

# **THIRD NATIONAL FORUM ON EDUCATION**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### **Honourable Pat Atkinson Minister of Education Saskatchewan**

After receiving her Honours B.A. and B.Ed. from the University of Saskatchewan, Pat Atkinson worked for a community college, a farmers' union, Consumer and Commercial Affairs, and as principal of the Radius Tutoring Project. A member of many community organizations, she was first elected to the Legislature in 1986, and while in opposition, served as the critic for health, education, and privatization. Re-elected in 1991 and again in 1995, Ms. Atkinson has served as Minister of Social Services and Minister responsible for Seniors, Minister of Education, Training and Employment, and Minister responsible for New Careers Corporation and Saskatchewan Communications Network. On November 22, 1995, she was once again appointed to Cabinet as Minister of Education.

### **Robert S. Best Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada**

A native of Alberta, Robert Best attended public school in High River and then completed a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Lethbridge. He later pursued graduate studies at Carleton University and the University of Alberta.

His work experience has included a year as a research officer in the Alberta Department of Manpower and Labour in the early 1970s and several years of teaching political science and public policy at the University of Alberta, Athabasca University, and the University of Victoria in the late 1970s and early 1980s. For both U of A and Athabasca, he taught in programs designed for First Nations students. More recently, he taught a third-year course on public policy at Carleton University in 1995.

From 1982 to 1989, Mr. Best worked for the Consumer's Association of Canada in Ottawa, serving as Senior Policy Research Officer through most of this period. In 1989, he moved to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada where he now serves as Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs and Secretary to the Association's Standing Advisory Committee on Funding.

Throughout his career in the university and association sectors, he has authored or co-authored some 30 articles, both journalistic and academic.

**Gerald Brown**  
**Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC)**

Gerald Brown has been president of ACCC, the national, member-representative organization of Canada's colleges, technical institutes, and CEGEPs, since January 1998. Director general of John Abbott College since 1988, he was previously a director in the Ministry of Education in Quebec.

Mr. Brown is well known throughout the college community both for his activities as an ACCC board member and vice-chair, and as task group chair for its environment advocacy issue in 1994-95. His leadership of the Governance Review Committee, which brought about changes in the governing structure of ACCC over the last two years, has significantly affected the responsiveness of the association to membership needs. He has worked with staff on presentations to House and Senate Standing Committees on lifelong learning and labour market issues, and has a truly national perspective on the contribution of our institutions to national policy development.

Mr. Brown was chair of the College Presidents' Network. As chair of the ACCC Presidents' Academy for the past six years, he has played a guiding role in establishing this national professional development plan for college CEOs. His work with CEOs nationally has given him a pan-Canadian perspective on trends and issues in our institutions.

Mr. Brown brings an equally interesting international background to the association, having acted as president of the very successful Consortium for International Development in Education (CIDE) since 1993.

**Paul Cappon**  
**Director General**  
**CMEC**

Paul Cappon is Director General of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). Dr. Cappon holds a BA in political science and economics from McGill, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Paris, Sorbonne, and an MD from McMaster University. He completed his medical residence training in community medicine at Dalhousie University. Dr. Cappon has taught at the University of British Columbia, McGill, and Laurentian University, where he served as Vice-President (Academic) for five years before being appointed Director General of CMEC in 1996. CMEC is the national voice for education in Canada. An arm of the provinces and territories, CMEC is the ministers' mechanism for consultation and action on matters of mutual interest. In addition to representing Canadian education internationally, it is the instrument through which ministers cooperate with national education organizations in Canada and ensure liaison with various federal departments.

**Elizabeth Carlyle**  
**Chair, Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)**

Elizabeth Carlyle is a community activist and is currently chair of the CFS. She has served in the student movement as the CFS national executive representative for Manitoba (1995-97), CFS Manitoba chair (1995), and president, vice-president advocate, and vice-president, Student Services, of CFS Local 8, the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (1994-97).

For the past eight years, Ms. Carlyle has worked in several social justice movements. She has served on the board of directors of the Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women, the Canadian Environmental Network, and the Canadian Environmental Network Youth Caucus, as well as on the Research Committee of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Ms. Carlyle completed her B.A. in environmental studies at the University of Winnipeg. Her paper *Children's Popular Culture and Resistance to Violence Against Women* was published in the spring 1997 issue of *Culture and Tradition*. She presented her paper *The Invisible Whiteness of Being: Gary Filmon and the Mainstream Media* at the 1997 Canadian Folklore Studies Association session of the Learned's.

**Alison Coffin**  
**Department of Education, Newfoundland and Labrador**  
**Recent Graduate, Memorial University**

Alison Coffin was raised on the Burin Peninsula, received most of her primary and secondary education in Fortune, and moved to Grand Bank in 1987 to graduate, with honours, from John Burke High School in 1988. In 1993, she graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland with an honours BA in economics and began working as an economist with the Advisory Council on the Economy, Newfoundland and Labrador. In 1996, she completed her MA in economics at York University in Toronto. Ms. Coffin is currently working as a planning coordinator with the Department of Education of Newfoundland and Labrador. She also teaches economics at Memorial University, consults with a web-page design company, and tutors grade nine math. In her spare time, she is preparing for the provincial body-building competition in August.

**Honourable Joanne Crofford**  
**Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training**  
**Saskatchewan**

Joanne Crofford has worked in rural, urban, and northern Saskatchewan. She completed her honours bachelor's degree and two years of graduate school in social studies and communications at the University of Regina. Following graduation, Ms. Crofford worked as a research officer for Mental Health Saskatchewan and Youth Employment Services in the Department of Culture,

Recreation and Youth and as a Social Policy Analyst with Executive Council to Cabinet, analysing government services to Indian and Métis people.

Ms. Crofford is active in cultural, artistic, human rights, youth and business organizations. She served as chair of the Regina Opening Ceremonies for Grey Cup and continues to serve on the Cathedral Village Arts Festival Committee. She was awarded an honorary certificate in languages from the Saskatchewan Centre for International Languages for her support of international language instruction. Ms. Crofford's long involvement in many aspects of the community has resulted in her commitment to a close working relationship between government and all sectors of the community.

First elected in 1991, Ms. Crofford received her first appointment to cabinet on February 3, 1995. She was Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation and the Liquor and Gaming Authority until November 1995. She was Minister responsible for the Status of Women, and Minister responsible for the Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat from February 1995 to June 1997. On June 27, 1997, she was appointed Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Communications Network. Ms. Crofford is committed to bringing government closer to the people it serves.

**Janet Dassinger**  
**National Training Coordinator**  
**Canadian Labour Congress (CLC)**

Janet Dassinger is the national training coordinator of the CLC Workplace Training Strategy, a two-year project initiated by the CLC to assist affiliates in all aspects of workplace training, including policy and program development; research and analysis of training issues; and creating special pilot projects in the areas of basic skills, labour adjustment, apprenticeship, and skills training. The project is a direct result of the first National CLC Training Conference, which she organized in June 1997.

Prior to taking the position, Ms. Dassinger was director of training programs and policies for the United Food and Commercial Workers, Canadian Region, where she was responsible for developing an integrated approach to training, adjustment, and basic skills for the union, as well as helping local unions to establish a network of training centres across Canada. She has worked in the area of workplace training and adjustment since 1987, including union and labour council projects such as English at the Workplace, Skills Training for Unemployed Workers, and Labour Studies.

A labour director on the Canadian Labour Force Development Board, she has served on the CLC Standing Committee on Training and Technology, the Ontario Federation of Labour Education Committee, and numerous government and union committees related to training and adjustment.

Ms. Dassinger is a graduate of the Labour Studies Degree Program, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

**Richard (Dick) L.M. Dawson**  
**Council on Post-Secondary Education**  
**Manitoba**

Born in Birmingham, England, in 1934, Mr. Dawson served in the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force Reserve from 1953 to 1958. In 1958, he received a BA in geography from Oxford University, and joined Cargill the same year. Mr. Dawson retired in 1993 from his position as senior vice-president of Cargill Limited, Canada, holding resident assignments in the US, Europe, and South America involving various agricultural activities including international grain merchandising, transportation, Nutrena feeds, hybrid seeds, and corporate affairs.

Mr. Dawson has been an active participant in agricultural industry affairs and government trade missions overseas, including Winnipeg Commodity Exchange, 1978 (chair) and board memberships in the Western Transportation Council, the Canada Grains Council, and the Agricultural Advisory Committee to the Uruguay GATT negotiations. He is currently a keen member of the Advisory Committee to the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

His many outside board interests have included the Winnipeg Children's Hospital Research Foundation; Junior Achievement; the South Winnipeg Technical Centre; the University of Manitoba; the Advisory Board to the University of Minnesota/Crookston; and the Economic Innovation and Technology Council (EITC) for Manitoba. He now operates a Winnipeg consulting firm "Fulcrum Associates" with emphasis on international agricultural trade, value-added rural diversification, and sustainable development. Since April 1997, he has served as chair of Manitoba's new Council on Post-Secondary Education.

Mr. Dawson was recently awarded the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal in recognition of his many contributions to Canadian agriculture and to the community.

**Jeff Deane**  
**Canadian Association of Principals**

Jeff Deane spent his public school years in Montreal and Los Angeles, graduating from Lachine High School. He went on to the University of New Brunswick where he received his B.P.E. in 1973, B.Ed. in 1985, and his M.Ed. in 1991. He has taught a variety of subjects in grades 1 to 9 and has worked as a sport consultant for the provincial government for five years. He is currently principal of Nashwaak Valley/Taymouth School, a rural elementary school about 20 minutes north of Fredericton.

Being very active in sports, he was involved in Olympic diving as an athlete at university, a coach, an official, and eventually vice-president, technical, with the Canadian Amateur Diving Association during the 1980-84.

Mr. Deane has been a principal for fifteen years. He is past-president of the New Brunswick Principals' and Vice-Principals' Council and has been a member of various education committees at the district and provincial levels.

**Don DeJong**  
**Human Resources Development Canada**

Don DeJong was born in Winnipeg in 1946. He received a bachelor of arts degree in economics from the University of Winnipeg. His career as a public servant includes 10 years in the Manitoba Region of Employment and Immigration and 15 years in the National Headquarters of Human Resources Development Canada. Mr. DeJong has been Director General of Human Resources Partnerships since January 1997. He was Director of Standards, Planning and Analysis for two years and Director of Human Resource Planning for two years. He has spent most of this time actively developing partnership approaches with the private sector and with provinces.

**Jacques Delors**  
**Chair**  
**UNESCO International Commission on Education for the Twenty-first Century**

Born in Paris in 1925, Jacques Delors had an active career with the Banque de France (1945-62) and the Commissariat Général du Plan before joining the government of Prime Minister J. Chaban-Delmas (1969-72), where he was responsible for social and cultural affairs, and later for economic, financial, and social affairs. He was a professor at the University of Paris-Dauphine (1974-79), directed the research centre Travail et Société, and also taught at the École Nationale d'Administration. A member of the Socialist Party (1974) and its steering committee, he was elected European Deputy in 1979 and chaired the Economic and Monetary Committee until May 1981, at which time he became Minister of Economy and Finance, a post he occupied until July 1984. Six months later, Jacques Delors was named President of the European Commission; he served as president for three terms, until January 1995. Since October 1992, he has been chair of the UNESCO International Commission on Education for the Twenty-first Century. He is the author of numerous works, including *Les Indicateurs Sociaux* (1972), *Changer* (1975), *En sortir ou pas* (1985), *L'Unité d'un Homme* (1994), and *Combats pour l'Europe* (1996). He has been awarded honorary doctorates from 21 universities.

Jacques Delors is president of the administrative board of the Collège d'Europe (Bruges) and, since October 1996, has been president of the Research Group Notre Europe in Paris.

**Honourable Charles Dent**  
**Department of Education, Culture and Employment**  
**Northwest Territories**

Charles Dent moved from Edmonton to Yellowknife after receiving his bachelor of arts from the University of Alberta. He started, then managed, a radio station while becoming involved in the community as an alderman, a volunteer firefighter, and rotary club member, as well as president of an association of municipalities. Mr. Dent was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1991. In addition to his role as Minister responsible for Education, Culture and Employment, Youth, and the Northwest Territories Power Corporation, he currently serves on the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

**Honourable Clint Dunford**  
**Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development**  
**Alberta**

Clint Dunford was first elected to the Alberta Legislature as MLA for Lethbridge-West on June 15, 1993. He was re-elected on March 11, 1997, and appointed Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, Responsible for Student Finance Board and Personnel Administration Office.

Mr. Dunford is currently a member of the Standing Policy Committee on Education and Training; the Standing Policy Committee on Financial Planning and Human Resources; and the Montana/Alberta Advisory Committee. During his tenure at the Legislature, he also has served as a member of the Standing Policy Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development; the Standing Policy Committee on Health Restructuring; the Public Affairs Committee, and the Parliamentary Reform Committee, as well chair of the Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Saving and Trust Fund, the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Review Committee, and the Productivity Plus Committee.

Prior to becoming an MLA, Mr. Dunford was President and Owner of CED Consulting Ltd., Lethbridge. His other private sector positions have included Human Resources Director for Dresser Industries Inc.; Manager of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Alberta Division; and Industrial Relations Manager for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Calgary. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Calgary.

Mr. Dunford has been an active member of his community, serving as a director of the Southern Alberta Junior Achievement Association, a corporate fund raiser of the United Way Campaign, a member of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the Lethbridge International Air Show. He also has enjoyed memberships with Toastmaster International and the Lethbridge Oldtimers Sports Association.

**Jan Eastman**  
**Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF)**

Jan Eastman was elected president of CTF in July 1997.

Ms. Eastman completed her MA (Education) in Instructional Psychology at Simon Fraser University in 1994 while working as a teaching assistant in the field of learning disabilities. She also assisted student teachers in the Professional Development Program (pre-service teacher education) at Simon Fraser University. As a faculty associate, she provided instruction and supervised practica.

Ms. Eastman taught at the secondary level in Tasmania, Australia, and in Kitimat, Langley, and Delta, BC, and established programs to provide support for the atypical learner in the mainstream, mainly students with learning disabilities. She is a strong advocate for children, youth, and public schools and is committed to social justice, equity, and democratic citizenship for all.

**Honourable J. Chester Gillan**  
**Minister of Education**  
**Prince Edward Island**

J. Chester Gillan was elected as a Conservative MLA on November 18, 1996, and appointed Minister of Education on November 27. Mr. Gillan is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, holding both a bachelor's and a master's degree in education.

Mr. Gillan brings an extensive background in education to his portfolio. He taught high school for 29 years in Charlottetown and received international recognition for his excellence in teaching. He also worked as a summer school lecturer with the University of New Brunswick and the University of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Gillan is a Charter Member of the Canadian Environmental Education Association. Other community interests include sports, and he has acted as a past director and charter member of the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association, the PEI Canoeing Association, and the PEI Alpine Ski Association. He was involved with the 1991 Canada Winter Games and served as a member of the board of management and vice-president of the human resources division.

**Aryeh Gitterman**  
**Ontario Ministry of Education and Training**

Aryeh Gitterman is the executive coordinator of the Secondary School Project in the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training. His group is responsible for Secondary School Reform and policy and program development in career education, cooperative education, youth apprenticeship, community service, student retention, and transition to work. One of the features of the new high school system that will take effect in September 1999 is a Prior Learning



Assessment process for high school students. Through this process, students will be able to receive credit without taking a course if they can demonstrate that they can meet the provincial curriculum expectations.

Aryeh Gitterman was born and raised in Winnipeg. He completed his B.Sc. at the University of Manitoba, majoring in mathematics and English. He has worked at the Scarborough Board of Education teaching mathematics, English and media in grades 9 to 12 and at the Halton Board of Education where he was head of guidance and special education in a grade 7-13 school, and coordinator of guidance and cooperative education for the board. During that time he also completed his Doctor of Education in Counselling Psychology at the University of Toronto. Since 1990, he has worked in a variety of positions at the Ministry of Education and Training.

Dr. Gitterman has also been a course director at York University and has given many workshops and presentations on secondary school policy, transition to work, student retention, career education, and cooperative education.

**Catherine Gogan**  
**Department of Education**  
**Newfoundland and Labrador**

Catherine Gogan has 25 years experience in the fields of education, career development, and employment, including teaching at the postsecondary level, program development in support of technical and vocational education, and administration. Over the past 11 years, she has held the position of Assistant Deputy Minister in the Departments of Career Development and Advanced Studies, Employment and Labour Relations, the Public Service Commission, and most recently, in the Department of Education.

Ms. Gogan's teaching experience includes the design, development, and implementation of a diploma program in food management technology and adult and vocational education courses at Memorial University. She moved to the provincial government in 1978, established the first technical and vocational program development unit in the Department of Education, and introduced competency-based curriculum development. During her period as assistant deputy minister she implemented the Canada/Newfoundland Youth Employment Strategy; strengthened the linkages between postsecondary education programs and labour market demand; strengthened linkages between college and university courses that have since led to a successful credit transfer system; and played a key role in the implementation of major education and training initiatives funded under the Canada/Newfoundland Offshore Development Fund.

Her initial postsecondary education was completed in Dublin, Ireland, where she majored in institutional management and nutrition. She also holds degrees from Memorial University, Newfoundland, and St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia.

**Betty Green**  
**Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA)**

As president of CSBA, Betty Green is a strong advocate for a national voice for public education in Canada. Ms. Green was first elected as a trustee to the Lakeshore School Division in 1988 and is a past-president of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees. Throughout her involvement at the local, provincial, and national levels she has promoted parental, student, and community participation in education. She has demonstrated a commitment to programs that address early identification and intervention, readiness to learn, and literacy for pre-school and school-aged children.

**Honourable Roger Grimes**  
**Minister of Education**  
**Newfoundland and Labrador**

After earning a B.Sc/B.Ed, Roger Grimes taught for seventeen years while also acting as president of the Newfoundland Teachers Association and director of the Canadian Teachers' Federation; in 1988 he received a master's degree in education. Mr. Grimes entered the assembly in 1989 and held several positions in the Ministries of Employment and Labour Relations and Tourism, Culture and Recreation, before being appointed Minister of Education in March 1996.

**Martin Hanratty**  
**Canadian Labour Congress**

Martin Hanratty was born in Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. His formal education was at Sacred Heart School, Sheriff Junior High School, Sydney Academy, and the Nova Scotia Eastern Institute of Technology (U.C.C.B.).

Prior to starting with the Canadian Labour Congress, Martin served as an electrician in the Royal Canadian Navy and a junior engineering officer with the Canadian Coast Guard, and worked at Chrysler Canada Ltd. and Union Gas Ltd. in Windsor, Ontario. With the CLC he has been a servicing representative in mainland Nova Scotia, the Regional Director in Atlantic Canada, and the National Director in Ottawa.

**Richard Hoops Harrison**  
**Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)**

Hoops Harrison is the national director of CASA, an organization representing some 240,000 students from 15 of the largest universities and colleges in Canada. Mr. Harrison is mandated both to raise the profile of postsecondary student issues at the federal and interprovincial levels and to improve the quality and accessibility of that education.

Mr. Harrison has served as vice-president of external affairs for the University of Alberta Students' Union ('96/'97) as well as coordinator for the Council of Alberta University Students ('94/'96), a provincial student lobby group.

Mr. Harrison is a 24-year-old arts graduate (history/philosophy) from the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Recently quoted in *The Globe and Mail* ("Quote of the Day", April 15, 1998), he was also featured in *Maclean's* ("A Player named Hoops") by education editor Ann Dowsett Johnston.

**Honourable Robert S. Harrison**  
**Minister of Education and Culture**  
**Nova Scotia**

Sworn in on June 27, 1996, Robbie Harrison brings 22 years of experience as a Nova Scotia school teacher and administrator to the Ministry of Education and Culture. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Harrison served as minister responsible for the Nova Scotia Economic Renewal Agency (ERA) and earlier, as Minister of Environment when he was elected to public office in May 1993.

Throughout his career, Mr. Harrison has continually promoted excellence. He and his educational colleagues achieved national and international recognition for excellence in special education; literacy and numeracy development; and physical education. He has also served on various boards and committees, including committees with the Nova Scotia School Boards Association, Nova Scotia Teachers Union, and the Nova Scotia School Administrators Association. Other areas of focus and research include education change in the 90s; middle school curriculum; guidance counselling; and classroom management. In each ministry, Mr. Harrison has reinforced the linkages among education, economics, and the environment.

Mr. Harrison graduated from Acadia University where he received a bachelor's degree both in psychology and English, and in education, and a master's degree in administration. He has served in various capacities on Acadia University's Board of Governors and was president of the Alumni Association at Acadia.

An active community leader, Mr. Harrison has served on the Board of Trustees for the Wolfville Hospital and other hospital committees, and has worked with young people in sports and the community.

**Honourable David Johnson**  
**Minister of Education and Training**  
**Ontario**

David Johnson was re-elected to the Ontario Legislature on June 8, 1995. On October 10, 1997, he was sworn in as Minister of Education and Training. He served previously as Chair of Management Board and Government House Leader.

A former systems analyst with Imperial Oil, Mr. Johnson graduated from McMaster University with a bachelor of science degree, and then earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Waterloo.

Mr. Johnson has been a member of the Standing Committee on General Government and the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. He also served as the Progressive Conservative critic for finance.

Mr. Johnson is an associate member of the Royal Canadian Legion and a member of the East York Kiwanis Club. As well, he is a member of the Toronto East General Hospital Foundation and an honorary member of East York Meals on Wheels.

**Greg Jones**  
**Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology**  
**British Columbia**

Greg Jones, Manager, Interprovincial Activities in the British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology will introduce the discussion paper on Career and Personal Counselling. Among Mr. Jones's current responsibilities is the role of coordinating positions of BC's two education ministries vis-à-vis CMEC issues during Minister Ramsey's term as chair. He has also been extensively involved in bringing forward BC's views in federal-provincial discussions on youth employment and student debt.

In previous assignments within the BC government, Mr. Jones developed a *Framework for Labour Market Development in British Columbia*, helped lay the groundwork for the *Charting a New Course* planning initiative for BC's colleges and institutes, and managed the *Training for What?* project for the BC Labour Force Development Board.

**Johanne Lacelle**  
**Commission nationale des parents francophones (CNPf)**

Johanne Lacelle, a family physician, is currently president of CNPF. She has accepted this post only until October 1998 (and likes to remind everyone that she is interim president), because she feels she still has a lot to do in her home province of Newfoundland.

Dr. Lacelle is also president of the Fédération des parents francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (FPFTNL). She has been active in FPFTNL for two and a half years, serving on its executive board for a year and a half before accepting the post of acting president last June. For several years, Dr. Lacelle was president of the local parents' committee in St. John's. In spite of her youth, she has been a long-time activist for minority education rights. She was one of the three parent plaintiffs named in *Lono vs. The Queen*, the court case that led to the establishment of the first French school in St. John's in 1990.

As an active participant in every stage of the movement to win school governance, Dr. Lacelle has been an invaluable advocate. Her great perseverance and boundless energy, her analytical abilities, and her cool-headedness have assured the credibility of the Fédération and helped open doors to the realization of its aspirations. She excels in negotiation and understands how to ably manage the affairs of the Fédération during its current transitional period.

**Honourable Gary Mar**  
**Minister of Education**  
**Alberta**

Gary G. Mar was born in Calgary on July 26, 1962. He obtained his bachelor of commerce (finance) from the University of Calgary in 1984 and his bachelor of laws from the University of Alberta in 1987. Mr. Mar practised civil and criminal law and was a researcher and contributing author of a textbook on Alberta civil procedure. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1994.

Mr. Mar was involved with the Chinese community in Calgary as director of the Sien Lok Society from 1987-93, and as vice-president of the Chinatown Development Foundation from 1990-93. He has also served as a volunteer with Calgary Legal Guidance, which provides legal services to low-income persons. Mr. Mar is third generation Chinese-Canadian.

Mr. Mar was elected MLA for Calgary Nose Creek in the provincial election held on June 15, 1993. He is also a member of the Standing Policy Committees on Community Services and Agriculture and Rural Development.

**Honourable Pauline Marois**  
**Minister of Education**  
**Quebec**

Born in Quebec on March 29, 1949, Pauline Marois obtained a bachelor's degree in social services from *Université Laval* in 1971 and a master's degree in business administration from the *École des hautes études commerciales* of the *Université de Montréal* in 1976.

Elected as a member for the Parti québécois in April 1981, she was appointed Minister of State for the Status of Women on April 30, 1981. Subsequent responsibilities included Vice-Chair of the Treasury Board and Minister of Labour and Income Security. Re-elected on September 25, 1989, Pauline Marois was appointed to sit on the Committee on Labour and the Economy and to

chair the Committee on Social Affairs. Other responsibilities have included critic of the Official Opposition in matters related to industry and trade, public administration, Treasury Board, the integration of federal public servants, and the environment.

Re-elected in the general election of September 12, 1994, Paul Marois was Minister for Administration and the Public Service and chair of the Treasury Board until November 3, 1995, then Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for Family Policy. She is currently Minister of Education, Chair of the Committee of Ministers on Education and Culture, and Minister responsible for the Child Day Care Services Board. She is also a member of the Priorities Committee.

**Honourable Linda G. McIntosh**  
**Department of Education and Training**  
**Manitoba**

Linda G. McIntosh taught school for several years before becoming a special assistant to Premier Gary Filmon. She is known for her leadership in community activities such as daycare operation, church newsletter illustration, youth orchestra (board of directors), boy scouts, toastmistress club, and by appearing on CBC's "Week in Review". Mrs. McIntosh was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1990. She served as minister in the areas of urban affairs, housing, corporate affairs, and liquor control. In addition to her role as MLA Assiniboia, Mrs. McIntosh is also Minister of Education and Training, which includes both public school and postsecondary education; she is responsible for various statutes related to education.

**Phillip A. McKenzie**  
**Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

Philip A. McKenzie is a principal administrator in the Education and Training Division of OECD in Paris. He has been seconded from the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), where he is a principal research fellow. His main responsibility is a review of young people's transition from initial education to working life in OECD member countries. The review is identifying major changes in young people's transition to work, and evaluating the effectiveness of different policy responses. Mr. McKenzie holds a first-class honours degree in economics, and master's and doctoral degrees in the economics of education, from Monash University. His doctoral thesis on scale economies in secondary schools was joint winner of the 1991 American Education Finance Association's Outstanding Dissertation Award. Recent publications include an article in *The OECD Observer* entitled "Lifelong Learning and Employability" and chapter 3 of *Education at a Glance (Analysis)* entitled "School-to-work Transition," as well as a book, *The Labour Market and Income Consequences of Participation in Technical and Further Education*, which he co-authored.

**Honourable Lois Moorcroft**  
**Minister of Education**  
**Yukon**

Lois Moorcroft was first elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in 1992 as the New Democratic Party Member of the Legislative Assembly for Mount Lorne. Re-elected in 1996, she serves in Cabinet as Minister of Justice, Education and the Women's Directorate.

Prior to being elected, Ms. Moorcroft worked at Yukon College and was Chief Shop Steward for the Yukon College Employees Union.

Ms. Moorcroft has been active in community groups, feminist organizations, and the labour movement. She was vice-chair of the Employment Standards Board and a member of the Yukon Child Care Board. She has also enjoyed a lengthy association with the Yukon Status of Women Council and volunteered with the OptiMSt newspaper.

In 1983, Ms. Moorcroft earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and Canadian studies from Trent University in Peterborough.

**Honourable Andrew Petter**  
**Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology**  
**British Columbia**

Andrew Petter was appointed Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations on February 18, 1998.

Prior to that Mr. Petter served as Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations and Minister responsible for Intergovernmental Relations from June 1996. He has also served as Minister of Health, Minister responsible for Seniors and Minister responsible for Intergovernmental Relations, Minister of Forests, and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs.

Born in Victoria, Mr. Petter was educated at Notre Dame University in Nelson and the University of Victoria, where he obtained a bachelor of laws and was awarded the Law Society of B.C. gold medal for the highest standing in his class. He then obtained a master of laws from Cambridge University on a Commonwealth scholarship.

Mr. Petter is currently on leave from the University of Victoria, where he was Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law. Previous appointments include legal adviser to the Constitutional Branch of the Saskatchewan Department of Justice and Assistant Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto.

**Honourable Paul Ramsey**  
**Minister of Education**  
**British Columbia**  
**Chair, CMEC**

Paul Ramsey completed his master's degree in English in the United States before enrolling at the University of British Columbia for further graduate work. Before being elected in 1991 to represent the riding of Prince George, Mr. Ramsey served two terms as president of the College - Institute Educator's Association of B.C. and has held a variety of positions in local and provincial educational organizations and committees. Previously Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors, Mr. Ramsey was appointed Minister of Education, Skills and Training in February 1996; and on February 18, 1998, he was appointed Minister of Education.

**Honourable Bernard Richard**  
**Minister of Education**  
**New Brunswick**

Bernard Richard, a lawyer and former social worker, was born on April 11, 1951, in Toronto. His family returned to Cap-Pelé where he attended local schools. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Moncton and a bachelor of laws from the University of New Brunswick.

In 1974, he ran as a candidate for the Parti acadien in the new single-member riding of Shediac. He was later elected to the council of the Village of Cap-Pelé and was deputy mayor from 1977 to 1980. First elected to the Legislative Assembly on September 23, 1991, as the member for Shediac, he was re-elected September 11, 1995, as the member for the new riding of Shediac-Cap-Pelé, and subsequently appointed Minister of State for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. He was given the added responsibilities of Acting Minister of Justice and Attorney General on March 27, 1997, and was appointed Minister of Education in July 1997. He has also served as a member of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Law Amendments, Ombudsman, and the Select Committee on Demographics. In September 1993, he was named legislative assistant to the minister of education. Since the fall of 1995, he has been the "chargé de mission" for the Americas region of the International Association of French Speaking Parliamentarians (AIPLF). In 1998, Mr. Richard was reappointed Minister of Education by the new premier.

Mr. Richard is active in his community, has been involved with minor hockey and baseball, and has also served as president of the Association of Bloater Producers Inc., an organization of smoked herring producers and exporters.



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Ms. Seregelyi has served nine years as a volunteer in various executive capacities, including two terms as national president, with Women in Science and Engineering (WISE). Chair of the 1995 Conference of Canadian Women in Engineering, Science and Technology, she is currently on the board of directors of the Software Human Resource Council and the Youth Engineering and Science and Virtual Adventures Camps of Canada.

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