UQAM INTERNATIONAL REVIEW

The UQAM Office of International Relations (Service des relations internationales or SRI) is pleased to present the second issue of the “UQAM International Review”. This information is mainly composed of information from the “SRI-UQAM” bulletin and news from the UQAM “International” Website. This review aims to gather relevant information to provide an overview of the different components of the UQAM Office of International Relations and to promote the Office.

UQAM’S INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

In 2012, members of the Université du Québec à Montréal Office of International Relations have led missions across the globe, in countries such as China, Thailand, India, Brazil and the United States, where they represented UQAM at international conferences with the objective of developing partnerships with universities in particular with those that have French programs.

UQAM’s Mission in Asia

China

The Director of International Relations at UQAM carried out a mission in Asia from February 22nd to March 2nd, 2012 in order to conclude exchange agreements with universities in China, in particular with universities which have a French department and are preparing their students to study abroad in French. This was done with the objective of meeting the growing demand of UQAM students wishing to go on an exchange to China.

The mission provided an opportunity to meet with the Chinese government, to increase Université du Québec à Montréal’s visibility and to ensure its accreditation by the China Scholarship Council.

The Director of the SRI had fruitful discussions with several Chinese universities in Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai. Tentative agreements were signed with six Chinese universities.

The meeting with the China Scholarship Council (CSC) demonstrated the importance of increasing awareness about UQAM. Once informed about UQAM’s profile, Chinese universities invariably expressed interest and UQAM was invited to register for accreditation by the CSC.

Sustained efforts with the Chinese government will continue to be necessary to ensure visibility and to be better informed about the different opportunities offered by government programs. For example, the Quebec-China scholarship program has been unable to award all the scholarships available for Chinese students (doctoral, post-doctoral and visiting researchers). This is due to the double challenge of disseminating information to Chinese students who speak French, and the apparent complexity of the application and administrative procedures.

The prospect for collaborating with universities that have the most reputed French departments in China has been taking shape. This is especially important as the Chinese universities that wish to participate in student exchanges require partners and are very open to forming partnerships. French departments in China are growing steadily but only five universities offer a doctorate program in language teaching.

Chinese universities must be made aware of UQAM’s specific programs that may meet their needs. These include, among others, the development of a doctoral program in language teaching and the possibility of obtaining a double degree. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 23, 16 mars 2012)

Thaïlande

The 7th annual APAIE (The Asia-Pacific Association for International Education) Conference & Exhibition was held from April 4th to April 6th 2012. It was organized by Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand. An official in charge of student mobility from the Office of International Relations as well as a representative from the École des sciences de la gestion (School of Management) were there to represent UQAM with the purpose of developing new partnerships with universities from the Asia-Pacific region.
UQAM aims to increase the diversity of its student exchanges and opportunities for research. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 24, 26 mars 2012)

**UQAM Missions in South America**

**Brazil**

The director of the UQAM Office of International Relations and the representative in charge of relations with the Americas travelled to Brazil to attend the *Conference of the Americas on International Education*. The theme of the conference was “Internationalization: Essential Building Block to Quality in 21st Century Education”

The three organizations behind the event, the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE), the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) and the Consortium for North American Higher Education (CONAHEC), actively collaborated with new partners including the Conselho de Reitores das Universidades Brasileiras (CRUB), the Associação de Assessorias de Instituições de Ensino Superior Brasileiras para Assuntos Internacionais (FAUBAI) and the Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF) for the 2012 edition.

Representatives from UQAM also attended the annual meeting of *FAUBAI - Forum de assessorias das Universidades Brasileiras para assuntos Internacionais* which took place in Rio from April 22nd to April 25th, 2012. The FAUBAI provides a unique forum for dialogue among international relations managers from Brazilian universities.

The projected economic environment is favourable for international cooperation with Brazilian universities. Managers of international relations from universities will be called upon to play a role in the new developments in internationalization.

In addition, UQAM is particularly interested in developing partnerships within Science Without Borders (SWB), a program funded mainly by the federal government of Brazil and supported by the private sector, whose main objective is to promote consolidation and expansion of science, technology and innovation in Brazil through international exchange and mobility for students. The program allows Brazilian undergraduate and graduate students to attend UQAM and UQAM students to study in Brazil. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 24, 26 mars 2012)

UQAM is developing partnerships throughout the world to help create a network of teachers for the instruction of French as a foreign language. The process of creating an online community has begun. There, teachers will be able to find links to teaching materials, library sources, discussion forums on methodology, and information on conferences and events. Another objective is to provide students with the opportunity to come to Montreal to study French as part of an exchange program. We are contacting Brazilian universities in order to further develop this network. It is worth noting that several French-teaching networks exist already in Brazil, including the Alliance française in Sao Paulo (AF-SP).

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The event aimed to help integrate areas of expertise and potential partnerships in order to expand the discussions on the implementation of an internationalization policy for the UEFS. Priority was given to understanding the integration of the internationalization policy in the current context of globalization. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 7, 19 juillet 2012)

North American Mission

United States

Representatives in charge of relations with the region of Europe and the region of the Americas from the UQAM Office of International Relations carried out a mission in Houston representing UQAM at the 64th Conference of the Association of International Educators (NAFSA), from May 27th to June 1st, 2012. Approximately 9000 delegates from 95 countries attended this important meeting in the field of international education. This year, universities from Asia, Latin America and Western Europe were very well represented.

Members from the Office of International Relations attended seminars and workshops related to their regional area of interest. They provided information and represented UQAM at various networking events.

For the region of Europe, meetings with partners provided an opportunity to conclude agreements with universities in Germany, the United Kingdom and Belgium. Contacts were made with British and Scandinavian partners to develop new avenues in arts, Quebec literature and culture, the environment and sciences.

For the region of Latin America, meetings with partners provided opportunities to conclude agreements with universities in Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay in all fields of study. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 6, 12 juillet 2012)

UQAM’S INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS DURING 2011-2012

The Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) currently manages more than 500 agreements with 312 partners from 52 countries. The proportion of agreements with the region of Europe is 56% (283), the Americas 31% (155) and 13% (64) for the regions of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Oceania.

In 2011-2012, a total of more than 91 international agreements were signed, including 15 new and 76 renewed agreements. The number of international agreements has increased by 65%, or a total of 91, compared to the 2010-2011 academic year which obtained a total of 55 agreements. This year, the largest number of agreements has been with France (20), followed by Brazil (14) and Spain (11).

Here are the details regarding recent agreements:

Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Oceania

Africa

Middle East

A new general agreement was signed with the Institut français du Proche-Orient (the French Institute of the Near East), concerning Near East, Middle East and Arab World studies and research, for a period of 5 years.

Asia

China

A new general agreement was concluded with the Central China Normal University (CCNU), specifically in the areas of sciences, political science, education, social sciences, economics and the arts for a period of 5 years.

A new general agreement was signed with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), specifically in the area of teaching and research programs in the École des sciences de la gestion de l’Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM School of Management) and the corresponding programs in the Faculty of Business of PolyU for a period of five years.
A new general agreement was signed with Tsinghua University, specifically in the fields of business administration and project management with The Institute of International Engineering Project Management of Tsinghua University (IIEPM) and in all areas of common interest. The agreement is for a period of five years.

India

A new general agreement was concluded with the S.N.D.T. Women’s University, more specifically between Women’s University and the Institut de recherches et d’études féministes (UQAM’s Institute for Women’s Studies and Research or IREF) in all areas of common interest. The agreement is for a period of five years.

Japan

Agreements with the Kyoto University of Education were renewed. There is a general agreement in the field of language and education, and the bilateral agreement for student exchanges in the fields of education and research in the Asian languages and cultures program (UQAM), the Japanese foreign language and second language programs (KUE), and the English as a second language and French as a second language programs from the UQAM language school. The agreements are for a period of three years.

Viet Nam

A new general agreement was signed with Nong Lam University - Hochiminh City (NLU) in the fields of education and research in agriculture and forestry for a period of five years.

The Americas

North America

Mexico

A new general agreement was signed with El Colegio de México, in the fields of academic research and education for a period of five years.

South America and the Caribbean

Argentina

A student exchange agreement with the Universidad Nacional del Litoral was renewed. The agreement specifies that for each academic semester or year, the universities will agree on joint programs and disciplines. The agreement is for a period of five years.

A general agreement was renewed with the Universidad Nacional del Litoral for all study programs subject to student exchanges and in all areas of common interest. The agreement is for a period of five years.

Brazil

A new student exchange program was concluded with the Universidade de São Paulo (USP), in the field of arts at the Bachelor, Master and Doctorate levels. The agreement is for a period of 5 years.

A new general agreement was signed with the Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, in all areas of common interest as well as a new student exchange agreement for all programs except Administration and Communications. The agreements are for a period of three years.

A general agreement was renewed with the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS) in areas of common interest. The agreement is for a period of 5 years. Also, a new student exchange agreement in all Bachelor degree programs except Administration and Communications was signed. The agreement is for a period of three years.

A new general agreement was concluded with the Universidade Estadual Paulista «Julio de Mesquita Filho» (UNESP), to establish academic, scientific and technological cooperation programs for a period of five years.

A new general agreement, specifically in the fields of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering and health sciences, was concluded with the Universidade Federal do Ceará (UFC) as well as a new bilateral student exchange agreement in all programs except those in Administration and Communications for a period of three years.

A general agreement was renewed with the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC), specifically in the field of psychology and all areas of common interest, for a period of five years.

Chile

A general agreement for programs in Communications, Information Technology and Dance and a bilateral student exchange agreement were renewed with the Universidad Mayor de Chile. The bilateral exchange agreement is for UQAM students in the following programs: Political Science and Law, Social Sciences, Arts and Sciences and for the Universidad Mayor students enrolled in Education, Theatre and Film, Law, Psychology, Biotechnology, Architecture and Design. The agreements are for a period of 5 years.

Colombia

A new general agreement with the Universidad del Rosario in all areas of common interest was signed. The agreement is for a period of five years.
Peru
A general agreement and a bilateral student exchange with the Universidad de Lima was renewed for a period of five years. Exchange programs are for students in the following faculties: Social Sciences, Communications (baccalauréat en animation et recherche culturelle [Bachelor’s program in Cultural Activity and Research] only), Political Science, Law, and Sciences.

Uruguay
A new general agreement in all areas with the Universidad Católica del Uruguay and a new bilateral exchange agreement for students in all programs except those faculties of Administration and Communications were signed for a period of three years.

Europe (regional desk)
Europe
Spain
A new general agreement was signed with the Colegio Universitario de Estudios Financieros (CUNEF), affiliated with the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, in areas of common interest. There was also a new student exchange agreement with CUNEF, particularly for students enrolled in programs at the École des sciences de la gestion de l’Université du Québec à Montréal (School of Management at UQAM) and similar programs in CUNEF. The agreement will remain in effect until either party notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate.

A new general agreement was signed with the Universidad de Salamanca (USAL) in all areas of common interest, especially in the field of Communications. The agreement is for a period of three years.

A general agreement was renewed with the Universidad Pontificia Comillas in the field of Political Science as well as a bilateral exchange agreement for students of Political Science and Law at UQAM and programs in the Faculties of Law, Political Science, and Administration at Comillas, for a period of five years.

A new three-year bilateral exchange agreement for ESG students enrolled in undergraduate studies at the School of Management and students enrolled in corresponding programs at the Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y Jurídicas at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid was concluded, providing that these programs are not subject to restrictions. The agreement is for a period of three years.

Finlande
A new general agreement with the Aalto University School of Economics especially for the programs at the École des sciences de la gestion (ESG) of the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) and the corresponding programs at the Aalto University School of Economics was signed. Also, a new student exchange agreement, specifically for programs at the École des sciences de la gestion and the corresponding programs at the Aalto University School of Economics was concluded. Both agreements are for a period of five years.

France
A new student exchange agreement was signed with the Université Grenoble 2 (Pierre Mendès France) for students enrolled in Bachelor and Master (1 and 2) programs in the Faculty of Law at UPMF and Bachelor and Master programs in the Faculty of Political Science and Law at UQAM. The agreement is for a period of five years.

A new general agreement in all areas of common interest and a new bilateral exchange agreement were signed with the École Pratique des Hautes Études in Paris for students enrolled in common programs at either institution for a period of five years.

A general agreement in all areas of common interest, particularly in the fields of political science and law, was renewed with the Université d’Auvergne, de Clermont-Ferrand in France, as well as a bilateral student exchange agreement for a period of five years.
France
A new bilateral student exchange agreement was signed with the Université Lyon 2 (Lumière), for students enrolled in programs of the Department of Arts de la scène, de l’Image et de l’Écran (Performing Arts, Image and Screen) at Lyon 2 and the École supérieure de théâtre (Graduate School of Theatre) at UQAM, for a period of five years.

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Now, the Office of International Relations offers the opportunity to follow some of the activities of UQAM International on Facebook, Google+ and an RSS feed.

An «Études à l’international» Facebook page is available in particular for UQAM students.

A new address
The office of International Relations of the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) has had a new address since Friday March 16, 2012.

The new street and delivery address is:

Pavillon AC, 1259, rue Berri, Bureau AC-8300, Montréal (Québec) H2L 4C7 CANADA.

The Office
In 2012, the Office of International Relations at UQAM has a team of ten employees and offers a variety of services including hosting and referrals, administration, communications, support for instructors and partners, with three regional desks (The Americas, Europe, and Africa-Asia-Middle East-Oceania). The office also provides international mobility services for UQAM students and foreign students.
The Refugee’s Schoolyard. Every morning I am greeted at my kitchen window by students from the childrens’ daycare next door, who happily greet me from their schoolyard. In this prison of concrete, the laughter of children makes us forget the pitiful living conditions which prevail in this refugee camp south of Beirut, inviting us to celebrate the small moments of life.

Meaghan Johnstone on field research for her Master’s program (Master’s in Communications-Research and Creation in Experimental Media 3279) in Bourj el Barajneh, a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, May 10, 2011. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 26, 23 avril 2012)

The Institute of International Studies in Montreal (IEIM)

In accordance with its mission, the Institute of International Studies, Montreal (IEIM) continues to play a crucial role in integrating the international dimension in all the activities of

Results of Office of International Relations

UQAM Students Abroad Photo Contest

UQAM’s Office of International Relations received thirteen full proposals for the October 15, 2011 UQAM Students Abroad Photo Contest and eleven full proposals for the March 15, 2012 contest.

Jury Selections

October 15, 2011 Contest

Winner

October 15, 2011

Thierry. « This picture was taken in Brussels during a student exchange with the University of Liège (Belgium) in 2011. This picture of Thierry was taken while making a photo essay on the abandoned administrative city in the Belgian capital. I wanted to make an account of the failed project-- it was too ambitious for the country’s economy--the subject of the report evolved into the perceptions of a homeless man who would come there to listen to his music from time to time. "David Dufresne-Denis, third-year student, Communications, Journalism profile. Exchange in Liège (Belgium) Winter Session 2011. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 14, 23 novembre 2011)

March 15 2012 Contest

Winner

March 15, 2012

The Institute of International Studies in Montreal (IEIM)
the various bodies of the Faculté de science politique et de droit (Political Science and Law Faculty), including the dissemination of knowledge. In 2010 and 2011, the Institute organized, alone and in partnerships, two thematic weeks (the first on the topic of the Spanish-speaking world and the second on Haiti), as well as a major international conference on the theme “Rethinking the Atlantic”, involving sixteen international lecturers from Europe, the Americas and Africa. In 2012, the Institute is presenting a week on China.

Centre interdisciplinaire de recherche en développement international et société (The Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in International Development and Society or CIRDIS)

On November 1st, 2011, UQAM launched the Centre interdisciplinaire de recherche en développement international et société (CIRDIS).

Centre d’études et de recherches sur le Brésil (Centre for Brazilian Studies and Research or CERB)

Twelve PhD students and two Master’s students arrived from Brazil to complete internships at UQAM through the federal government’s program Emerging Leaders in the Americas, sponsored by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). Most of the students were involved with the Réseau Métropoles, inégalités et planification démocratique (Metropolitan Network, Inequality and Democratic Planning), a group of researchers from Brazil, Argentina and Quebec. From the same program, three students, including two undergrads (one in Management, the other in Education) and one graduate student (Environmental Management), arrived in September 2011 and stayed at UQAM until April 2012.

CERB co-organized a conference as part of the activities of ACFAS (a francophone association for the advancement of knowledge), and a second symposium on the role of universities in local development and social innovations within the context of the eleventh International Congress of the Brazilian Association for Canadian Studies held in Salvador de Bahia in October. In conjunction with the symposium, CERB organized two workshops that attracted several researchers from Brazil and Quebec. One was entitled «Regards croisés Brésil-Québec : le rôle des mouvements sociaux en matière de lutte contre la pauvreté» (“Brazil-Quebec Perspectives: the role of social movements in the fight against poverty”)
The second workshop focused on geopolitics and facilitated the meeting of Brazil and Quebec literature specialists and geographers to explore the question of territories from new perspectives, thereby going outside their traditional disciplinary affiliations. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 19, 30 janvier 2012)

Three New Observatories

Three new international observatories were recently created. In September 2010, the Centre d’études des politiques étrangères et de sécurité (Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies) (CEPES) and the Canada Research Chair in Foreign and Canadian Defence Policy (PEDC) created the Observatoire de la politique et la sécurité de l’Arctique (OPSA) (Arctic Political and Security Observatory), headed by Stéphane Roussel. The OPSA’s mission is to encourage reflection about the political and security issues in the Arctic through exchanges, research, publications and conferences, while going beyond the Canadian perspective on these issues. For its part, the Observatoire sur le Moyen-Orient et l’Afrique du Nord (OMAN) (Observatory on the Middle East and North Africa), directed by Vincent Romani, was launched in February 2011. Attached to the Chaire Raoul-Dandurand en études stratégiques et diplomatiques (Raoul Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies), OMAN is unique in the world of Francophone universities in Canada in its vocation to study and disseminate knowledge about the region. Finally, in March 2011, CEPES launched the Observatoire de la Chine (Observatory of China), headed by Ting-Sheng Lin. The China Observatory focuses on the political, economic, social and security issues that China faces today. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 20, 10 février 2012)

Chaire Raoul-Dandurand en études stratégiques et diplomatiques (Raoul Dandurand, Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies), in partnership with the Institut d’études et de recherches féministes (Institute for Women’s Studies and Research or IREF)

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The IREF Observatory held a roundtable entitled «Réflexions féministes plurielles sur les relations internationales » (Feminist Perspectives on International Relations) on March 8, 2011, at UQAM.

The participants included Michele Asselin, former president of the Fédération des femmes du Québec (The Quebec Women’s Federation) (FFQ) and coordinator of the Centre International de Solidarité Ouvrière (International Centre for Women Workers’ Solidarity) (CISO); Francis Dupuis-Derri, Professor, Department of Political Science, UQAM; Marie-Andrée Roy, Professor, Département de science des religions (Department of Religious Studies), Director of the Institut de Recherches et d’Études Féministes (Institute for Women’s Studies and Research) (IREF), and session chair; and Françoise David, spokesperson for Québec Solidaire and former president of the FFQ.

The 9th International Conference on Word and Image Studies: “L’imaginaire / The Imaginary” was held from August 22 to 26, 2011, under the auspices of FIGURA, the Research Center on Text and the Imaginary, of NT2, the Research Laboratory on Hypermedia Arts and Literature, of CRILCQ, the Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur la littérature et la culture québécoises (Interuniversity Centre for Research on Quebec Culture and Literature) and of the Faculty of Arts at UQAM. The event involved over 240 participants from Europe, the United States, Canada, South America, Asia, and the Middle East. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 21, 12 avril 2011)

UQAM hosted “Invasion Montreal”, the First International Conference on Zombies from July 5 to July 7, 2012. Speakers came from Canada, the United States, France, Sweden, Austria and Ireland to participate in this conference. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 4, 11 juin 2012)

We must mention the arrival of a digital magazine devoted entirely to the study of contemporary popular culture in all its forms (music, novels, movies, TV series, comics), supported by FIGURA, the Research Center on Text and the Imaginary and the NT2, the Research Laboratory on Hypermedia Works the Research Laboratory of the NT2 hypermedia works: Pop en stock. (http://popenstock.ca/)

Each year the École des arts visuels et médiatiques (School of Visual and Media Arts) at UQAM renews a visiting professor position. This «Pratique singulière : artiste en résidence» (“Artist in residence”) position is open to practitioners of all forms of visual and media arts from around the world.

2011-12      Matei Bejenaru (Roumanie)
2010-11      Michael Blum (Autriche)
2009-10      Niek Van De Steeg (France)
2008-09      Dan Mihaltianu (Roumanie, Allemagne)
2007-08      Gabriela Golder (Argentine)
2006-07      Grégory Chatonsky (France, Québec)

(http://www.eavm.uqam.ca)
Benin, Ivory Coast, Niger and Togo

In Benin, Ivory Coast, Niger and Togo, the project UQAM – UEMOA (The West African Economic and Monetary Union) on the development of new curricula in institutions of higher education is being funded by the African Development Bank. Philippe Jonnaert, professor in the Département de mathématiques de la Faculté des sciences and Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair in Curriculum Development is the contact for this project.

Ongoing projects of the UNESCO Chair are:
- Developing new curricula in institutions of higher education in Benin, the Ivory Coast, Niger and Togo (UEMOA)
- Reframing the reform of basic education in The Ivory Coast (World Bank).
- Defining the direction of the curricular framework for primary, secondary and vocational education in the Democratic Republic of Congo (UNESCO).
- Reforming of Basic Education in Niger (Catalytic Fund).
- Evaluating the implementation of the reform of the general courses in basic adult education in Quebec (MELS) (the Quebec Ministry of Education). (http://www.cudc.uqam.ca)

Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Mali and Senegal

The cooperative project «Élaboration de nouveaux curricula dans les institutions d’enseignement supérieur du Burkina Faso, Guinée Bissau, Mali et Sénégal» (“Development of new curricula in institutions of higher education in Burkina Faso, Guinea Bissau, Mali and Senegal”) began its activities in 2011.

This joint UQAM - UEMOA (West African Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa) project on curriculum development is funded by the African Development Bank (ADB). It is planned for a period of two and half years. Amadou Diallo, professor at the École des sciences de la gestion (School of Management) (ESG) in the Department of Management and Technology is the director of this project. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 12, 26 octobre 2011)

Ghana

From left to right
- Professor Abdoul Karim Ndoye, Program Directeur at the Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, Sénégal
- Professor Alfred S. Traore, Director of the Centre de Recherche Biomoléculaire (Centre for Biomolecular Research) (CERBA) of the University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- Mme Chantal Bouvier, Vice-rectrice aux affaires publiques et aux relations gouvernementales et internationales de l’UQAM (Vice-president of Public, Government and International relations at UQAM)
- Professor Guy Cucumel, Vice-doyen à la recherche de l’École des sciences de la gestion (ESG) de l’UQAM (Vice-Dean for Research at the School of Management (ESG) at UQAM.
- Professor Mahamadou Samba Sidibe, Chef du Département de Formation des professeurs d’enseignement Technique de l’École Nationale des ingénieurs du Mali (Department Head of Technical Teacher Training at National School of Engineers of Mali)
- Professor Amadou Diallo, Professor at ESG, Project manager for UQAM-UEMOA
- Professor Ouateni Diallo, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Bamako, Mali

Photo : Faculté de science politique et de droit (Faculty of Political Science and Law)
In 2011, in Ghana, the cooperative «Conférence régionale pour la mise en place d'un centre pour l'avancement du MAEP en Afrique de l'Ouest» (Regional Conference for the establishment of a Center for the Advancement of the APRM (African Peer Review Mechanism) in West Africa), funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) was completed. The report “Implication uqamienne au Ghana” (UQAM’s Involvement in Ghana) is published on the website of the Faculty of Political Science and Law. For more information, contact René Côté, professor at the Faculty of Political Science and Law.

The regional conference was held from October 18 to 20, 2010 in Accra, Ghana. It was a crucial step in the establishment of a Regional Centre for the Advancement of the APRM (African Peer Review Mechanism). More than 70 participants took part, including representatives from West African national commissions of the APRM (Ghana, Benin, Togo, Mali, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia), civil society leaders involved in the APRM, research institutions and development partners. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 7, 19 juillet 2012)

Algeria

Standing from left to right: Mr. Louis Jolin, director of the Département d’études urbaines et touristiques (Department of Urban Studies and Tourism), Mr. Ali Hadjiedj, professeur at the Faculté des sciences de la Terre, de géographie et de l’aménagement du territoire (Faculty of Earth Sciences, Geography and Planning), Mr. François Bédard, director of the International Centre for Education and Research in Tourism, Mr. Boualem Kadri, professeur at the Département d’études urbaines et touristiques (Department of Urban Studies and Tourism).

A delegation from the Université des sciences et de la Technologie Houari Boumediene d’Alger (University of Science and Technology Houari Boumediene in Algiers) (Algeria) visited the Université du Québec à Montréal from 18 to 22 April 2011. During the visit, meetings were held with academic leaders and teachers to establish a partnership program in the fields of urban studies and tourism, planning, geology and geophysics. A cooperative agreement between the two universities was signed on April 20 by the Rector of UQAM, Claude Corbo, and the representative from USTHB, Mr. Aziouz Ouabadi, Dean of the Faculty of Earth Sciences and Country Planning in the presence of the Algeria’s Ambassador to Canada, Smail Benamara. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 1, 5 mai 2011)

Asia

China

Meeting with partners from the Université de Guangzhou (University of Guangzhou) during the mission to China in 2012

Shanghai. Photos : Sylvain St-Amand
The Director of the Office of International Relations (SRI) from UQAM traveled to China from June 12 to June 24, 2011 to advance projects regarding several faculties at UQAM.

In Jinan, the director of the SRI joined a delegation from the École des sciences de la gestion (ESG) that participated in the international scientific meeting on excellence in destination management, organized jointly with the Université du Shangong (University of Shandong). Also participating in this meeting were the Director of the du Département des études urbaines et de tourisme (DEUT) (Department of Urban Studies and Tourism) Louis Jolin, the director of the Centre international de formation et de recherche en tourisme (International Centre for Education and Research in Tourism (CIFORT)) François Bédard, Professor Yann Roche and four PhD students from the DEUT. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 5, 12 juillet 2011)

On April 19, 2012, a delegation from Central China Normal University (CCNU) came to visit the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). A framework memorandum of understanding was signed by Professor Ma, Chancellor of the CCNU and Dr. Corbo, Rector of UQAM. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 4, 11 juin 2012)

The Director of the Office of International Relations at UQAM met with the Haitian delegation led by Secretary of State for Higher Education, Jean-Claude François, on visit in Quebec City. The visit, from January 24 to January 27, 2012, made at the invitation of a consortium composed of Quebec universities including the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), the Université de Montréal (UdeM), the l’Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) and TÉLUQ. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 20, 10 février 2012)
In Haiti, the project «Quartiers précaires et développement urbain durable en Haïti 2007-2013» (Precarious Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Urban Development in Haiti) aims to support local institutions (government agencies, NGOs, community groups, public-private partnerships) in their respective missions, by setting up training programs and support structures to assist the emergence of competent local human resources to intervene appropriately in precarious urban neighborhoods in Haiti. For the project, the Université Quisqueya (UNIQ) and the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) have joined in partnership. The project also added a partner with strong field expertise in slums: the Groupe de recherche et d’échanges technologiques (Group for Research and Technological Exchanges) (GRET) in Haiti. The project is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), in the second phase of University Partnerships Cooperation and Development (UPCD). The contact person is Paul-Martel Roy, Professor, Department of Economics, UQAM School of Management (ESG).

Professors Paul Martel and Paul Roy Bodson from the Département d’études urbaines et touristiques (Department of Urban Studies and Tourism) contributed to the International Symposium «L’habilitation urbaine post-séisme de Port-au-Prince : quel rôle pour les universités et la recherche» (Empowering post-earthquake urban Port-au-Prince: what role for universities and research?) held at the Hotel Karibe, Pétion-Ville, Haiti, from April 16 to 18, 2012: the professors also contributed to the seminar «Développement et renforcement des capacités d’enseignement et de recherche en Haïti» (The development and reinforcement of teaching and research in Haiti), on April 19 and 20, 2012. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 23, 16 mars 2012)

Brazil

On Tuesday 4 October 2011, UQAM was visited by representatives of the Université d’État de Feria de Santana (State University of Feria de Santana (UEFS)) to formalize existing collaboration in the fields of literary studies and psychology. (http://www.international.uqam.ca / Missions / Brazil)
(Internationalization for Innovation), organized by the Organisation universitaire interaméricaine (OUI) (Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE)) from November 26 to December 2 2011. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 17, 14 décembre 2011)

Bolivia

From November 5 to 11 2011 the 10e Atelier international de recherche et de formation Ecominga Amazónica (10th International Workshop on Research and Training Ecominga Amazónica) was held in Rurrenabaque, Bolivia. Jointly organized by the Universidad Autónoma del Beni José Ballivián (UABJB) and UQAM, the event brought together 31 collaborators actively involved in the international cooperation project Ecominga Amazónica: «Écodéveloppement communautaire et santé environnementale en Bolivie» (Community Ecodevelopment and environmental health in Bolivia). The project aims to contribute to the ecodevelopment of communities in the Bolivian Amazon, through the promotion of environmental health, paying particular attention to water and food. Ecominga engages teams of teachers, administrators and students from the four partner universities, UQAM, UABJB, the Universidad Amazónica Pando (UAP) and the Universidad Autónoma Gabriel René Moreno (UAGRM).

The project «Ecominga - Écodéveloppement communautaire et santé environnementale en Bolivie (2007-2013)» (Ecominga - Community Ecodevelopment and Environmental Health in Bolivia) is funded in part by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and led by Lucie Sauvé, who holds the Chaire de recherche du Canada en éducation relative à l’environnement (Canada Research Chair in Environmental Education) and is a professor in the Département d’éducation et pédagogie de la Faculté des sciences de l’éducation (Department of Education and Pedagogy of the Faculty of Education). The project brings together three universities from the Bolivian Amazon. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 15, 1er décembre 2011)
A delegation UNAMAZ, Asociación de Universidades Amazónicas, came to meet representatives from UQAM in May 2011. The objectives of the mission were to understand the activities and interests of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for the Amazon and present UNAMAZ as a regional entity for cooperation for the Amazon and to identify the possible areas and rules for CIDA-UNAMAZ cooperation in collaboration with UQAM and other Canadian partners. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 5, 12 juillet 2011)

Latin America

Professor Carmen Rico explains the 83rd edition of the journal Dialogos to participants (Photo: COMAL)

The Centre de Communication Amérique Latine (COMAL) (Centre for Latin America Communication), the Département de Communication Sociale et Publique (Department of Social and Public Communication) at the Université du Québec à Montréal and the journal Diálogos de la Comunicación-FELAFACS launched the special issue 83 of the journal of the Diálogos de la comunicación entitled « Discours, Interaction et Gouvernance : Penser l’Organisation à partir de la Communication » (Discourse, Interaction and Governance: Reflections on Organization through Communication) on April 12, 2012. The magazine is published in Spanish and contains articles by authors from Canada, France, Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela, Brazil, Cuba and Uruguay. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 5, 12 juillet 2011)

EUROPE

France

From left to right: Rachad Antonius, Professor Department of Sociology; Gilles-Eric Seralini, Professor of Molecular Biology at the University of Caen; Johanne Saint-Charles, director of the Centre for the Study of Biological Interactions in Human Health (CINBIOSE); Frédéric Lemarchand, co-director of the Pôle risques de la maison de la recherche en sciences humaines de l’Université de Caen (Centre for risk management department of humanities research at the University of Caen); Louise Vandelac, director of the Institut des sciences de l’environnement (ISE) (Institute of Environmental Sciences); Karl Jean-Deschamps, Vice-President of the Conseil régional de Basse-Normandie Regional (Council of Lower Normandy) and Sylvain St-Amand, Director of International Relations UQAM.

A new general agreement between the Université de Caen-Basse-Normandie (University of Caen Basse-Normandie) and UQAM formalized the cooperation that has developed extensively between the two institutions in this field for several years as demonstrated during the Québec-France interdisciplinary science week. (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 2, 20 mai 2011)

Christophe Reutenauer, François Bergeron and Srecko Brlek, researchers at the Laboratoire de combinatoire et d’informatique mathématique (Combinatorial Mathematics and Computer Science Laboratory) – LaCIM.
In early 2012, the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) signed the agreement creating, starting January 1, 2011, the Laboratoire International Associé (LIA) (International Associated Laboratory) «LIRCO» (Laboratoire international franco-québécois de recherche en combinatoire / International Franco-Québécois Laboratory for Research in Combinatorics) (Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 24, 26 mars 2012)

Russia

From left to right:
Sylvain St-Amand, Director of International Relations at UQAM
Ivan Arharov, Vice-President, Research and International Relations at the Bauman Moscow State Technical University
Roy Toffoli, professor, Department of Marketing at UQAM and project coordinator
Sergey Eroshin, Deputy Director of the Department of International Relations at the University Bauman

A delegation from UQAM was in Moscow from October 10 to 15, 2011, to finalize a partnership agreement with the l’Université technique d’État de Moscou-Bauman (Bauman Moscow State Technical University). This university is one of the best research institutions in Russia, with over a century of scientific breakthroughs in aeronautics, aerospace, architecture, instrumentation and civil engineering.

(Bulletin SRI-UQAM, numéro 12, 26 octobre 2011)

UQAM Summer Schools in Europe 2012

Every year, the Office of International Relations organizes and coordinates summer schools in Europe that dispense courses in French. For many students, this is an opportunity to discover countries such as Greece, Germany and Italy.

Forty-nine students attended their courses in Germany (Berlin) and in Greece in 2012. (http://www.international.uqam.ca / Étudiants de l’UQAM)

Summer School Group in Greece in 2012 / Course HIM114F / From May 1st to June 30th 2012. Photo: Gilles Coutlée

Groupe de l’École d’été en Allemagne en 2012 / Cours DEB1000 / du 1er juin au 31 juillet 2012. Photo : Laurie Lafontaine

UQAM Summer School Group in Berlin, 2011