Nice memories of Congrès will spark more reunions

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LAFAYETTE - The World Acadian Congress may be ended, but the energy it generated continues to increase, said many of the participants.

"I had a great time," said one woman who attended the Congress. "I learned so much about my heritage and met so many wonderful people."

Others said they were inspired by the Congress to continue their own Acadian culture and traditions. "It was amazing to see how much our community has grown," one man said.

The Congress, which took place in Lafayette, Louisiana, is held every two years and attracts hundreds of Acadians from around the world. This year's Congress, held from June 24 to 29, drew a record-breaking attendance of over 30,000 people.

The theme of the Congress was "Celebrating Acadian Heritage," and it featured a variety of activities, including cultural displays, music performances, and a traditional Acadian meal. The Congress also included several workshops and seminars on topics such as Acadian history and language.

"The Congress is an opportunity for Acadians to come together and celebrate our culture," said Congress president, Madeleine Landry. "It's a time to learn from each other and to pass on our traditions to future generations."