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This second annual report makes it possible to note that CÉRIUM is continuing to grow and develop.

This *Message from the Directors* serves to summarize CÉRIUM's essence in three points: the expansion of CÉRIUM, its activities, and its funding strategy.

A Centre in Full Expansion

CÉRIUM's structure has maintained a steady growth, adding to its configuration several member units and preparing for the creation of new ones.

The year 2005-2006 witnessed the creation of two units. Visiting professor at the Department of Political Science and visiting fellow for CÉRIUM and GERSI, Jocelyn Coulon founded, within the framework of CÉRIUM, the *Francophone Research Network on Peace Operations*, assembling a dynamic and efficient team, obtaining sources of financing, and launching a remarkable internet site. The *Chair in Contemporary Mexican Studies* was launched April 6, 2006, and its first incumbent Angel of Vega Navarro, professor of Economics at UNAM, taught at the Masters level in International Studies and took part in numerous CÉRIUM activities.

Two units will be created throughout the year 2006-2007. The *Chair in Contemporary French Studies* will welcome its first holder, Mme Catherine Bertho Lavenir, professor of contemporary history at the University of Paris III Sorbonne nouvelle, who will be teaching between September 2006 and May 2007 courses on media and on the next French presidential elections. The *Research Network on Latin America (REAL)* will be created in March 2007, during CÉRIUM's spring conference.

The Expansion of Activities

The quantity of activities and units CÉRIUM counts has increased but not to the detriment of its quality. These activities have conventionally been divided by Research, Teaching, and Outreach.

Research

By structuring the training activity of new research units, CÉRIUM contributes not only to the setting in network of the University's researchers, but also to the organization of scientific activities. CÉRIUM counts seven research units which preexisted or which were created at the time of its own creation. Seven additional units have been created since, at the initiative of CÉRIUM, which demonstrates the added value the centre brings to the development of international studies at the University of Montreal.

The bursaries allotted to eight post-doctorates, a number of whom are working with the units, have also had a significant impact on the quantity and quality of international research generated and produced on campus.

CÉRIUM's two grand annual conferences were a success due to both the quality of the speakers and the number of participants. The conference "Governance for Development in the 21st Century: Visions of Africa and Latin America-Obstacles and Challenges of local appropriation for governance" was organized in December 2005 by Professor Jacques Fiset, professor at the Faculty of Aménagement. He heads the *Research Group in Development*. The conference "Conservative Predominance in the U.S. – A Moment or an Era?" was organized in March 2006 by Professor Pierre Martin, professor from the department of Political Science, who heads the *Chair in American Political and Economic Studies*. CÉRIUM's annual 2005-2006 trans-disciplinary seminar was on "Religions on the world scene" and was jointly organized with the *Centre d'études des religions de l'Université de Montréal* (CÉRUM) directed by Professor Solange Lefebvre (Theology).

We have launched a series of activities on China. Two cycles of conferences have made it possible to clear the terrain by drawing to CÉRIUM fifteen French, American and Canadian specialists: “*The Impacts of the Rise of China*” in fall 2005 and “*China and India: new giants*” in winter 2006. The conference “*Quebec Vis-à-vis with the Chinese Giant: Tendencias, testimonios and strategies*” was jointly organized, in March 2006, with the *Service de l’enseignement des affaires internationales des HEC*, bound to a clientele in professional contact with China. CÉRIUM and the Masters in International Studies welcomed in spring the sinologist, visiting fellow Jean-Philippe Béja. Of these events, four programs have been aired on Canal Savoir. Summer school on China was in a sense the result of these efforts which placed CÉRIUM as a key player in Montreal on issues relating to China in 2005-2006¹.

Several of CÉRIUM’s units have had similar structuring activities. For example, the *Canada Research Chair on International Migratory Law (CDIM)* developed a trans-disciplinary research seminar on “The Complex Dynamics of International Migration”, and the *Centre on Development of International Research on Environment (CEDRIE)* assembled an interdisciplinary seminar on “The Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol” and organized two seminars on the Kyoto Protocol and on sustainable development.

Each of these activities has had an important value in terms of building partnerships within CÉRIUM as well as between CÉRIUM and external entities.

We will keep up with the momentum in 2006-2007. The fall conference (October 2006) will focus on “A European Union in the making: An interdisciplinary Approach” with the initiative of the *Institute for European Studies*, in collaboration with the *Institut des Hautes études Internationales de l’Université de Laval*. The spring conference (March 2007) will be on “Latin America: new lefts, new democracies?” and will serve as an occasion to

¹ The Privy Council Office has contacted us in August to know which of our speakers we would recommend for a training session on China of the federal sub-ministers. This gesture was unimaginable just a year ago.

launch, as mentioned, the *Research Network on Latin America (REAL)*.

Thanks to the efforts of his director, professor Gerard Boismenu, the *Consortium for European Studies* de l’Université de Montréal – which regroups the *Institute for European Studies* of the Université de Montréal and the l’Université McGill, the Jean Monnet Chair on the Law of International Economic Integration (McGill) and the Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration (Université de Montréal) – obtained, from the European Commission, the status of Centre of Excellence, which ensures long term financing for a dense programming of research and activities.

When it comes to publications, the projects are moving along. With regard to CÉRIUM’s publications as a center, negotiations with Les Presses de l’Université de Montréal allow to envision the publication of several works resulting from CÉRIUM’s activities. The manuscript from CÉRIUM’s first trans-disciplinary seminar (*The International concept at the University*) was approved for publication and will be issued during the academic year. The drafting of the work resulting from the second seminar (*Religions on the world scene*) is in progress. The publications resulting from CÉRIUM’s conferences (Blair, Governance and Development, American conservatism) are also in progress. We should thus be expecting to see publications from CÉRIUM in the coming 18 to 24 months.

Furthermore, an effort in valorizing the scientific work of some 70 research members of CÉRIUM units has been carried out and made it possible to put on line on the site a living bibliography of more than 90 scientific publications produced during the last three years, without counting general articles and research notes².

CÉRIUM accommodated several invited researchers, American and French, who largely contributed to scientific animation.

Our greeting program for post-doctorate researchers has carried on. Eight researchers

² To this point in time: 23 scientific articles, 27 monographs and collective works, 37 book chapters, and 6 scientific revue directions.

have been received, of which several have benefited from complimentary financing of certain of our units (CCEAE) or partner institutions (CRDP, CREUM). We are discussing the adequate level of financing for post-doctorate researchers needed to ensure them a financial base conducive to the pursuit of their work.

Training

The graduate programs in International Studies (Masters, DESS and micro-programs) function in synergy with CÉRIUM. Several of these invited professors in 2005-2006 were in Montreal through CÉRIUM's invitation : Jean-Philippe Béja, senior researcher at CÉRI (Paris), Ron Schmidt, visiting fellow Fulbright and Political Science professor at the *California State University, Long Beach*, Kevin MacMahon, visiting fellow Fulbright and associate professor of Political Science at *Trinity College* (Hartford, CT).

CÉRIUM launched the organization of summer schools. The second edition of the Summer School in Comparative and International Environmental Law was a success, thanks to the efforts of Françoise Maniet, coordinator of the *Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration*. Resulting from the activities of the year 2005-2006 on China, a bilingual summer school titled "China Risen: How it changes and changes us" was developed and set in motion by Jean-François Lisée.

For summer 2007, CÉRIUM plans four summer schools. Those on the environment and on China will be back. A school on India will be added, whose scientific direction will be assured by the director of the CERI (Paris), Christophe Jaffrelot, and a school on peace operations will be piloted by Jocelyn Coulon director of the *Francophone Research Network on Peace Operations*.

Outreach

The *French speaking research network on peace operations* inaugurates in fall 2006 a 'Pearson Year' where many of the activities will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Blue Helmets (Suez 1956) and of the Peace

Nobel Price attributed to Lester B. Pearson (1957).

Several partnerships and exchanges with research and teaching institutions are under development. The most advanced is with the *Centre for International Studies and Research* (CERI) de Science Po Paris. Many of CERI's researchers have come to the CÉRIUM throughout the year. Several of our researchers have close links with researchers from the CERI. During the European tour in May 2006, several researchers of CÉRIUM met with researchers from the Université Paris III and the Institut Ortega y Gasset (Madrid). Jean-François Lisée made a tour of several American universities to seek to associate and inform them of our activities, in particular our summer schools. At the request of the International Vice-Rector, François Crépeau accepted an invitation from the Centre for Canadian Studies of the University of Delhi (India), from which the director subsequently came to take part in our summer school in international environmental law, in order to look more specifically into the relation. A productive and collaborative relationship installed itself between CÉRIUM and the University of Colombia New York for the joint invitation of foreign lecturers.

CÉRIUM's website is developing and presently counts more than 3300 pages of information and data. Besides the new data base on the publications evoked above – queried by type of publication, by area, country or theme, by author or by unit of CÉRIUM – the technological update of the site, carried out in summer 2006, allows for a more convivial presentation, but equally for the classification of CÉRIUM's activities by geographical area or theme. Thus, *geographical windows* on Asia, United States, Middle East and Europe make it possible for web users to seize in a blink of eye the totality of the activities, publications, documents, and videos of CÉRIUM and of its units on these areas.

Throughout the site's development, windows will be added by country and by theme. Statistics on user frequency show a growing audience, at 265 000 visitors a year. We wish to underline the remarkable work of the center's webmaster, Erick Frappier.

The intervention of CÉRIUM's researchers in public debate has become a norm. The media frequently calls on CÉRIUM to comment on breaking news, as testified by numerous television and radio interviews (for example at the time of the Israeli-Lebanese conflict in summer 2006). CÉRIUM's researchers have published numerous articles in journals and periodicals. There is on average one media intervention a day of researchers affiliated with CÉRIUM or its units.

Since its creation, 15 of CÉRIUM's activities have been filmed to be aired on Canal Savoir, 10 will be aired in fall 2006 and a common agreement has been made between Canal Savoir and CÉRIUM for the creation and production of supplementary programs, expenses divided, during the year 2006-2007.

Towards a stable financing

Several of CÉRIUM's units have received funding during 2005-2006. Hence, the *Institute for European Studies* on behalf of the European Commission, the *Francophone Research Network on Peace Operations* on behalf of Canada's Foreign Affairs Department, and the *Canada Research Chair on International Migratory Law* within the framework of the contest of the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada* (SSHRC). Likewise, the *Research Group in International Security* witnessed its financing renewed by Canada's Defense Department. An agreement on a new timetable for the financing of the *Chair in American Political and Economic Studies* (CÉPÉA) was also concluded with the Ministère des Relations internationales du Québec. The financing for the *Canadian Centre for German and European Studies*, whose multi-annual

subventions of operation falls due at the end of 2006, is in the process of being resolved.

In the course of the year, it will also be advisable to plan the renewal strategy of long term financing. The international vice-rector made propositions and recommendations to the directors of the University on this point.

Conclusion: Priorities for 2006-2007

CÉRIUM's direction puts forth and proposes a series of priorities for the year 2006-2007. CÉRIUM's first scientific publications, originating in particular from conferences and seminars, will be issued. A support plan for the development of CÉRIUM's scientific production will be devised and put in place. Summer schools will be enlarged and consolidated into a coherent unit. This should make it possible to enlarge CÉRIUM's audience and contribute to its financial health.

CÉRIUM's partnerships will be solidified. Growing partnership with the CERI (Science Po Paris) and Columbia University New York are of strategic importance. The establishment of partnerships with the Institut Ortega y Gasset de Madrid, l'Université Paris III, the University of Delhi and Georgetown University, in Washington, will allow for additional partnerships for CÉRIUM. Professor and student exchanges, as well as joint scientific activities, are also in program.

CÉRIUM approaches mid-way from its initial financing over five years. Proposals for securing financing supplied by the University and for increasing external financing are presently under discussion.