

Richard Paré

b. Mar. 29, 1938, Quebec City, QC; d. Apr. 10, 2008, Ottawa, ON

Education:

B.A. 1968? (Laval); B.L.S. 1970 (Ottawa)

Intensive management program 1975 (École nationale d'administration publique)

Assistant Deputy Minister Orientation Course 1987 (Canadian Centre for Management Development)

Positions:

Pre-1973 Clerk, Library Technician, Librarian, Laval University Library

1973-1978 Director, Administrative Library and Documentation Service, Quebec Department of Communications

1978-1980 Assistant Director, Legislative Library, Quebec National Assembly

1980-1994 Associate Parliamentary Librarian, Library of Parliament

1995-2005 Parliamentary Librarian, Library of Parliament

Associations/Committees:

IFLA Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments

Parliamentary Buildings Advisory Council

Advisory Committee on Hill Renovations

Publications:

Paré, Richard. (1996). Future regional and global cooperation in the midst of parliamentary library evolution. IFLA Conference (62nd, Beijing, August 24-30, 1996)

Paré, Richard. (2001). The Library of Parliament at the dawn of a new century. International Conference of Parliamentary Librarians (17th, Ottawa, August 15, 2001)

Paré, Richard. (2001). La gestion d'une bibliothèque parlementaire ou législatif: un survol = An overview of the management of a parliamentary library. *Documentation et bibliothèques*, v.47, no. 4, 133-137.

Paré, Richard. (2002). E-democracy and e-government: how will these affect libraries? IFLA Conference (68th, Glasgow, August 18-24, 2002)

Accomplishments:

Co-President (with Tony German), Ottawa Valley Book Festival, 1992-1995
Initiated the formation of the National Capital Region Libraries Consortium, 1996

Other areas of activity:

In 2000, he was interviewed by the Access to Information Review Task Force, which had a mandate to examine the scope of the Access to Information Act and develop consistent criteria for decisions respecting inclusion of institutions under the Act.

Comments:

During his term of office as Parliamentary Librarian, he significantly raised the profile of the Parliamentary Research Branch, creating eight new research officer positions in 2001. Under his aegis, the manual clipping service, Quorum, was replaced with several electronically-based information services for parliamentarians and the public. He was instrumental in the selection of Canada's first poet laureate, George Bowering, screening the nominees and reducing them to a short-list of three candidates for the consideration of the judges (i.e. the Speakers of the House of Commons and the Senate).

Sources:

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