## **FOREWORD**

I am pleased to provide you with this edition of the Trade Events Calendar which has been produced under the auspices of the Trade Development Branch and Chief Trade Commissioner of External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC).

The Calendar is intended to help coordinate the activities of organizations concerned with the promotion of Canadian export trade and is designed to serve as a source of information on trade-related events which may be of interest to Canadian exporters. It was prepared transcribing information provided by over 80 organizations from across Canada involved in various aspects of trade development and awareness. Although every effort and precaution was taken to ensure the information was transcribed as reported, it is the responsibility of the reader, before relying on any information contained in the Calendar, to verify the information with officers responsible for the organization of the event.

The International Trade Development Branch is responsible for fostering the expansion of Canada's international trade and commerce through programs and services to assist companies in their export efforts. The full support and assistance of organizations such as yours is greatly appreciated in pursuing these objectives.

I trust that you will find the Calendar useful in your day to day efforts to assist Canadian exporters meet the challenges of the international marketplace. Please note that the events listed now cover a six month period and include, in the blue pages, events to take place outside Canada where Canadian participation is supported by EAITC funding. We will continue to produce the Calendar on a quarterly basis.

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