

ADMA "Introduces" Herself to

Nearly 300 AES employees filled the AES Downsview auditorium on a Monday morning (December 11) to cheer on colleagues who qualified for several categories of awards — from a Departmental Citation of Excellence award, to presentations to United Way canvassers. In addition, everyone welcomed the oppor-

tunity to meet the assistant deputy minister, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, appointed ADMA last August.

Ms. Dowdeswell, said that after four months she felt very much at home at AES, especially after her previous experience as chairperson of the Task Force on Level of Weather

Services several years ago.

She said she found everyone, from managers to support staff, friendly and helpful and that one of her pleasures was to occasionally wander around AES buildings "unsupervised" so as to have informal meetings with a cross section of AES staff.

She praised all AES personnel, especially the award winners, for "serving AES and the public in a dedicated and selfless manner". Referring to people who were present to receive their 35 or 25-year long service awards, Ms Dowdeswell expressed her admiration for those who had "stuck it out" for this length of time and presumed they had always been well treated by the organization.

Finally, she pointed out that now was a very exciting time to be working for AES, given the universal attention that protection of our fragile atmosphere was now enjoying and the high profile environmental priorities now in effect in the Department as a whole.

Next Ms Dowdeswell made three presentations under Environment Canada's new Citation of Excellence Awards program. The first was a departmental award to Donald Champ, Director of AES Ice Branch, whom she praised for managing AES's single largest capital program, the Ice Program, with great astuteness and negotiating ability, while at the same time achieving significant gains in productivity and staff morale.

Next, Ms Dowdeswell handed out a Service Citation of Excellence Award to Karen Anderson as accommodation officer in the Facilities section of AES (Downsview). ADMA pointed out that in 1987 Karen also took on the role of Service security officer. During this period Karen often worked late at nights or on weekends to ensure successful completion of assignments and succeeded in converting the needs of AES into realistic action plans.

The last Citation of Excellence Award was at the Inter-Directorate level and went to Larry Morrison of Experimental Studies Division of the Atmospheric Research Directorate. Larry who publishes the famous Red Book on ozone data for the entire world, was commended, for his pioneering work in promoting safe work practices at AES before the establishment of the current Health and Safety Committee.

Brenda Smith of Weather Services Directorate, Downsview, was given a Public Service Merit Award for completing her work on the Native Canadian Technical Training Course program. In cooperation with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, she contributed to attracting and training 16 native Canadians at the Transport Canada Training Institute in Cornwall, Ontario as well as on-the-job training in weather offices. She also organized a seminar on native culture at Downsview and a three day course for regional recruiting offices, instructors and OICs.



ADMA Elizabeth Dowdeswell (second left) stands with major award winners Larry Morrison, Karen Anderson, Brenda Smith and Don Champ.



Left of ADMA is Charles Clark, recipient of a 35-year Long Service Award, moving towards the right are four recipients of 25-Year Awards: Cal Carter, Gilles Tardif, Elwyn Park and Jean-Guy Cantin.

Ms. Dowdeswell handed out Long Service Awards to Charles Clark (35 years) and to Cal Carter, Gilles Tardif, Jean-Guy Cantin and Elwyn Park (25 years).

Finally, ADMA made presentations to four Metropolitan-Toronto area United Way canvassers, all AES employees : Ed Elliotson, Robert De Santis, Lynda Smith and Bob Jones.

Opening and closing remarks were made by Joe Boll, comptroller, Finance and Administration Branch.



Three Toronto-area canvassers for the United Way campaign are also seen with ADMA. On the left is Ed Elliotson (Material Management) and on the right are Robert de Santis (Warehouse) and Lynda Smith (Numerical Modelling Division).