

## Graduate seminar in Canadian studies : Brno, 16-18 October 2000

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sessions at the annual conference of English and American Studies held in Eger in January 2001.

In the past two years Hungarian Canadianists have also been active as translators of Canadian writing both in English and in French: Éva Martonyi selected Québec short fiction and poetry for a special issue in *Magyar Napló* (June, 1999), Péter Szaffkó's translation of *Rebel Angels* by Robertson Davies was published in 2000, the same year as Roch Carrier's *La guerre, Yes, Sir!*, translated by Katalin Kürtösi. A collection of English-Canadian plays in Hungarian – translated by Péter Szaffkó, Szabolcs Szilágyi and Katalin Kürtösi – is forthcoming. Contact: Katalin Kürtösi. E-mail: [kurtosi@hung.u-szeged.hu](mailto:kurtosi@hung.u-szeged.hu).

### **Graduate Seminar in Canadian Studies Brno, 16 – 18 October 2000**

From 16-18 October 2000 the Canadian Studies Centre at Masaryk University in Brno hosted the 9th European Seminar for Graduate Students in Canadian Studies. This year the event, an annual initiative of the European Network for Canadian Studies, brought to Brno nineteen participants from twelve countries ranging from Ireland to Romania and Spain to Finland; about one-third of the students were from Central Europe. The papers they delivered at the working sessions, which spread over two and a half days, covered Canada-related topics touching on such diverse fields as literature, the media and language, film, federalism, anthropology, health measures, ethnicity and identity. Standards were very high, and a seminar *Proceedings* is being prepared.

In addition to the students, a number of academics from Europe and North America were also present, among them the members of the Central European Steering Committee for Canadian Studies, as well as several teachers from Masaryk University who are involved in the Canadian Studies programme at Brno. Besides the working sessions, the seminar included two open sessions. At the first of these, Prof. Alan Cairns of the University of Waterloo delivered a wide-ranging and immensely stimulating keynote address on "Aboriginal peoples in Canada – current issues and future prospects". The next day Cornelius Remie, from the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands, gave a fascinating lecture on the Inuit and Nunavut. Both attracted much attention and drew large audiences of students and members of the general public.

The fact that the seminar was being held in the Central European region for the first time reflected the growth of Canadian studies in the region, and served as a confirmation of the interest taken by Canadianists throughout Europe in developments here.

### **Polish Association of Canadianists**

From 20-22 April 2001 the Polish Association for Canadian Studies held its 2nd Congress and 1st International Canadian Studies Conference in the ancient city of Torun. The theme of the conference, which attracted impressive Polish and international participation, was "Exploring Canadian Identities". At the Association's triennial general meeting, held as part of the 2nd Congress, a new executive was