

Department of International Trade (DIT) / Science and Technology Division

Organization Overview:

The Science and Technology program of the Department of International Trade (DIT) works on behalf of Canada's S&T community, in order to facilitate international research and development collaboration between Canada and other countries. The Science and Technology program assists Canadian companies, universities, and research institutes up to the point of commercialisation of the product or service being developed

Methodology:

In order to carry out S&T goals, DIT:

- Manages a network of S&T counsellors and Trade commissioners with S&T responsibilities at Canadian missions abroad.
- Coordinates bilateral S&T agreements with Japan, Germany, France and the EU.
- Offers a proactive venture-financing program to support Canadian organizations in their search for collaboration with International counterparts.
- Organise International missions to markets where Canadian firms and research organizations may explore opportunities for technology partnering.
- Promotes Canada as an innovative Science and Technology based country.

Organisation Partners:

Communication Research Centre
Canadian National Research Council (IRAP and IIT)
Industry Canada
CANARIE Inc.

Clients:

Various universities and companies across Canada

Partnering Needs Opportunities:

DIT is looking for Canadian and foreign companies or organisations who would like access to each other's technologies, VCs, markets and expertise.

(DIT facilitates Canadian cooperation in S&T research with foreign partners.

Presenter Biographies:

Brigitte Léger

Brigitte is a Science and Technology Counsellor for the Government of Canada based at the Canadian Embassy in Paris, France. Trained as an international lawyer and with a BACC in Natural Sciences, she has been a Trade Commissioner with DIT for many years.

Jim Burt

Jim is a Senior Technology Advisor in the Science and Technology Division of DIT based in Ottawa. He has served in several of Canada's largest Government Departments and is the point of contact in Canada for the Information Society Technology Europe – Canada project (IST-EC)

Established: 1909

Number of Staff/Employees: 4000+

Industry Sector:

All Sectors (Government)
Information and Communications
Technologies

Products/Services:

Business Development
Trade

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