

and of the Canadian Centre for Austrian and Central European Studies, recalled the many projects he and Dr. Lichem had worked on and extended his personal gratitude to both the ambassador and his wife for their help and cooperation over the past six years. He also presented the ambassador with a special "Thank You" gift from the University of Alberta: the announcement that a dedicated library fund had been created which will acquire books for the university in Dr. Lichem's name. The *ex libris* of all books acquired with this fund will bear the inscription "Dr. Walther G. Lichem Austrian and Central European

Collection," and will include a portrait of the ambassador.

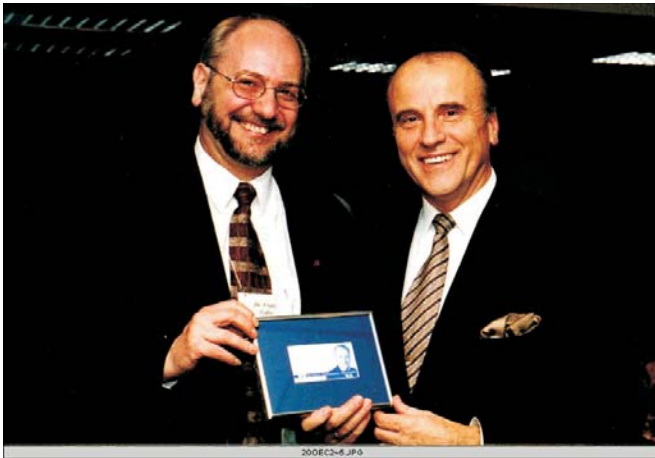
Subsequently, Mr. Pirker paid tribute to the many outstanding contributions which Dr. Lichem has made, including raising the profile of Austrian culture in Canada, lending generous support to the Austrian community, and being the "founding father" of the Austrian-Canadian Council.

In a lighter vein, Roland Pirker lauded Dr. Lichem (an enthusiastic hockey fan) as the Wayne Gretzky of diplomacy, declared him an honorary Senator, and presented him with a Senator's uniform jersey. Dr. Maria-

Teresa Lichem received as a parting gift a pendant: a silver dollar which was modified by the coin's designer, Walter Ott, retired from the Royal Canadian Mint and a member of the Austrian Society of Ottawa.

The evening ended with the obligatory performance by the Schrammel Quartett and the invited guests saying their good-byes and *bon voyages* to Dr. Lichem and his family. Before departing, everyone had the delightful surprise of receiving a Swarovski crystal from the Lichem family.

Dr. Kurt Fürst



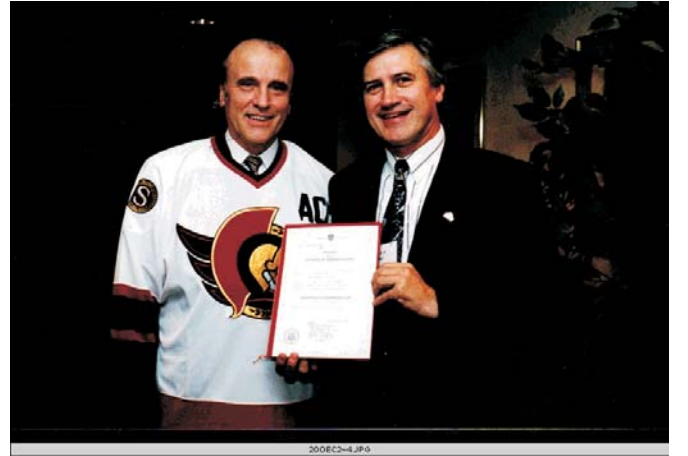
Dr. Franz Szabo presents Dr. Walther Lichem with a framed *ex libris* indicating the creation of a special library acquisitions fund at the University of Alberta named after him. Photo credits: Les Photographes Kedl - Eugen Kedl.



Left to right: H. Griesseier, E. Wyslouzil, A. Grossmann, R. Armenian, Dr. M.-T. Lichem, Dr. W. Lichem, H. Wyslouzil, A. Platzer, B. Pirker, and R. K. Pirker. Photo credits: Les Photographes Kedl - Eugen Kedl.



From left to right: Eugen Kedl, Maria Virjee (President, SOS Children's Villages Canada), and Gretl Kedl. Photo credits: Rollframe, R. Pirker.



Dr. W. Lichem (a new Senator) and R. K. Pirker (being made a new, official Austrian). Photo credits: Les Photographes Kedl - Eugen Kedl.