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This white plastic diaper pin badge features a white sticker with a pentagon cut out at each point, representing a flag from a French-speaking region of the world. The center features a pentagon in the colors of the French flag. Around the edge of the badge are black inscriptions, as well as a place and date. 5th Conference of French-Speaking Ethnic Communities button.

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Date 1979

Materials metal, paper, plastic

Measurements 7,9 cm

Historical context

From August 26 to September 2, 1979, the 5th conference of French-speaking ethnic communities was held in Delémont, in the northern Swiss canton of Jura. This badge promotes the event.

The Conférences des communautés ethniques de langue française were organized eighteen times between 1971 and 2008, by five French-speaking communities: Acadia, Wallonia (Belgium), Quebec, Jura (Switzerland) and Aosta (Italy), represented on the badge by their national emblem. And for the first time that year, France takes part.

The aim of these conferences is to affirm the importance of democracy and freedom as fundamental values of the French-speaking identity, to participate in the development and continuity of the French language, and to promote exchanges between the various French-speaking communities.

The 1970s were an important period for the French-speaking world. In Belgium, the Walloon Region was created in 1970. In Quebec, the Parti Québécois was elected for the first time in 1976. The Italian parliament welcomed its first representatives from the Union valdôtaine (from Aosta) in 1976. Acadia saw the formation of the Parti acadien in 1972 and the creation of the Comité consultatif acadien in 1977. In Switzerland, the canton of Jura gained sovereignty on January 1, 1979.

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