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250th Anniversary of the Battles of Québec **The Seven Years War in America** **is the subject of an international symposium**

Québec, September 15, 2009 – Two hundred and fifty years after the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, a decisive episode of the Seven Years War (1756-1763), it is fitting to reflect on this conflict and its consequences. That is why the National Battlefields Commission, in collaboration with the Société généalogique canadienne-française and the Musée de la civilisation, has set up a symposium where historians from Canada, the United States, England and France are gathered together. The symposium ***The Seven Years War in America***, held today in the Chapel of the Musée de l'Amérique française, was sold out, with approximately 200 registered participants from the general population and fourteen lecturers and experts on the issue.

The presentation of the historical context of the Seven Years War, the sequence of events in New France, the naval battle, the British and French military strategies, the contribution of the Canadian and Native Militiamen, the world-wide preludes and repercussions, the memorial reminders, in short, the people assembled for the symposium had an opportunity to grasp the issues of this war and the sequence of events of the conflict in America. They also met an impressive array of fourteen experts gathered for this unique event. The proceedings of the symposium will be available in early 2010.

The Americans call it the French and Indian War; for Canadians, it became the War of the Conquest. In the face of Great Britain's determination to achieve territorial expansion and the control of natural resources and aiming to invade New France on a large scale to succeed, France sent reinforcements. Military and civilian allies of both powers confronted each other in a series of battles that led, among other things, to the loss of New France. The Seven Years War, which opposed Great Britain, France and their respective allies, drew to a close in 1763 with the Treaty of Paris.

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