When the French were Here

Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont hosted an international symposium from July 2-5, 2009 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain’s exploration of the lake. Scholars in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences from Canada, France and the United States gathered to mark the 400th anniversary of the exploration the master cartographer, navigator, diplomat, soldier, and ethnographer undertook in 1609. Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David Hackett Fischer, author of "Champlain’s Dream" gave the keynote address.

Through a 2008 Lake Champlain Quadricentennial Implementation grant from the CVNHP/LCBP, the college was able to compile and publish proceedings from the conference. Copies of the book were distributed to libraries throughout the Champlain Valley and Vermont.

A report of the conference is available at local libraries.

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