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TOPONYMIC EDUCATION AND PRACTICE AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

EXISTING EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

Course: Introduction to toponymy\*\*

Paper submitted by Canada

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\*\* Course offered by the Department of Geography of Laval University, Quebec, during the autumn of 1987; Professor: Madame Cécyle Trépanier (information gathered by Quebec's Commission de toponymie).

SUMMARY

Starting in the autumn quarter of 1987, Laval University will offer at the baccalaureate level a general culture and training course entitled "Introduction to toponymy". The general objectives are: (1) to show the importance of toponymy in the geographical analysis of natural and anthropic landscapes; (2) to introduce basic concepts in toponymy; (3) to enable the student to apply theoretical concepts acquired through exercises or appropriate practical work. The specific objectives of the course are: (1) to introduce the various tools of toponymic research; (2) to teach the student how to prepare and conduct a field study using toponymic inventory methodology. This three-credit course, lasting 15 weeks (three hours a week), will include formal lectures and practical work. The attached plan describes the course content in detail.

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