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**METROPOLIS RESEARCH, DATA AND
DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES – AN OVERVIEW
OF SELECTED INITIATIVES ***

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Metropolis Research, Data and Dissemination Activities

An overview of selected initiatives

Today's Presentation

1. Metropolis in a Snapshot

Some specific initiatives:

2. our Network of Web Sites

3. the Journal of International Migration and Integration

4. an International Comparative Research Project (PME/Metropolis)

5. on the drawing board: *Observatoire Statistique* (Montréal - Paris)

1. Metropolis in a Snapshot (1/3)

- An International Forum for Research and Policy on Migration, Integration and Diversity in Large Cities
- Representatives from governments, research institutes, NGOs in over 30 countries, and International organizations in migration field
- Annual International Events
- International Secretariat in Ottawa and Amsterdam
- www.metropolis.net
- Research Plans on Policy Priorities *(next 2 slides)*

1. Metropolis in a Snapshot (2/3)

Some Research Priorities

- Transnational Communities and their implications for:
 - Citizenship and Social Cohesion
 - National and Local Economies; Business and Labour
- Migrant Smuggling and Criminal Corporatism
- Racism and Discrimination
- Youth and the Second Generation : Trends in social and Economic Integration
- Migration and the Future of Borders
- Global Competition for Immigrants and Highly Skilled Workers

1. Metropolis in a Snapshot (3/3)

Some Research Priorities

- Building Social Capital: Culture and Civic participation
- Present and future pressures on the world's asylum system
- Economic performance of immigrants; accreditation
- The World's Refugees, Human Rights and Gender-Based Persecution
- Are We Moving Towards a General Migration Agreement?

2. Metropolis Network of Web Sites (1/2)

- A Co-managed Integrated Network
- 8 million *Hits* in 2001
- Hundreds of research projects (Virtual Library)
- Main Entrance door: www.metropolis.net
- International “umbrella site”
- **National Sites:** canada.metropolis.net, austria.metropolis.net, norway.metropolis.net, netherlands.metropolis.net, etc.
- **Research Centres' Sites...** (*next slide*)

2. Metropolis Network of Web Sites (2/2)

- Research Centres' Sites
- Two examples of data dissemination from Metropolis Canada
 - Montreal Atlas
A visual interactive demographic overview of the Montreal Metropolitan Area
<http://im.metropolis.net>
 - Toronto (CERIS) Metadatabase
An evolving, central Web-based reference point for a wide variety of databases on ethnoracial demographics and immigrant settlement information in the Greater Toronto Area
<http://ceris.metropolis.net/metadatabase/>

3. Journal of International Migration and Integration

- Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary bilingual (English & French) scholarly journal, published quarterly. Permits high level exchanges between researchers and policy-makers
- **Some topics covered:** ★ Comparative analysis of integration policies in Germany, France, Canada, United Kingdom, Italy and The Netherlands; ★ NGO - Government Partnerships; ★ Les réfugiés sur le marché du travail suisse; ★ A Typology of Immigrant Policies in Western Europe; ★ Civil Enculturation: Nation-State, School, and Ethnic Difference in Four European Countries; ★ Minority Leadership, Science, Symbols, and the Media: The Belgian Islam Debate and its Relevance for Other Countries in Europe; ★ The Starting Line and the Promotion of EU Anti-Discrimination Legislation: The Role of Policy Oriented Research; ★ Toward a New Modus Vivendi Between Academic Research and Practical Social Policy; ★ Ethnicity and Social Mobility: The Case of Turks in Germany, etc.
- Visit: www.jimi.metropolis.net

4. An International Comparative Research Project (PME/Metropolis)

- The Foundation *Population, Migration and Environment* (Zurich, Switzerland) in co-operation with the International Metropolis Project is funding pilot studies on Comparative Views on Integration Policies and Migration Flows
- Status: 7 proposals are currently being evaluated. Kind of topics covered: Labour Migration, Trafficking, Flows, Second Generation, Youth, Databanks, Civic and Political Participation, Integration in Cities, etc.
- See: www.international.metropolis.net

5. *Observatoire Statistique* (Montréal - Paris) (1/2)

- To be discussed (& launched?) in 2 months (Metropolis International Conference - Oslo - Sept. 2002)
- Two pillars: “Immigration et Métropoles” (*Montréal*) and “Institut national d’Études démographiques” (*Paris*).
- Policy involvement.
- Data on: flows (with a focus on francophone populations), demographic, linguistic integration, social wellbeing, etc.
- Research on integration and discrimination

5. *Observatoire Statistique* (Montréal - Paris) (2/2)

<http://international.metropolis.net/reseau.htm>

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