

Jean-Paul Hubert, December 16, 1941 – July 1, 2024

Jean-Paul Hubert held a B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) from the Université Laval, a B. L. (Law) from McGill University, a Master's in International Affairs and a Certificate of Studies in Latin American Affairs from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Université de Paris. He was admitted to the Barreau du Québec in 1967. He received an Honorary Doctorate from the Université de Moncton and was inducted as a Member of the Ordre de la Pléiade by the Association Internationale des Parlementaires de Langue Française.

Jean-Paul Hubert joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1971. His first assignments took him to Madrid, Havana and Paris. From 1988 to 1990, he was Ambassador to Senegal and Personal Representative (Sherpa) of the Prime Minister for the Francophonie Summits. From 1990 to 1993, he became Canada's first Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States in Washington.

Returning to Ottawa in 1993-1994, he served as Senior Ministerial Advisor for the Commonwealth, La Francophonie and Inter-American Affairs. From 1994 to 1998, he served as Ambassador to Belgium, and again as the Prime Minister's Sherpa for the Francophonie Summits. In 1998, he was appointed Ambassador to Argentina, and in 2001, Ambassador to Bern and Ambassador and Permanent Observer to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

His retirement was merely a new beginning. Diplomat-in-residence in the Department of History and Political Science at the Université de Sherbrooke, he passed on with gusto the knowledge acquired throughout his captivating career. Then, a new passion stirred him, that of criss-crossing, in the company of his beloved Florence, some 3,800 kilometers of the roads leading to Compostela. At home in Danville, he devoted himself to genealogical research, golf and volunteer work, particularly in support of the Danville Arts Symposium.

For years, Jean-Paul has demonstrated his tireless commitment to his colleagues by providing them with a daily compilation of current events in the French-language press. Their recognition earned him Life Membership in the Canadian Ambassadors Alumni Association.

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