

## **Executive Director's Message**

Our annual conference, to be held in Halifax this autumn, will deal with the important and growing area of heritage tourism.

To inform discussions at that gathering, and to form the basis for subsequent initiatives, the Heritage Canada Foundation recently published an exhaustive research report on heritage tourism. This key document can be obtained by telephone, fax, e-mail or conventional mail from the foundation's offices in Ottawa, and I would encourage all those with an interest in this area to contact us in that regard.

Elsewhere in this edition of *Heritage*, we devote an article to the Doors Open phenomenon. First begun in Europe, a Doors Open Toronto began three years ago. This year, with the support and encouragement of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, other Ontario communities initiated Doors Open programs under the banner of Doors Open Ontario. The Heritage Canada Foundation—which took part in Doors Open Ottawa—has consulted with the Toronto and Ontario organizers, has examined the European experience, and is now launching Doors Open Canada. Through this new program of the foundation, we hope to encourage and assist communities all across Canada in making the Doors Open experience a truly national one. Further Doors Open Canada developments will be reported in subsequent editions of *Heritage* and on our Web site.

Finally, and as mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, Veronica Vaillancourt is retiring after sixteen years with the Heritage Canada Foundation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her and bid her a fond farewell, and to welcome our new editor of *Heritage*, Carolyn Quinn. Ave et vale.

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