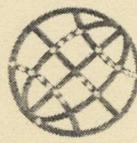


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**CANADIAN STUDIES PILOT IN EASTERN EUROPE:
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Summary of Activities

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University of Bucharest in Bucharest, Hungary, while Martina Gersler was sent
to the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. From their host work, the following is the list
of activities undertaken to that aim:

- developing curricula
- developing Canadian Studies resource data base containing information about potential
programmes and opportunities for the Churches, academics, and students - drawing on
regional as well as Canadian sources (i.e., the Travel Fund managed by the Canadian
Embassy Centre located in Vienna or the International Council for Canadian Studies
located in Ottawa)
- applying to available programmes and soliciting donations (based on the above point)
- creating an inventory of existing resources (on the university level, country level, as well
as regional level)
- developing regional links
- organising and participating in cultural and academic events related to Canada
- participating in the First International Conference of Central European Canadianists
- helping with administrative matters related to running a Canadian Studies Centre
- teaching an introductory course on Canada
- providing technical/communication support (computer, internet) to students

Brief Evaluation

The Pilot proved useful for the universities' Canadian Studies Programmes for the
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INTEGRATED REPORT ON THE CANADIAN STUDIES PILOT IN EASTERN EUROPE

1. Summary of Activities

In the fall of 1998, four young Canadians were sent to universities in Eastern Europe for one semester, to either establish or to strengthen Canadian Studies initiatives in the region. Anna Vanicek was assigned to the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic; Adam Zanna to the University of Bucharest in Bucharest, Romania; David Kukurin to the Pazmany Catholic Church University and the University of Budapest in Budapest, Hungary; while Marketa Geisler was sent to the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. From their feed back, the following is the list of activities undertaken to that aim:

- ▶ developing curricula
- ▶ developing Canadian Studies resource data base, containing information about potential programmes and opportunities for the Centres, academics, and students -- drawing on regional as well as Canadian sources (i.e., the Travel Fund managed by the Canadian Studies Centre located in Vienna or the International Council for Canadian Studies located in Ottawa)
- ▶ applying to available programmes and soliciting donations (based on the above point)
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- ▶ developing regional links
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2. Brief Evaluation

The Pilot proved useful for the universities' Canadian Studies Programmes for the following reasons:

- ▶ the intern facilitated closer co-operation with the Canadian counterpart

- ▶ the operation of the Centre required constant administrative and public relations effort, the intern took the burden of such activities from the already overworked directors
- ▶ the presence of dedicated and dynamic Canadians added new life into the everyday functioning of the Centres, they came up with new ideas and ways to approach problems and created a range of new activities

Undoubtedly, the internship proved invaluable to the interns as well. It contributed to their self-development (academic and personal), created new opportunities (contacts), and provided them with an important experience working abroad that may help them take better advantage of their academic and carrier opportunities in the future.

In the greater context, the internship contributed to spreading/projecting Canadian values and consequently promoting Canadian interests in the global society. This is especially valuable in such a diverse and complex environment that Eastern Europe presents.

3. Recommendations

All the academics and Canadianists in the region strongly recommend that the internship is renewed with the following list of possible improvements:

- ▶ Internship should be more structured as to what is expected from the interns and how they should prepare -- this of course requires a dialogue with the relevant university.
- ▶ The intern should be informed about the main venues of cooperation with the Canadian counterparts and about the sources available to the Canadian studies project in Canada as well as regionally.
- ▶ It would be helpful if the intern could actually teach a basic introductory course on Canada and leave behind the materials used for its preparation in order to enlarge the Centre's library.
- ▶ The internship should be longer.
- ▶ The intern could solely, in some instances, raise funds from regional sources.



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