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Prominent German Professor of Economics Recipient of the 1998 John G. Diefenbaker Award

Ottawa, 15 October 1998—The Canada Council for the Arts announced today that the recipient of the 1998 John G. Diefenbaker Award is Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, Director of IZA, a major international research centre in labour economics at Bonn University. Under the terms of the Award, Klaus F. Zimmermann will spend up to a year in Canada. During his stay at Simon Fraser University, Professor Zimmermann proposes to investigate the effects of international migration on urban centres, focussing on the economic effects in the labour market, with special interest on the assimilation of migrants and impacts on natives.

Established in 1991, the John G. Diefenbaker Award is an annual award honouring the memory of former Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker. It enables a German scholar to spend up to 12 months in Canada to pursue research in any of the disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. Candidates may not apply, but must be nominated by university departments or research institutes in Canada. The value of the award is \$75,000 provided by the Canada Council for the Arts, plus a travel allowance of up to \$20,000 provided by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Funded by an endowment of approximately \$1.2 million from the Government of Canada, the award is administered by the Canada Council for the Arts in collaboration with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation of Germany. It is a counterpart of the Konrad Adenauer Award, created in 1988 by Germany for Canadian scholars and administered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in cooperation with the Royal Society of Canada and the University of Toronto.

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Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann

Klaus F. Zimmermann studied economics and statistics at the University of Mannheim, where he earned his degree as Diplom-Volkswirt in 1978, his Ph.D. in 1985, and his habilitation thesis in 1987. He was Dean of the University of Munich's Faculty of Economics (1993-1995), Visiting Professor at Dartmouth College (1997), at Kyoto University (1995), at Humboldt University in Berlin (1991) and at the University of Dortmund (1989). He was also Heisenberg Fellow (1988-89); Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania (1987); Senior Research Fellow of the International Institute of Management, at the Berlin Science Center (1986); and Research Fellow at CORE, Catholic University of Louvain (1985-86). From 1986 to 1992 he was Secretary of the European Society for Population Economics, and in 1994 he was its President. He was also a consultant to the German Federal Government, the German and European Parliament, and the World Bank.

Zimmermann is currently Professor of Economics and Director of IZA, a large international research centre in labour economics at Bonn University. He was formerly Professor of Economics at the University of Munich and Director of SELAPO, its research center in labour and population economics. He is also Co-Director of the Human Resources Research Programme of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) in London; Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Population Economics*; Managing Editor of *Economic Policy*, Associate Editor of the *European Economic Review*, the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Labour Economics*, and *Recherches Économiques de Louvain*. He is a council member of the European Society for Population Economics and the European Economic Association. Dr. Zimmermann has published on a variety of issues surrounding population change, migration, the labour markets, education, technical progress, business survey analysis and microeconometrics. So far, he has published 20 books and 135 articles in leading international journals including *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Public Choice*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics* and in collections of papers. His interest in methodology has covered association measures and Pseudo-R²'s, log-linear probability and count data models. He has contributed to the development of business survey analysis, where he also studied price, output and employment flexibility and disequilibrium behavior. His work on labour demand and firm's innovative activity shows the dominant role of demand factors. In population economics, his work has covered all areas, with a major interest in fertility and migration. He studied German family formation and developed the economic framework of family economics by dealing with rationing and the variety of goods. He has investigated the labour market effects of migration and developed the economics of migration policy.

The Canada Council for the Arts, in addition to its principal role of promoting and fostering the arts in Canada, administers and awards a number of distinguished prizes in the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural and health sciences, engineering and communication technologies. Among these are the Glenn Gould Prize, the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prizes, the Governor General's Literary Awards, the Killam Prizes and the Killam Research Fellowships.

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