

A welcome to the new Austrian Ambassador to Canada

The new Austrian Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Wendelin Ettmayer, has arrived in Ottawa. A small delegation from the Austrian-Canadian Council and the Austrian Society of Ottawa had the opportunity to meet and welcome His Excellency in his office. We were warmly received and had a chance for a friendly conversation. Dr. Ettmayer showed great interest in our reasons for emigration to Canada and our early experiences as immigrants. We found out that he is no stranger to this continent, as he had spent some time in the United States as a highschool student.

Dr. Ettmayer was born in 1943. He is married and has three children. He studied law at the University of Vienna and political science at the Institut du science politique, Université de Paris. In 1969 he joined the Austrian foreign service, subsequently holding various positions in political, economic and administrative departments. From 1977 to 1993 he served as a member of the Austrian Parliament; then he returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to become Ambassador to Finland in 1994.

From 1993 to 1994, Dr. Ettmayer was the head of the Department for Austrians Abroad. This fact made us very hopeful that the Ambassador will become a new friend and supporter of the Austrian-Canadian Council and the many Austrian organizations in Canada.

Dr. Kurt Fürst



Welcoming the new Austrian Ambassador. Ottawa Airport, January 13, 2000. Left to right: Mrs. Gerhild Ettmayer, H. E. Dr. Wendelin Ettmayer, and Dr. Wolfgang Spadinger (Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Austrian Embassy). Photo credits: Rollframe, R. Pirker.



Welcoming delegation at the Austrian Embassy in Ottawa. January 17, 2000. Left to right: Roland K. Pirker, Christine Welling, Dr. Kurt Fürst (Contributing editor, *Oe Culture*), Austrian Ambassador Dr. Wendelin Ettmayer, and Hans Wyslouzil (Director, Cultural Affairs, Austrian Society Ottawa). Photo credits: Rollframe, R. Pirker.



Austrian Ambassador Dr. Wendelin Ettmayer presents his credentials at Rideau Hall to Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, February 2, 2000. Photo credits: Rollframe, R. Pirker.

Austrian Ambassador H. E. Dr. Wendelin Ettmayer presents his credentials at Rideau Hall, February 2, 2000. Left to right: Mrs. Gerhild Ettmayer, Dr. Wendelin Ettmayer, and Governor General Adrienne Clarkson. Photo credits: Rollframe, R. Pirker

