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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES CHAMPION'S RETREAT

By André Thivierge

As New Official Languages Champion of the Board, I participated at a retreat September 26th and 27th at Ste-Adèle with the other representative from Federal Institutions. The objective of the Official Language Champions Network is to influence the importance of following the Government's objectives relating to the service of the public, the working language, the equitable participation and to the community development in all Federal Administration activities.

The Deputy Minister's Committee responsible for the Official Languages and key organizations such as, Treasury Board, Governmental Affairs and the Privy Council Office, collectively practise the role of influence and leadership. The Executive Committees of Federal Departments and Organizations and all of its employers and employees also practise the role of influence and leadership.

During the retreat, the members of the new Network worked on the definition on

how to practise their role. During the discussions, the Champions committed themselves to promote the obligations: to the service to the public, the working language, the equitable participation and the development of communities. As well, to serve as a high level interlocutor for the Official Languages com-

tain efficiently the objectives of the Government to the Official Languages.

The Champions also discuss the implementation of a strategic intervention plan to help them in their role of leadership in the management of government affairs. Thus, the strategy will be a concrete action plan that will be implemented in the next few months. I will be a part of the Communications sub-committee that will identify the activities that will support the Champions in their role of representative for the Official Languages.

The next retreat for the Champions Network will be held in February 2003. The Canadian Forces Grievance Board is proud to participate in this important federal initiative. We will keep you posted on evolution of the Official Languages Champions in the upcoming Newsletters.



munities in minority situations and to make known of their needs, to identify the repercussions of large government and department projects on the service to the public, le working languages, the equitable participation, the development of communities, to support the responsible of the Official Languages in the Departments and Organizations and to propose permanent measures to at-

Events in October / November:

October

- 5 Yolaine Gauthier's birthday
- 13 Mireille Royer's birthday
- 27 Diane Laurin's birthday
- 29 Wendy Wadden's birthday
- 31 Line Sarazin's birthday
- Halloween—dress up in your favourite costume
- Breakfast, compliments of the Board 9th floor kitchen

November

- 5 Paul-André Massé's birthday
- 9 Marie Josée Gauthier's birthday
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 14 Pauline Heyendal's birthday

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