Four La. Men Attending French-Speaking Event

Legislators' Association Meets in Canada

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LAFAYETTE, La. — Louisiana is being represented in Ottawa, Canada, at a conference of the International Association of French-Speaking Legislators by four men who have been active in this state's efforts to preserve her French language and heritage.

The association extended invitations to the men through the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), the state agency charged with heading attempts to save and expand the use of French in Louisiana.


The association, whose purpose is to promote personal contact between members of legislatures of French-speaking countries, is striving to unite these nations in a common activity to establish strong democratic institutions and also to promote peace and collaboration between these nations, CODOFIL stated. The French language is the common bond, CODOFIL added.

CODOFIL chairman James Domengeaux pointed out that Louisiana is the only state in this nation to be invited to be represented at the meeting. This is a sign of the "worldwide attention being given Louisiana through ... CODOFIL," he said.

"CODOFIL has re-awakened the French world to French Louisiana's cultural and economic potential and in the near future Louisiana will be the cultural and economic corridor to the United States for European and Latin American countries," Domengeaux stated.

CODOFIL has received a separate invitation to attend the second conference of the Cultural and Technical Cooperation Agency, also in Canada during October. The agency is like a commonwealth of French-speaking nations of the world, CODOFIL stated.

Sessions of both meetings will take place in Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa.