

**The Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe
at Laurier**

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by

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Introduction

As in the previous years the Centre had a very active and enriching set of activities in this its fifth year of operation. It started out with a very successful annual conference that was held in Lisbon Portugal. Secondly the planning for the 2005 conference in Waterloo and even the annual conference in 2006 and others two conferences were very discussed and planed for. In addition plans were made for the change in leadership in June as Al was stepping down as Director and taking on the associate directorship while Pierre will take on the directorship from his present position of Associate Director. In addition the Centre sponsored a number of guest lectures this year and its members were quite active in various research activities on Europe.

For those who do not know the Centre was established on June 14th, 2001 by the Senate of Wilfrid Laurier University established as **The Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier** (see Appendix A). The appointment of the director was made in July and its budget was established with the help of funds form the Laurier university Academic Development Fund and the Viessmann endowment fund. The director of the VRCME, reports to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and has a advisory board that meets at least twice a year. Our physical space is found in a house on 192 King street. Here we have two main offices on the first floor, one each for the Director and the Associate Director. The first floor also has a seminar room which is shared with the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies and ACUNS. In addition the house also has one ‘working’ offices up-stairs which can be used for visitors although it is not properly furnished at present. A second office is occupied by Terry Copp, Co-director of The Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies. Much of the information about the Centre and its operation are found on its web site. Readers are encouraged to visit it. <http://info.wlu.ca/~wwwgeog/special/viessman/index.htm>

Activities of the VRCME at Laurier in 2004/2005

As was stated above the Centre was involved in a number of activities during the year. Clearly the highlight was the annual conference which was held in Lisbon, Portugal from May 30 to June 1, 2004. It was held at the Executive Training Center, Faculdade de Economia, Universidade Nova de Lisboa and was cosponsored by the Faculty of Economics and the Department of Geography and Regional Planning of the university. The driving forces in Lisbon were the Dean of Economics - Luís Campos e Cunha and Regina Salvador, Head of Geography and Regional Planning. Its conference theme was “*New Frontiers for Europe*”. Financial support for the conference, besides coming from the Viessmann centre also came from the Faculty of Economics and from the firm Jerónimo Martins, SGPS, SA of Portugal. In all some 22 papers were presented (see Appendix B). A call for papers had gone through various academic networks and the response had been quite satisfying. Proposed papers were screened first on the basis of their abstracts and then reevaluated again after their presentation when the vetted ones were accepted as part of the Viessmann Discussion Paper Series and put on our web site. <http://info.wlu.ca/~wwwgeog/special/viessman/Onlinepapers/index.htm>

The Centre also organized two guest lectures, one by Dr. Gerhard Braun, of the Free University of Berlin, Germany entitled “The Impact of State Intervention on the German Housing Structure” on December 1st, and the other by Dr. Edin Hajdarasic, University of Michigan, which he presented on March 23, entitled: “Remaking Public Culture in Modern Bosnia”. The later was cosponsored with the faculty of Arts (see Appendix C).

Advisory Board Activities

The advisory board also held two annual meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring. It was the first time that the two international members were present in the fall meeting. During the year the dean of the faculty of Arts, Dr. Robert Campbell had been added to the Board as required by university research centre policy. Some additional Associate Researchers were added to the Centre by the executive. One of the major discussions that arose was the proposed restructuring

of the Centre and the long term objective of trying to link the Centre to emerging research centre in the former socialist countries of Eastern Europe. Other major items of discussions are recorded in the minutes attached (see appendix C). Members of the advisory Board in 2004-5 were: Bob Sharpe, Robert Campbell, Martin Bohl, Dejan Guzina, Al Hecht, Benson Honig, Ute Lischke, Paul Heinbecker, Alfred Pletsch, Pierre Siklos and Mercedes Rowinsky.

Research Funding Requests

Funding a research Centre is always a challenge. The Centre's endowments funds did relative well in 2004-5 earning some \$11999.95. In addition the Centre was able to receive again \$12000 from the university Academic Development Fund. For the Viessmann Conference in Lisbon the local organizers paid an estimated \$1000 for refreshments and the conference sponsoring firm paid about \$3000 for the lunch and dinner for the guests. The Centre also applied for the SSHRC group grant but did not get it. A second try to get a European Union grant for the centre was rejected on technical grounds. Since these grants had regional eligibility constraints us being in a small region, could have been the cause although officially we were not told the details even though we asked.

Forthcoming Activities

A substantial amount of work during the year was devoted to preparing the 2005-6 annual conference. The title of the conference, which will be held on October 6th in Waterloo is called "Interaction Between the Corporate Sector and Academia: What Can Europe and Canada Learn from Each Other". It will be held in conjunction with the School of Business and Economics at Laurier. As can be seen the nature of the conference is somewhat different from earlier ones in that it looks beyond straight academic discussions and starts to look at possible policies implication for academic institutions and for research centers like the VRCME. The tentative program can be seen in Appendix D.

A substantial amount of time was also already spend on arranging for the 6th annual conference in Europe. It was decided it should take place in Hof, Germany and will be held on May 17-20, 2006 in conjunction with the Fachhochschule Hof and will, in large part, be financed (tentatively 30,000 Euro) by “Die Hans Vießmann Technologie Stiftung” of Hof, Germany. Its tentative title is “Private, Corporate, Foundation and NGO involvement in Academia: Perspectives from Canada and ‘Old’ & ‘New’ Europe”.

Further conferences envisions for 2005-6-7 are: One with the Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder),Germany entitled “Financial System Architecture/Stability”, on May 25-26, 2006 in Italy, another one may take place in the fall of 2006 with the European Union Studies Association and a third is proposed to take place in Waterloo in the spring of 2007, in cooperation with the Humboldt Association of Canada.

Budget

As part of the general operation the Centre always submits a proposed budget for the last and upcoming academic year (Appendix F and G) as backup for its grant application to the Academic Development Fund. It also provides an actual budget for the last academic year (Appendix H). All three are attached.

Conclusion

It was an exciting and great academic year, in fact the first five years have been good. The academic activities of both Directors as found in appendix I show this. The Centre is flourishing and expanding its work.

Sincerely,



Al Hecht, Director

Appendix A

(the following is the document that formed the basis of the VRCME at Laurier)

The Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier

(In part an outgrowth of the Laurier European Interest Group started in 1992)

(A. Hecht and Pierre L. Siklos, January 20, 2001)

Mandate:

The Centre is to foster research on *new and dynamic issues facing Europe* in the 21st Century. The focus on new and dynamic development does not preclude retrospective analyses that have a bearing on the shape and evolution of the European experience up to the present day. More importantly perhaps, the Centre is intended to be a multi-disciplinary institution. Relevant topics of research would include European integration, regional development, external linkages, trade and political expansion as well as other overarching socio-economic problems. An important focus of the Centre would revolve around the so-called accession countries, that is, the countries currently hoping to join the European Union and how they relate to the older established countries. It is envisioned that faculty in the social science and humanities disciplines would be the most active members in the Centre. It is highly desirable that this Centre form co-operative arrangements with similar institutions in Europe or in other parts of the world. An attractive and informative web site explaining the Centre's activities would be one of the ongoing tasks.

Justification

Europe has for a long time been a major player in the socio-economic realm of the world. It was and is an important political, economic, geographic and military entity and has become even more so since the formation of the EU and its constant expansion. To many North Americans it represents the ancestral homeland and as such conjures up many emotional and intellectual questions. It is imperative that Canadian academics, be they professors or students, research the

evolution of the new Europe for our own understanding and secondly to be able to relate meaningfully to European perspectives and its evolution.

Over time there has been a substantial interest by faculty and students at Laurier in Europe. A large number of courses in different departments focus on Europe and a number of faculty have major research interests in Europe. Laurier has over 20 co-operative partnerships with European universities and many students study for a semester or two in Europe. For these reasons alone it would be prudent for this University to have a multidisciplinary research Centre on Europe. The initial start for such a centre already occurred in 1992 when a number of WLU professors formed an informal research interest group on Europe. It kept in touch and worked loosely together with a similar interest group at the Philipps University in Marburg, Germany, a partner institution of WLU. It has held a number of symposia over time, hosted guest lectures, and published a discussion paper series on Europe, first as hard copies but lately as papers on the Internet. However one of the problems was inadequate funding and the absence of release time for a faculty member to carry the day to day burdens of such an endeavour.

Research Activities and Output

European research output could/would appear as a discussion paper in the already existing WLU Viessmann Discussion Paper Series on Europe to be renamed Viessmann-Laurier Papers on Modern Europe. (<http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwgeog/special/viessman/series.htm>) However it is expected that research supported by the Centre would eventually be published in refereed journals, edited books, and other forms of peer-reviewed research. Articles for the popular press will also be encouraged. In addition the Centre is to hold a one or two-day conference at WLU on the weekend on or near October 1st, the day of German unification. The theme of each Conference would vary year to year according to the discipline primarily represented at the conference. It is also expected that senior undergraduate and graduate mentoring, in the form of projects/thesis/dissertation research, will be a highly desirable by-product of the Centre's activities.

Operating structure:

The Centre is to be run by a Director with a seven member advisory board that would meet at least twice a year. The Directorship is appointed for a three-year term and is renewable only once. He or she must be an active European researcher. The remuneration for the director is a two-term course reduction. He or she reports to the Board and the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. The Associate-Director would represent the Centre when the Director is absent and it is expected that, once the existing Director leaves office, the Associate Director would become Director of the Centre. Members of the Advisory Board would be chosen from across several disciplines within the University. They have a three-year term but can be re-appointed.

Associate membership from within Laurier and from outside institutions would be encouraged. These members are academics with interest in Europe and possible contribute to a bigger research team. In terms of access to research funds from the centre they would have the same rights and privileges as members of the Board. The Board makes the decision on future associate research members on making an application to the board or being recommended by a board member and voted on by the Board.

Members of the Advisory Board: (with relevant research interests)

A. Hecht, WLU -Geography (Director - Industrial Restructuring in Central Europe)

P. Siklos, WLU- Economics (Associate Director - European Monetary policy and central banking)

T. Hueglin, WLU- Pol. Sc. (Political Institution upheavals in Europe)

D. Monod, WLU- History (Modern German Historical Issues)

I. McKillop, WLU- Business (Administration of EU Health Systems)

Each year two different WLU associate research members sit on the Board

(Honorary member: Hans Viessmann Dr. Dr. (h.c.'s), of Hof, Germany)

Associate Researchers

- J. Bater, UW- Geography (Urban Housing Dynamics in former East Europe)
- B. Boots, WLU – Geography (spatial topology of Russia)
- G. Braun, Free University of Berlin (European Urban System Restructuring)
- A. Brydon, WLU – Anthropology (Iceland and its modern whaling culture)
- L. Friesen, WLU – History (Imperial Russia, Soviet Union)
- E. Haberer, WLU – History (20th-Century Europe)
- K. Hewitt WLU – Geography (Bombing and reconstruction of European cities)
- M. Imort, WLU – Geography (Environmental images and their use in Germany)
- T. Miljan, WLU – Pol. Sc. (European Political International Relations)
- A. Murray, WLU – Business (Canadian export to Europe)
- J. Nipper, Cologne, Germany - Geography (Commercial Restructuring in small cities)
- A. Pletsch, Philipps Uni. Marburg - Geography (Rural Restructuring in East Europe)
- B. Sharpe, WLU – Geography (Community Development and European use of Cyberspace)
- G. Urbaniak, WLU – History (Modern Europe, Poland and Eastern Europe)
- M. Bohl, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) (Finance)
- Others will be added if they do have active research records on present day Europe.

Co-operative Institutions (these and others will be contacted after the centre is established)

Philips University of Marburg,

University of Cologne,

University of Applied Sciences Hof,

Canadian Centre for German & European Studies at York University

Free University of Berlin

European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

Other to be determined later

(It is expected that these institutions might jointly sponsor research, hold symposia, provide research space for Laurier researchers, exchange data sources, provide relevant Internet links to our web sites, etc)

Responsibility of Director

The main task of the director is to conduct, direct and facilitate European focused research at WLU or in collaboration with other individuals and institutions in North America or Europe. The Director must also write an annual report of not less than ten pages highlighting the activities of the Centre for the past year and his/her plans for the future, both short and long term. This report must be distributed widely. Secondly the Director must maintain the Viessmann Discussion Paper Series on Europe (VDPSE) web site at WLU and explore all of the research coming out of the research Centre. He or she must also organize and/or supervise the annual conference on Europe.

Researchers:

Emerging as well as established scholars should be involved in the Centre, working both in teams or by themselves. Where possible collaborative research with European or other Canadian scholars should be pursued. The Director, Associate Director, and one member of the Advisory Board will vet request for research or travel funds. No one grant can be greater than \$2,000 and publication of the work, preferably in a refereed publication, is expected. Although the selection will be based on academic merit, projects with matching funds from other sources will be given preference. Student thesis and dissertation research is eligible for funding. The faculty supervisor of the thesis/dissertation would administer the funds and apply jointly with the student. All funded researchers must acknowledge the support of the Centre at conference presentations and provide a copy of the paper that will be placed on the Centre's web site. In general, the rules established by SCRAP for adjudication of grants will be followed. Copies of the research findings will be made available as hard copies or CD,s disks for a reasonable price. In addition,

the Centre may commission monographs from distinguished researchers on subjects of vital interest to interested researchers and analysts of European issues. A grant of \$3,000 would be provided for such works. Drafts would be subject to peer review and published and sold on the Centre's Website. All relevant applications will be made available from the Centre's web site. Only members of the Laurier academic community are eligible for research grants.

Operating Space:

The Centre is to have at least two offices for its operation. One office is to be used by the director, the other by outside visitors and researchers. The offices should have telephones, computers with Internet connections and printers. These rooms would be offered free of charge by WLU, but the Centre would pay for the operating expenses.

Financial Sustainability of the Centre:

- **Income Model:**

The interest from the initial Viessmann grant (8% *250,000) of \$20,000 is to be used in combination with an annual grant of \$15,000 from WLU Academic Development Fund (course reduction = \$9,000, and administration = \$7,000) to come up with the proposed minimum annual operating budget of \$35,000. The 8% return rate of the capital may seem somewhat high compared to present GIC rates. Laurier could guarantee this rate over the next 5 years and renegotiate in 5 years. It would be hoped that through matching funds, sponsorships, etc. another \$15,000 could be raised from other external sources to bring the annual expenditure to \$50,000. For instance the annual conference could be jointly sponsored between the European Research Centre, Laurier Research office, Laurier International, selective Departments, the Faculties of Arts and SBE and possible additional outside sponsors.

Proposed Annual Budget (May 1, 2001 - April 30, 2002)

<i>Income:</i> Investment Income from Viessmann Endowment fund*	= \$ 20,000
WLU Research Centre support from ADF	= \$15,000
Other (possible matching funds for Symposium, etc.)	= \$ 0
Total	= \$35,000

<i>Expenditure:</i> Two course release for Director	= \$ 9,000
Telephone	= \$ 500
Fax	= \$ 500
Mail	= \$ 1,000
Conference/Symposia expenses	= \$10,000
Research/Travel support	= \$10,000
Web site support/ publication	= \$ 2,000
Incidentals	= \$ 2,000
Total	= \$35,000

(* If for some reason the Centre is closed the endowment funds will be equally distributed to the two other Hans Viessmann endowment funds at Laurier the (a)Viessmann Laurier International Student Travel and the (b) Viessmann Geography and Environmental Studies Computer Endowment Funds.)

(with Revised with inputs from R. Campbell and B. McPherson)

Appendix B

Fourth Annual VRCME at Laurier Conference

May 30 - June 1, Lisbon, Portugal

Held at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Local Organization and Leadership Provided by the UNL Faculty of Economics and the Department of Geography and Regional Planning

Sponsored by: Jerónimo Martins, SGPS, SA

Conference Theme: “*New Frontiers for Europe*”

Program

Sunday, May 30, 2004: 7-9 PM: informal reception in The Ventura Terra Palace

All sessions will be held at the:

Executive Training Center, Faculdade de Economia, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Rua Marquês de Fronteira, 20, Lisbon)

Monday, May 31 – Words of welcome and opening remarks from of conference

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Universidade Nova de Lisboa – Representative

Wilfrid Laurier University – Al Hecht, Director of VRCME (representing Dr. R. Smith. V-P Academic)

UNL – Dean of Economics - Luís Campos e Cunha

UNL – Head of the Department of Geography and Regional Planning - Regina Salvador

WLU, Associate of the VRCME – Pierre Siklos

Local technical coordinator with last minute information - Catherine da Silveira

Monday May 31, 2004

Plenary Introductory Speaker (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Prof. Paul Claval, Chair of the International Geographic Union Commission, Université de Paris
- Sorbonne, Institut de Géographie Paris.

Title: "Culture and Dynamics of Europe".

Introduced by Regina Salvador

Coffee break – 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Session I – 10:45-12:45: Selected Economic Policy Issues Confronting the European Frontier (Chair – Luís Campos e Cunha)

Zsolt Darvas and György Szapáry, Magyar Nemzeti Bank, Hungary

“Business Cycle Synchronization in the Enlarged EU: Co Movements in the new and old Members”

István Ábel, IMF and Pierre L. Siklos, WLU, “Secrets to the Successful Hungarian Bank Privatization: The Benefits of Foreign Ownership Through Strategic Partnerships”

Lars Jonung, European Commission, “To be or not to be in the euro?”

Paulo Peneda Saraiva, UBI – Management and Economics Department, Portugal

“New developments and opportunities on Sustainable Banking/Investments”

Session II– 2:00-4:15 p.m.: Finance in the New European Frontier: Case Studies (Chair – Regina Salvador)

Martin T. Bohl, Viadrina, and Pierre Siklos, WLU, “Empirical Evidence on Positive Feedback Trading in Mature and Emerging Stock Markets”

Martin T. Bohl and Katrin Gottschalk, Viadrina, “International Evidence on the Presidential Puzzle”

Coffee break – 3:00-3:15 p.m.

Adriana Korczak, Viadrina, “Managerial Ownership and Informativeness of accounting Numbers in a European Emerging Market”

Svitlana Voronkova, Viadrina, “Stock Market Prices and Institutional Trades: Evidence on Trading by Pension Funds in Poland”

Conference Dinner at 8:00 p.m. in Ventura Terra Palace
After dinner speaker: Mr. Vítor Constancio, Governor of the Bank of Portugal
Introduction by Luís Campos e Cunha

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

**Session III– 8:30-10:45 a.m.: Challenges within the new EU members
(chair – Al Hecht)**

Enrique Banús, Centre for European Studies, University of Navarre
“What is Europe (in our mind)? What shall it be (in our cultures)?”

Leonor Rossi, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, “New Frontiers for Europe”

Coffee break – 9:30-9:45 a.m.

Lew Lederman QC (BA econ, LLB), Ottawa, Canada, “New Frontiers - New Opportunities”

James Scott, Free University of Berlin, “Wider Europe, EU Enlargement and Borders of Inclusion and Exclusion”

**Session IV– 10:45 -12:30 a.m.: The new and the old: labour, industries and competition
(Chair – Catherine da Silveira)**

José Lopes and José Tavares, Faculdade de Economia da Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Trade Areas versus Currency Agreements: Which causes what to Economies?”

Elena Marilena Porumb and Stela Andrei, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Rumania,
“‘Change management’ a competitive advantage in the New Economy. Lessons for Romania”

Coffee break – 11:45-12:00 a.m.

Roca, Maria de Nazaré Oliveira , Universidade Nova Lisboa, "Human Resources in Peripheral European Regions."

Lunch - 12:30 –2:00 p.m.

**Session V – 2:00-4:15 p.m.: Challenges to firms and regions in the new EU
(Chair – Martin Bohl)**

Vítor Pereira Martinho, Polytechnic Institute of Viseu, “Transport Costs in Regional Economy

Raquel Díaz Vásquez, University of Vigo, Spain, “Foreign Direct Investment and Regional Convergence”.

Coffee break – 3:00-3:15 p.m.

Madalena Pires da Fonseca, Universidade do Porto, Integrated Cross-Border Regions or Ongoing Peripheries?

Hecht, Alfred, WLU, “The Kaliningrad Oblast of Russia; its development and its future prospects

**Session VI – 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.: The Geo-dimension in the EU expansion
(chair – Regina Salvador)**

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho, Azores University, “Boundaries as Tools for Integrated Water Management of River Basins”

John Loder, University of Aberdeen (UK), "New Frontiers for Europe"

End of conference!

Appendix C

**The Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe
at Laurier**

Presents a
Guest Seminar
by

Dr. Gerhard Braun,
Free University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany

The title of his talk is:

**“The Impact of State Intervention on the German Housing
Structure”**

Date and Time:

Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, from 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Place:

Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe,
192 King St. at Lodge, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

*All are welcomed
Admission free*

and

**The Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe
at Laurier**

Presents a

Guest Seminar

by

Dr. Edin Hajdarasic,
University of Michigan.

The title of his talk is:

“Remaking Public Culture in Modern Bosnia”

Date and Time:

Wednesday, March 23, 2005, from 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Place:

Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe,
192 King St. at Lodge, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

*All are welcomed
Admission free*

Appendix D

Fall Meeting

Advisory Board Meeting of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier.

Date: October 28, 2:30-4:30

Place; at the VRCME, 192 Lodge St. Waterloo, Ontario

Present were: Bob Sharpe, Robert Campbell, Martin Bohl, Dejan Guzina, Al Hecht, Benson Honig, Ute Lischke, Paul Heinbecker, Alfred Pletsch, and Pierre Siklos.

Regrets: Mercedes Rowinsky

1. The agenda was accepted as circulated

2. Since this was the first meeting of the new advisory board of the VRCME, each person introduced him/herself and gave in a few words their main research interest in/ Europe. The Board was especially pleased to have two of its European Associate Researchers present. Alfred Pletsch from the Phillips University in Marburg, Germany and Martin Bohl from the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) were present

3a. Al Hecht gave a short review of the creation of the Viessmann Research Centre in 2001, its outgrowth from an earlier European Research group at Laurier, and its financial endowment set up from Mr. H. Viessmann. Furthermore, he reported that the Centre has run an annual conference, one year in Canada and one year in Germany, with the last one was held in Lisbon in cooperation with the faculty of Economics and the Department of Geography there. It was its largest to date and ran for two full days. More than 20 papers were presented. In addition the Viessmann research Centre has, on its web site, a discussion paper series. The website also had various aspects updated during the last year. Even though the Centre also has research money for which members can apply to date only one project was successful. The successful application was for a book preparation and the presentation of some lectures from it. It seems that members of the research centre need time more than some financial help to do their research. Over the last three years the centre also has organised a number of guest lectures and hosted some visiting faculty in the offices of the Centre.

3b. The main annual activity of the Centre is the annual conference. The first two conferences were very interdisciplinary in nature, the second focused different sections on specific disciplinary research questions on Europe while the 4th basically had two major paper thrusts, one being economic – much of it banking related (first day) and the other Geographic – regional development in nature (second day). The centre will have to continue to experiment with different formats to see which is most effective and yet still stay within the mandate of ‘researching and understanding modern Europe’. At present, the centre does not yet have an

international reputation where world renowned researchers on Europe want to present their research results in the VRCME annual conference. In the first three conferences most papers were asked or offered by members of the research group. During the last conference a call for papers went out with competitive guidelines; an abstract (evaluation of it), a paper by a certain date (evaluation of it) and a last evaluation of the paper presented for potential inclusion in the Viessmann discussion paper series. Although clearly the last conference was a success the committee encouraged the directors to continue to improve the annual conference.

3c. Over the years the Centre has tried to involve in the centre as many of the Laurier faculty member with a research interest in Europe as possible. This has resulted in somewhat mixed success. For some disciplines it seems more worthwhile for the faculty members to continue with their disciplinary links instead of becoming involved with an interdisciplinary group.

3d. With the decrease in interest income from the endowment fund the Centre is forced to look for other funds for some of its activities. Some of the costs associated with the conferences in Europe have been covered by sponsors. In addition participants in conferences have borne more of their own costs as well. Overhead costs from possible research contracts at Laurier go to the grad office, Faculty in which the researcher is located, and the department in which he/she is located. If this could be changed so that the Centre could get some of these funds, it could mean some additional funds. Thus far the Centre has coped through decreased expenditures.

3d. The Centre has continued with its web based Viessmann Discussion Paper Series. http://info.wlu.ca/~wwwgeog/special/viessman/html_pages/series.htm . The number of hits has been quite high. A number of presenters at the Lisbon Conference were especially eager to have their papers appear on our web site. Besides conference papers, individual papers of guest speakers and others are also included. The total number of discussion papers now stands at 55. It is unfortunate that with the new Laurier web site the number of clicks to reach them from the main Laurier web page, has increased to six.

AH & PS

Spring Meeting

Meeting of the Advisory Board of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe on Wednesday April 6th, 2005 from 1 to 2:30 at the Centre, 192 King street, Lodge and King

Tentative Agenda

1. adoption of Agenda
2. forthcoming conference on October 6th, 2005
3. new members on the Board replacing the one year appointees,
4. length of associate researcher status term,
5. planning ideas for the following 2006 conference in Europe,
6. change in directorships,

7. other?

VRCME Advisory Board meeting, 2005 at the Viessmann Centre, 192 King Street

Date: April 6th, 2005, Meeting started at 1:10 PM

Present: Dejan Guzina, Al Hecht, Benson Honig, Robert Campbell, Bob Sharpe, and Pierre Siklos

Regrets: Paul Heinbecker, Mercedes Rowinsky, Ute Lischke, Martin Bohl (Germany) and Alfred Pletsch (Germany)

1. Agenda was accepted as circulated

2. Discussion of the 2005 Viessmann Conference

Al Hecht described the tentative conference program, the state of fundraising and listed the spots still to be filled. Several Advisory Board Members urged organisers to ensure that balanced assessment of the academic –private sector links are presented. Another suggestion was to have a conference repertoire. There also was a concern that the conference be properly advertised to ensure good attendance. Organizers were urged to be aggressive. Several suggestions were made about people to invite (SSHRC, CV Howe, Local Economic Development Official, etc.)

3. Benson Honig agreed to serve another year on the advisory Board. Other members of the Board will be advised for names to replace Mercedes Rowinsky, whose term expires on June 30th, 2005. Because Robert Campbell is stepping down as dean his position also becomes vacant on this day and a new Dean will have to find who is willing to serve.

4. It was agreed that the term of the Associate Researchers is to be limited to four years.

Requests to continue must be submitted to the Director or associated Director. This would include a CV and an expression of interest.

5. Al Hecht discussed a request for funding from Viessmann Foundation, Hof for a conference to be held in 2006 in Hof. The Foundation agreed to provide 30,000 Euro for such a conference.

Date and precise program details will be discussed at the next advisory Board Meeting in the fall.

6. Al Hecht indicated that he is going on sabbatical in 2005-2006. He recommended to the board that Pierre Siklos become the Director beginning on July 1st, 2005 and that he would become the Associate Director. This would assure continuity in the running of the Centre and recognise that both were instrumental in the creation and the success of the Centre. The Board fully approved this action.

7. As there were no further action the meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

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Appendix E

The Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier (VRCME)

in conjunction with

the School of Business and Economics (SBE)

is holding its 5th annual conference on

Thursday October 6, 2005 at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada

The theme of the conference is:

The Interaction Between the Corporate Sector and Academia: What Can Europe and Canada Learn from Each Other?

The conference is sponsored in part by

1. The Presidents office, Wilfrid Laurier University
2. The Viessmann Werke GmbH & Co KG, Allendorf (Eder), Germany
and Waterloo, Canada
3. The School of Business and Economics, WLU

Local organisers are Al Hecht and Pierre Siklos of the Viessmann Centre

Introduction

The theme for this Conference is highly appropriate to the mission of the Viessmann Centre and SBE. Much of the Viessmann Centre's funding comes from an endowment fund given some 5 years ago by the late Dr. Hans Viessmann, from Hof, Bavaria, in Germany. Ten years ago Dr. Hans Viessmann offered to host the first European colloquium of what was then called the *Wilfrid Laurier University European Interest Group*. The meetings were held at his castle in Hof, Germany the following year. The title of the 1995 conference was 'Towards a United Europe'. Some 20 years earlier, in 1985, the first Canadian Laurier exchange student received a travel scholarship from the Viessmann Werke GmbH & Co KG corporation in Allendorf (Eder), Hessen, Germany to attend Philipps University in Marburg, Germany. Dr. Hans Viessmann ran the family firm at that time. His son, Dr. Martin Viessmann, presently runs the firm that still provides an annual travel scholarship to the best Laurier exchange student attending Philipps University in Marburg. This remarkable involvement of a German firm and German entrepreneur with a Canadian university is certainly worthy of celebrating with a conference that looks at the involvement of the business community with academic institutions, what Canadians can learn from Europe and/or vice-versa. Therefore, it would be of interest to explore similarities and differences between how Canadians perceive the financial and research links between academia and the private sector versus the European model.

Tentative Program

Breakfast for participants 7:30- 8:30: (Paul Martin Centre)

Opening of Conference

Words of Welcome by Al Hecht, Associate Director of Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier (in the University Senate Chamber)

Conference Opening Speaker (8:45 - 9:30; University Senate Chamber)

Scott Carson, Dean, School of Business & Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University

A Evolving Relationships between Academia and Business in North America

Panel discussion on Conference Theme (9:45 - 10:45; University Senate Chamber)

Chair: Paul Heinbecker, Director of the Laurier Centre for Global Relations, Governance and Policy and 'Distinguished Fellow, International Relations'. Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Waterloo

Participants:

Walter Kröll, Präsident der Helmholtz Association of National Research Centres, Germany

William B.P. Robson, Senior Vice-President and Director of Research, C.D. Howe Institute, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Robert Rosehart, President, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada

Mark Romoff, President and CEO, Ontario Centres of Excellence (tentative)

Coffee break 10:45-11:00 (Paul Martin Centre)

Session one: Models of Private Sector B University Links (11-12:30; University Senate Chamber)

Chair: Pierre Siklos, Director, Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier

Participants :

Stephen Murdoch, Director of International Relations, Groupe ESC Rouen, *“Business School - Industry Alliances in France ”*

Elena-Marilena Porumb, Director of European Studies Excellence Centre, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, *“Best practices in Corporate Involvement in Academia, Romania’s Case”*

Sven W. Arndt, Director, Lowe Institute of Political Economy & C.M. Stone Professor of Money, Credit & Trade, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA, USA. *“Private Sector - University Links in the United States”*

Lunch (12:30 B 2:30; Paul Martin Centre)

Session two: Forms of Private Sector Support to Universities (3:00B5:00; University Chamber)

Chair: Alfred Pletsch, President, Gesellschaft für Kanada-Studien, German speaking countries and professor emeritus, Philipps University, Marburg, Germany

Participants:

Eberhardt Stickl, Hochschule der Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe - Bonn, Germany
“Why did a German banking group establish its own university?”

Stefan Wolf, VW AutoUni, Germany: *“The Volkswagen AutoUni - towards a Convergence of Academic and Corporate Learning”*

Baptiste Venet, EURISCO, Université Paris Dauphine, Paris, France, *“The ‘great wall of China’ between French universities and firms”*.

Scott Hayter, Assistant Vice President, University Development – Wilfrid Laurier University,
“Corporate Philanthropy for Higher Education: The Laurier Experience.”

Participants and Conference Sponsored Dinner (by invitation only) 6:30 B 9:00, location: SBE Board room.

Dinner speaker: Robert Crow, VP, Industry, Government and University Relations, Research In Motion Limited, Waterloo, Ontario, *“Building a Global University Research Network”*.

Attendance is free but you must register. Send request to ahecht@wlu.ca or call (519) 884-0710 Ext 2477

Appendix F

Proposed Annual Budget without EU Grant (May 1, 2004 - April 30, 2005)

Income:

1 Viessmann Endowment fund earned - end of 2003/4 budget carry over	31380.71
2. WLU Academic Development Program for 2004/5 (applied for)	12000.00
3. Budget carry over (Includes \$2,000 committed in 2003/4 but not paid out)	6481.40
Total	36899.31

Expenditures:

One course release for the Director	5600
Telephone	250
Fax	250
Mail	250
Paper/envelops/transparencies	250
Annual Conference/Workshop expenses	19000
Visiting Scholar	500
Guest lectures (honorariums)	600
Travel expenses (guest lectures)	2000
Entertainment, Travel of Directors	1000
Support for approved research projects 8,000	6000
Web site support/ publications 500	500
Other - some labour help	2000
_____	Sub-Total 38200
Total \$ 40,352	Net Total -1,300.69

Appendix G

Actual Budget VRCME 2004/5

Income:

1 Viessmann Endowment fund earned - end of 2003/4- budget carry over	42974.86
2. WLU Academic Development Program for 2004/5	12000.00
3. Budget carry over (includes +\$2000 for 2005 conference) (actually deficit - 6,717.37)	-4,717.37
Total	50257.49

Expenditures:

Part time Faculty salaries	
One course release for the Director (Transferred out to Development)	5121
Student Help	2242.24
CPP	96.22
UIC	62.15
Employer Health Tax	43.72
Entertainment	76.84
Printing and General supplies	661.85
Supplies-Toner	109.95
Postage	81.39
Fax Expenses	100
Long distance Charge out	36.96
Other expenses	236.07
Air Travel (3 conference trip and 2 visitors from Europe)	8,618.20
Bus Fare	250.52
Car Rental	76.61
Accommodation (Conference and Visitors)	1847.02
Meals (conference related)	1104.3
Other travel expenses	343.35
Computers - 2 for Director and Associate Director Offices	3806.5
Total	24914.89

Net on operating wlu account is leaves	Net carry over to next year	25342.60
	less fundraised of 2,000 leaves	
	-17,632.26 -19,632.26	

Appendix H

Proposed Annual Budget (May 1, 2005 - April 30, 2006)

Income:

1 Viessmann Endowment fund earned - as of April 30, 2005 budget carry over	42,974.46
2. Expected earlings from Viessmann for the 2004/5 year	11,600.00

2. WLU Academic Development Program for 2004/5 (applied for)	12,000.00
3. Budget carry over from WLU operating budget	19,632.26
4. Fund raising for the 2005 conference	2,000.00
Total	Total 46,942.20

Expenditures:

One course release for the Director	5300.00
Telephone and two Blackberry accounts	1500.00
Fax	250.00
Mail	250.00
Paper/envelops/transparencies	250.00
Posters for conference	1000.00
Annual Conference/Workshop expenses in Waterloo (breakfast & lunches for 75 people, Dinner 30, EU Airfare 7, Hotel 7)	12000.00
Expenses with running this conference and preparing next years in Hof (part time staff help and research help for Director and Associate Director)	10000.00
Visiting Scholar	500.00
Guest lectures (honorariums)	600.00
Travel expenses (guest lectures)	2000.00
Travel of Directors to plan 2006 conference	4000.00
Support for approved research projects 8,000	6000.00
Web site support/ publications 500	500.00
Other - some occasional labour help	3000.00
_____	Sub-Total 47150.00
\$ 40,352	Total Net Total -207.80

Appendix I

ALFRED HECHT ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES 2001-2005

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES (MAJOR)

Director of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe, 2001 - 2005
Director, Laurier International and International Liaison Officer, 1999 - 2005
Wilfrid Laurier University Senate Academic Planning Committee, 2001 - 2005
Director of the Waterloo-Laurier Graduate Program in Geography, 1998-2001

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Monographs

Hecht, Alfred and Alfred Pletsch (eds.) Canadian Urban and Regional Socio-Economic Perspectives: Conditions at the beginning of the 21st Century. Schriften der Universität Marburg 120, Marburg Kanada-Studien 2, Marburg, Germany, 2004, 308 pp. ISBN3-8185-0398-2.

Zhdanov, V., O. Kuznetsova, V. Mau, V. Plyukhin, S. Prikhodko, M. J. Wojciechowski and **A. Hecht**, Problems Related to Development of the Kaliningrad Region As an Exclave Territory of the Russian Federation. Consortium for Economic Policy Research and Advice, CIDA, AUCC, IET, WCER and ANE, Moscow, 2002, 249 pp *Moscow 2002*, ISBN 5-93255-078-3.

B. Boots, S. Drobyshevsky, O. Kochetkova, G. Matginov, V. Petrov, G. Federov, **Al. Hecht**, A. Shekhovtsov, A. Yudin, Typology of Russian Regions, Consortium for Economic Policy Research and Advice, CIDA, AUCC, IET, WCER and ANE, Moscow, 2002, 412 pp. ISBN 5-93255-071-6.

Articles and Chapters in Books:

“Ethnicity and Home Language Retention in Canada”, forthcoming in a book edited by Fritz Peter Kirsch and Waldemar Zacharasiewicz, entitled The Protection of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Canada and in Europe: Chances and Obstacles of Multiculturalism, University of Wien: Centre of Canadian Studies, University of Wien, 2003.

(with Bob Sharpe and Alfred Pletsch), “Virtual Geography Texts on Canada and Germany”, in The Monograph, Vol. 52. No.3, 2001, pp. 29- 31.

(with Alfred Pletsch), “Virtual Geography Texts on Canada and Germany: Final report and Assessment”, in Ahornblätter, Schriften der Universitätsbibliothek Marburg, Nr. 14, 2001, pp. 62-81.

Discussion Papers

"*The Kaliningrad Oblast of Russia; its development and its future prospects*", Viessmann Discussion Paper Series on Modern Europe, No. 39, 2004.

http://info.wlu.ca/~wwwgeog/special/viessman/Onlinepapers/2004/index_04.htm

(with Barry Boots), "*Developing a Typology of Russian Economic Regions for Regional Economic Development*", Viessmann Discussion Paper Series on Modern Europe, 2002.

http://info.wlu.ca/~wwwgeog/special/viessman/Onlinepapers/2002/index_02.htm

(with Bob Sharpe), "Virtual Education: The Case of the VGT on Germany and Canada", in Viessmann Discussion Paper Series on Modern Europe, No. 12 (2001).

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Editor of Viessmann Discussion Paper Series on Modern Europe

<http://info.wlu.ca/~wwwgeog/special/viessman/Onlinepapers/index.htm>

Since 1997 some 54 have been produced.

Member of the Editorial Board of **Revista GeolNova**, Lisbon. Portugal

RESEARCH FUNDING

(more important external and internal ones)

CEPRA of AUCC managed project for CIDA, (with a team of Russian researchers from the Institute for the Economy in Transition, Moscow). "The Economic-Geographical and Institutional Aspects of Economic Growth in Russian Regions", August 4, 2005, total project \$115,500, our component \$30,000.

As Director of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe I applied and received \$12,500 operating grant for the Centre for 2005-2006 from the WLU Academic Development Fund, May 2005.

From Dr. Robert Rosehart, President Wilfrid Laurier University, support grant to hold the Annual VRCME conference entitled *The Interaction Between the Corporate Sector and Academia: What Can Europe and Canada Learn from Each Other?* at Laurier, October 6th, 2005, \$2000 in 2004 and \$2000 in 2005.

From The Viessmann Werke GmbH & Co KG, Allendorf (Eder), Germany and Waterloo, Canada, support to host the annual VRCME conference entitled *The Interaction Between the Corporate Sector and Academia: What Can Europe and Canada Learn from Each Other?* at Laurier, October 6th, 2005, \$2500.

From Dr. Sue Horton, V-P Academic Wilfrid Laurier University to organize a workshop for Russian University presidents and legislators entitled "The University as a strategic partner in the social and economic issues of a region", May 27, 2005 at Laurier, \$1000.

As Director of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe I applied and received \$12,500 operating grant for the Centre for 2004-2005 from the WLU Academic Development Fund, May 2004

Was awarded about \$3,000 from the University of Masaryk, to give 4 lectures at the Institute of Geography, Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, November 19-25, 2004

As Director of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe I applied and received \$12,500 operating grant for the Centre for 2003-2004 from the WLU Academic Development Fund, May 2003.

“De-and Re-industrialization of Former East Germany: A unique case or a prototype for the Developed world”. Alexander von Humboldt foundation, Germany; Subsistence and Accommodation support, September – December 2002, 18,000 EU (\$ 25,200)

As Director of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe I applied and received \$12,500 operating grant for the Centre for 2002-2003 from the WLU Academic Development Fund, May 2002.

As Director of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe I applied and received \$12,500 operating grant for the Centre for 2001-2002 from the WLU Academic Development Fund, May 2001.

An Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand grant to give five lectures at different universities in New South Wales between April 30th and May 15, 2001. \$2600

CEPRA of AUCC managed project for CIDA,(with Bob Sharpe and a team of Russian researchers from the Institute for the Economy in Transition, Moscow). “The Concept for social-economic development of the Altay Republic over 2002- 2010”, October 17, 2001, total \$ 53,550 our component \$12,000.

CEPRA of AUCC managed project for CIDA, (with a team of Russian researchers from the Institute for the Economy in Transition, Moscow). “Problems of Economic Development of a Region Isolated from Main Economic Centres of a Country (Kaliningrad Oblast)”, October 17, 2001, total project \$73,350, our component \$18,000.

CEPRA of AUCC managed project for CIDA, (with Barry Boots and a team of Russian researchers from the Institute for the Economy in Transition, Moscow) “The Typology of the Regions of the Russian Federation” (Economic Policy and Economic Development of the Regions Area), 2001, February 13, 2001, total \$83,300 - our component \$18,300.

Dr. H. Viessmann research funds of 400,000 DM (\$284,000 Canadian) to establish **The Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier**. January 30, 2001.

PRESENTATIONS

Hecht, Alfred, “Universities as Potential Growth Poles in the Canadian Regional Setting” paper presented at the REGIONAL POLICY IN A PERIOD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH workshop sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency & organized by the (Canada-Russia) Consortium for Economic Policy Research and Advice (CEPRA), IET and ANE
Atlas-Park Hotel, Odintsovo-Vahromeevo, Russia: June 25-26,2005

Hecht, Alfred, “The socio-economic impact of universities on local regions: A centralized empirical approach for Canada”. Presented at a workshop entitled" The university as a strategic partner in the social and economic issues of a region", at Wilfrid Laurier University on May 27, 2005

Hecht, Alfred (with Bob Sharpe), "Peripheral Regional development approaches and programs in Canada and Russia". Presented at a workshop entitled "The university as a strategic partner in the social and economic issues of a region", At Wilfrid Laurier University on May 27, 2005

Hecht, Alfred, “The Decline of the East German Manufacturing base since 1990”. Humboldt Association of Canada, The First National Symposium (Humboldt-Kolleg), Symposium on Water, The Banff Centre, Banff, AB, Canada, May 13-15, 2005.

Hecht, Alfred, “From Fur Traders to a High-Tech Nation: The Canadian Regional Economy then and now”, presented at the Institute of Geography, Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, November 22, 2004.

Hecht, Alfred, “Income Variations of Canada’s Elderly: a spatial, gender and urban

perspective” presented at the Institute of Geography, Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, November 22, 2004.

Hecht, Alfred, “Income Variations between Canada’s Ukrainians, Mennonites and Jewish People: A Geographical and Human capital investment theory perspective” presented at the Institute of Geography, Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, November 24, 2004.

Hecht, Alfred, “Developments in the Chaco of Paraguay: The case of Mennonites and Native Indians” presented at the Institute of Geography, Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, November 25, 2004.

Hecht, Alfred, DER BESONDERE VORTRAG: "Mennoniten und Indianer im Chaco von Paraguay - friedliche Koexistenz oder permanenter Konflikt?", June 13, 2003, Marburger Geographischen Gesellschaft, Marburg, Germany.

Hecht, Alfred, “From Fur Traders to a High-Tech Nation: Canadian Economy then and now”, B.A.Z. Amerika Haus, München, Germany, May 6, 2003

Hecht, Alfred, “Manufacturing Restructuring Problems in Former East Germany” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 5-9, 2003, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

Hecht, Alfred, “Kanadas Weg vom Kolonialen Rohstofflieferanten zur modernen Industrienation” Urania, Berlin, Germany, Nov. 11, 2002.

Hecht, Alfred (with Barry Boots), "Developing a Typology of Russian Regions for Regional Economic Development" paper presented at the second Viessmann Research Centre Conference entitled "Capital Markets and Finance in the Enlarged Europe", Europa University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, May 31st, 2002.

Hecht, Alfred, “Regional Development in Kaliningrad Oblast, Russia”, Department of Geography, Kaliningrad University, Kaliningrad Oblast, Russia, March 15th, 2002.

Hecht, Alfred, “Income Variations of Canada’s Elderly”, public lecture Kitchener Library, January 14th, 2002.

Hecht, Alfred , “Ethnicity and Home Language Retention in Canada”, Paper presented at the third symposium entitled The Protection of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Canada and in Europe: Chances and Obstacles of Multiculturalism of the Centre of Canadian Studies, University of Wien, November 8-10, 2001

Hecht, Alfred (with Bob Sharpe), “Virtual Education: The Case of the VGT on Germany and Canada “, Presented at the first annual symposium of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada., October 19, 2001.

Hecht, Alfred, "Income Variations of Canada's Elderly Population: Spatial, Urban, Gender and Temporal Trends". Paper presented at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus, Sydney, NSW, Australia, May 1, 2001.

Hecht, Alfred, "The Canadian Resource Economy: The image and its reality", Paper presented at the University of Western Sydney, Paramatta Campus, Sydney, NSW, Australia, May 4, 2001.

Hecht, Alfred, "Income Variations of Canada's Elderly Population: Spatial, Urban, Gender and Temporal Trends" Paper presented at the University of Canberra, Canberra, Australia, May 7, 2001

Hecht, Alfred, "The Canadian Resource Economy: The image and its reality", Paper presented at the Canadian Studies Seminar: Hosted by the Centre for Canadian-Australian Studies University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia May 11, 2001.

Hecht, Alfred (with Sue Lucas and Michael Loedding), "Income Variations of Canada's Elderly: Age and Gender" paper presented at the Western Social Science Association annual meeting in Reno, Neva, April 17-20, 2001.

Hecht, Alfred (with Alfred Pletsch), "Virtual Geography Texts on Canada and Germany: Final Report and Assessment" Paper presented at the Final VGT symposium, Philipps University, Marburg, Germany, March 17-18, 2001.

Hecht, Alfred, "Virtuelle Geographische Texte über Deutschland und Kanada; ein multimediales Medium für den Unterricht". Paper presented at the annual meeting of German Schulgeographentag, October 1-6, 2001, Duisburg, Germany.

ORGANIZER OF SPECIAL SESSIONS AND CONFERENCES

Co-organiser with Pierre Siklos, Luís Campos e Cunha, and Regina Salvador the forth annual conference of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa Portugal, entitled "*New Frontiers for Europe*", May 30 to June 1, 2004.

Co-organiser with Pierre Siklos the third annual conference of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier, in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. entitled "*Bridges and Borders: What Unites and Divides Europe*", October 8-11, 2003.

Co-organiser with Pierre Siklos and Martin Bohl of the second annual conference of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, entitled "*Emerging Markets: The European Dimension*", May 31, 2002.

Co-organiser with Pierre Siklos the first annual conference of the Viessmann Research Centre on Modern Europe at Laurier, in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, entitled “*Modern Developments in Europe*”, October 19, 2001.

PIERRE SIKLOS ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES 2001-2005

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- 2003-2004 Graduate Faculty Council, MABE Admissions Committee, Research
2003-2005 Grants Appeal Committee, Cold Regions Research Centre Review
2003-2006 Committee, SCRAP sub-committee to review WLU research grants
program.
2003-2007 Member, Senate Committee on Research and Publications, MABE
Admissions Committee, Research Grants Appeal Committee.
2001-2002 None: Sabbatical leave
2000-2001 None: University Research Professor.

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

War Finance, Reconstruction, Hyperinflation and Stabilization in Hungary, 1938-1948 (London and New York: Macmillan-St. Martin's Press, 1991). *Nominated for the 1993 Gy. Ránki Prize for the Best Economics book on European issues.*

MONOGRAPHS and Other Publications:(* indicates some form of peer review or refereeing)

“From Floating to Monetary Union: The Economic Distance Between Exchange Rate Regimes” (with Eduard Hochreiter, OeNB), *SUERF Studies* (2004:06).

“Is Inflation A Threat? Part I: The Lessons of History”, *Claremont Policy Briefs* 03-02, December 2003.

“Is Deflation a Threat? Part II: Warding Off Deflation Today”, (with Richard Burdekin and Thomas Willett), *Claremont Policy Briefs* 04-01, March 2004.

“Is a Common Currency in Canada’s Future?” *Business Executive* (interview), January 2002.

“Detecting Speculative Bubbles in Stock Prices: A New Approach and Some Evidence from the US” (with M. Bohl, EUV), *Deutsche Bank Research Notes in Economics and Statistics*, Sept 27, 2001.

“The Soviet Monetary System”, report produced for the Solicitor General’s Office (Ontario), February 2001.

ARTICLES

2005

“Quantifying Conflict Between Between the Bundesbank and the Federal Government” (with M. Bohl), **Southern Economic Journal** (forthcoming).

2004

“Optimal Reaction Functions, Taylor’s Rule, and Inflation Targeting: The Experiences of the Dollar Bloc Countries”(with Sean Collins), **Open Economies Review** 15 (October 2004): 347-62.

“Privatizing a Banking System: A Case Study of Hungary” (with I. Ábel), **Economic Systems** 28 (June 2004): 111-123.

“Central Bank Behavior, the Institutional Framework, and Policy Regimes: Inflation versus Non-Inflation Targeting Countries”, **Contemporary Policy Issues** (July 2004): 331-343.

“The Present Value Model of US Stock Prices Redux: An Alternative Testing Strategy and Some Evidence” (with M. Bohl), **Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance** 44 (May 2004): 208-223.

“The Bundesbank’s Inflation Policy and Asymmetric Behavior of the German Term Structure” (with M. Bohl, European University Viadrina), **Review of International Economics** 12 (August 2004): 495-508 .

2003

“The Potential Consequences of Alternative Exchange Rate Regimes: A Study of Three Candidate Regions” (with E. Hochreiter and A. Korinek), **International Journal of Economics and Finance** 8 (October 2003): 327-350.

“Assessing the Impact of Changes in Transparency and Accountability at the Bank of Canada” **Canadian Public Policy** 29 (September 2003): 279-99.

“Foreign Exchange Market Intervention in Two Small Open Economies: The Canadian and Australian Experience” (with Jeff Rogers, former MABE student), **Journal of International Money and Finance** 22 (June 2003): 393-416.

“Choosing an Exchange Rate Regime: Selected Issues and Their Relevance to the Southern Cone Region”, **North American Journal of Economics and Finance** 13 (December 2002): 195-211.

2002

“Is Inflation Targeting Appropriate for an Emerging Market Economy? A Case Study of Hungary” (with I. Ábel), 26 **Economic Systems** 26 (December 2002): 309-33.

“Volatility Clustering in Real Interest Rates: International Evidence” (with Les Skoczylas, former MABE student now at the BIS), **Journal of Macroeconomics** 24 (June 2002): 193-209.

2001

“Cointegration and Threshold Adjustment” (with W. Enders, University of Alabama), **Journal of Business and Economic Statistics** 19 (April 2001): 166-177.

“Does Admission Class Influence Unemployment Insurance Claims by the Foreign-Born? Some Canadian Evidence” (with Bill Marr), **International Migration Review** 39 (1,2001): 89-110.

“Monetary Aggregates as Indicators of Economic Activity in Canada: Empirical Evidence” (with Andrew Barton, Gold Medal winner and former WLU MABE student), **Canadian Journal of Economics** 34 (February 2001): 1-17.

“Integration Among Asia-Pacific and International Stock Markets: Common Stochastic Trends and Regime Shifts” (with P. Ng, Grad. Student, WLU), **Pacific Economic Review** 6 (February 2001): 89-110.

CONTRIBUTION IN BOOKS (* refereed):

2006

“Varieties of Central Bank – Executive Relationships: International Evidence”, in **Current Developments in Monetary and Financial Law** (Washington, D.C.: International Monetary Fund).

2005

“Estimating Taylor Rules: An Unbalanced regression?” (with Mark Wohar), **Advances in Econometrics: Econometric Analysis of Financial Time Series**, T. Fomby and D. Terrell (Eds.), Amsterdam: Elsevier. [*]

“The Monetary Policy Strategy After EU Enlargement” in F. Breuss and E. Hochreiter (Eds) **Challenges for Central Banks in an Enlarged EMU** (Vienna and New York: Springer, 2005), pp. 119-24.

2004

“Frameworks for the Resolution of Government –Central Bank Conflicts: Issues and Assessments”, In **Current Developments in Monetary and Financial Law** , Vol. 3 (Washington, D.C.: 2004), pp. 387-412.

2003

“Barter and Barter Systems”, in **Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History**, Joel Mokyr, ed (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), vol. 1, pages 242-244.[*]

“Inflation and Hyperinflation”, in **Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History**, Joel Mokyr, ed (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), vol 3, pages 59-65. [*]

“Financial Reform in Canada: Past, Present, and Future”, in Maximilian Hall (ed.), **The International Handbook of Financial Reform** (London: Edward Elgar 2003), pp. 51-72.[*]

“Understanding the Great Depression in the United States Versus Canada” in Theo Balderston (Ed.) **World Economy and National Economies in the Interwar Slump** (London: MacMillan Press 2003), pp. 27-57.

BOOK REVIEWS

P. Bernholz, Monetary Regimes and Inflation: History, Economic and Political Relationships (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2003), www.eh.net, July 2003.

A.H. Metlzer, A History of the Federal Reserve, Vol. I (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), **Financial History Review** (forthcoming, 2005).

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Co-Editor, *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*

Editorial Board Member of the *Journal of Economic Research*.

Advisor and referee to the *Jubiläumsfonds* and working paper series, Austrian National Bank.

Member of the Advisory Board for the Capital Markets and Finance department at the [European University - Viadrina](http://www.viadrina.eu) (Germany).

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2004-07 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Grant (with M.T. Bohl), 37000€

2000-01 Wilfrid Laurier University, University Research Professor: citation at <http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwroff/urp/siklos.shtml>.

2000-01 Canada International Development Agency (with B. Bonin, former Senior Deputy-Governor, Bank of Canada; \$50,000)

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED SEMINARS and CONFERENCES:

European University Viadrina (May 2001), UTS (June 2001), QUT (June 2001), Bank of Japan (July 2001), Viessmann Research Center Conference (Oct 2001), European University Viadrina (May 2002), Viessmann Research Center Conference (May 2002), QUT (July 2002), Australasian Meeting of the Econometric Society (July 2002), CEPR Conference (Jan 2003), Oesterreichische National Bank (Jan 2003), Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Feb 2003), QUT (March 2003), UTS (April 2003), La Trobe (April 2003), Norges Bank (June 2003), SUERF Colloquium (June 2003), ESI/CEPR Conference (Frankfurt/Main, September 2003), ECSA and OeNB Conference (Vienna, February 2004), Norges Bank (2004), Central European University (2004), QUT (2004), UTS (2004), ESI/CEPR Conference (Budapest, September 2004), Bank of Finland (August 2005).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION: (presenting and/or discussing)

Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society (Kobe, July 2001), Real-time Conference (Bundesbank, Frankfurt/Main, May 2004), Viessmann Research Center Annual Conference (Lisbon, June 2004), Canadian Economics Association (Toronto, June 2004), Western Economics Association (Vancouver, July 2004), Cliometrics Society (Philadelphia, Jan 2005), Singapore Econometric Study Group (July 2005), Singapore Economic Review Conference (August 2005).

Appendix J

Research Centers and Universities with some links to the VRCME at Laurier

Philips University of Marburg, Geography,

<http://www.geographie.uni-marburg.de/hpgeo/>

University of Cologne, Geography

<http://www.uni-koeln.de/math-nat-fak/geographie/personal/>

University of Applied Sciences Hof,

http://www.stmwfk.bayern.de/en/downloads/hs_fh_hof_en.pdf

Canadian Centre for German & European Studies at York University

<http://www.ccgesc.ca/york/>

Free University of Berlin, Geography

<http://www.geog.fu-berlin.de/~teas/>

European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

<http://viadrina.euv-frankfurt-o.de/fwkmt/eng/research.html>

Canadian Centre for German & European Studies at York University

<http://www.ccgesc.ca/york/>

Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto

<http://webapp.mcis.utoronto.ca/default.asp>

Centre for Baltic Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia

<http://www.ut.ee/> <http://www.mtk.ut.ee/research/workingpapers>

Centre of European Studies, JHA, Babes- Bolyai University, Romania

<http://www.euro.ubbcluj.ro/en/index.html>

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Centers and Institute locally and in North America of interest to VRCME researchers

Laurier Centre for Global Relations, Governance and Policy

http://info.wlu.ca/%7Ewwwpa/campus_update/2003/nov/cu_11_10_03.shtml

The Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies

<http://www.wlu.ca/%7Ewwwmsds/>

Laurier Institute for the study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP)

<http://www.wlu.ca/lispop/lispop.htm>

The Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)

<http://www.acuns.wlu.ca/>

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

<http://www.cigionline.ca/en/index.html>

Waterloo Region Branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs (CIIA)

<http://www.ciia.org/waterloo/index.html>

Project Ploughshares

<http://www.ploughshares.ca/>

The Centre on Foreign Policy and Federalism

<http://history.uwaterloo.ca/Department/cfpf.htm>

Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies

<http://grebel.uwaterloo.ca/academic/undergrad/pacs/ipacs.shtml>

Amnesty International Canada, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Chapter 9

<http://www.web.net/~aigroup9/index.html>

Mennonite Central Committee, Ontario

<http://www.mcc.org/ontario/index.html>

Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre

<http://www.kwmc.on.ca/>

World Accord

<http://www.worldaccord.org/>

Mennonite Economic Development Association (MEDA)

<http://www.meda.org/>

Waterloo International Group Newsletter

<http://www.cigionline.ca/local/index.html>

German and European Research Centres supported by the DAAD in NA

<http://www.daad.org/4/centers.htm#sechs>

BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University

<http://www.georgetown.edu/sfs/cges/>

Center for German and European Studies, Brandeis University

<http://www.brandeis.edu/departments/cges/>

Center for German and European Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

<http://daadcenter.wisc.edu> and <http://www.cges.umn.edu>

Institute for European Studies, University of California, Berkeley

<http://ies.berkeley.edu/cgs/>

Joint Initiative in German and European Studies, University of Toronto

<http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/jiges/>

Professorship at the Institute for European Studies, University of British Columbia

<http://www.ies.ubc.ca/info/index.html>

The Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, Université de Montréal and York

www.cceae.umontreal.ca and www.yorku.ca/ccges

The Program for the Study of Germany and Europe, Harvard University

<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~ces>