99), work on anti-dumping and countervailing duty cases (1995-97) and three years as Trade Commissioner in São Paulo, Brazil (1992-95).

Cesaratto, Sylvia

Sylvia Cesaratto joined DFAIT in 1992 and was first posted to South Africa in 1993. She was one of two Trade Commissioners who assisted in the reopening of the Canadian High Commission's trade office once sanctions were lifted. After three years in South Africa, Sylvia worked in the Trade Personnel Division, before taking up her new posting in London, England, where she is responsible for the aerospace, transportation and defence sectors.



Connors, Paul

Paul Connors has 10 years of experience as a Trade Commissioner, with emphasis in the European market. Paul has served as Head of the Marketplace Program and the European Affairs and Missions Program. Most recently, he worked on nuclear security in Eastern Europe and was Canada's representative on the G-7 Nuclear Safety Working Group. He has previously served in Bern, Switzerland and now begins a four-year assignment as Economic Counsellor in Berlin.

Couturier, Gilles

Gilles Couturier is on secondment from Natural Resources Canada, where he was Principal Economist, Precious Metals. He started work in Moscow as Commercial Counsellor, Energy and Mines in April 1999. Russia has an extraordinary potential in these sectors and there are major opportunities for Canadian investment in Russia's natural resource development.



Hughes, Walter

Walter Hughes is Counsellor, Commerce, Communications and Culture in The Hague, with responsibility for aerospace and defence. He is also manager of media and academic relations, and educational and cultural marketing. Prior to this assignment, Walter had seven years of experience as Trade Commissioner in London (1991-95) and in the Europe Branch (1996-99). He managed the trade program at the Canadian Embassy in Vietnam (1995-96) and the trade desk for the United Kingdom and Ireland (1996-99).

Kamarianakis, Emmanuel

Emmanuel Kamarianakis is First Secretary (Commercial) at the Canadian Embassy in Athens, Greece. He began his career at DFAIT in 1993 working in various headquarters divisions and acquiring professional training in a number of areas before being posted to Tehran, Iran in 1995. As Second Secretary (Commercial) at the Canadian Embassy in Tehran, Emmanuel was involved in developing and promoting Canadian exports to Iran in the agriculture, oil and gas, and power sectors.



Lemay, Joanne

Joanne Lemay's current position is Third Secretary (Commercial Affairs) in Warsaw, Poland. Although this is her first official assignment since joining the Trade Commissioner Service (TCS) two years ago, Joanne has already served in Kuwait, Warsaw and Vienna. She has also been responsible for trade issues for the Central Europe Division at headquarters. Joanne is a lawyer and a graduate of the Université de Montréal Faculty of Law, has studied in France and Hungary and was operations manager of a small business firm for two years.