

Special Menu Awaits All Food Processors Interested in Exports

MONTREAL — April 18, 2000 — **Gourmet International 2000 (GI2000)** is currently recruiting Canadian exporters of fine food products for its 10th edition.

Over 100 foreign buyers are expected again this year for 100 Canadian exhibitors. It is your best opportunity to showcase your Canadian capabilities aiming at satisfying the needs of foreign buyers for world class gourmet food products.

Confirmed foreign food buyers' delegations — distributors, importers, agents and brokers — mostly from the U.S.A., with some from Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America will be participating at **Gourmet International 2000**.

Pre-scheduled one-on-one interviews before the show between foreign buyers and Canadian exhibitors will again be offered.

Gourmet International is Canada's only private export food show



focusing on one objective: conclude export sales. Surveys of buyers and exhibitors confirmed that well over \$20 million in sales were concluded for the two previous events.

Gourmet International 2000 is a joint venture of Agriculture and

AgriFood Canada, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Quebec Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Quebec Agri-Food Export Club.

Registration of exhibitors is currently taking place. Applications, along with your cheque for \$700 (plus extra if selected) must be received before February 15, 2000 to qualify for the early booking registration fees (\$850 after February 15). Your complete promotional material must be received at the Secretariat by March 15 to confirm your listing in the Exhibitors' Catalogue which is circulated well after the show.

For more information or to obtain all the GI2000 brochures, contact Céline Bernier, tel.: (514) 873-9549, fax: (514) 873-2364, e-mail: gourmet.international@agr.gouv.qc.ca. Registration forms are also available on the Agri-Food Trade Service Internet page at atn-riae.agr.ca/public/htmldocs/e1807.htm *

Opportunities in Algeria's Oil Market

ALGIERS, ALGERIA — April 16-19, 2000 — Sonatrach's fourth **Journées scientifiques et techniques (JST4)** (Science and Technology Days) is a meeting place for decision-makers, project leaders, lecturers and exhibitors.

Sonatrach, a publicly owned corporation that explores, mines, processes and markets Algeria's oil and gas, is the twelfth-largest oil group in the world. The **JST4** represents a unique opportunity for Canadian companies looking to showcase their products and expertise. Some 1,500 participants from approximately 50 countries are expected to attend this highly successful biennial event.

The backbone of Algeria's economy, the oil and gas sector has progressively opened up to foreign firms since 1994, offering new business opportunities. To improve its international standing and strengthen its national production capabilities, Sonatrach has recently increased its joint exploration and mining agreements with foreign groups, including Canadian firms.

Investments to develop and modernize the sector over the next five

years are expected to cost approximately US\$18 billion, a quarter of which could come from abroad, particularly the United States.

Africa's third-largest oil and gas exporter, Algeria has access to reserves estimated at 9 billion tonnes of oil and 5.1 billion tonnes of natural gas. Sonatrach hopes to improve its ability to produce crude oil significantly by 2002 to 1.4 million barrels a day, compared with the current 900,000 barrels a day.

To take part in this event, contact Abdeslam Mimouni, President of JST4 and Vice-President of Sonatrach, at Sonatrach/TRC, P.O. 08 Sidi Arcine, Baraki, Algiers, Algeria; tel.: (011-213-2) 68-54-02, fax: (011-213-2) 68-54-08.

For further information, consult Sonatrach's Internet site at www.sonatrach.dz or contact Gilles Poirier, Commercial Counsellor, or Rachid Benhacine, Trade Officer, Canadian Embassy, Algiers, tel.: (011-213-2) 91-49-51, fax: (011-213-2) 9-47-20, e-mail: gilles.poirier@dfait-maeci.gc.ca or rachid.benhacine@dfait-maeci.gc.ca *

ITU TELECOM AMERICAS 2000

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL — April 10-15, 2000 — The most important telecommunications event in Latin American history, **ITU TELECOM AMERICAS 2000** will bring together the most important telecom players from across the whole region.

Americas Telecom 96 attracted more than 19,000 visitors, telecommunications professionals who came to see the latest technology.

If you have to make one choice for the next millenium, make sure it's the wise choice: **TELECOM AMERICAS 2000**.

A Canadian Grouped Pavilion is organized with the encouragement of the ITU-COM by DP Expos Services Inc.

For more information, contact DP Expos Services Inc., tel.: (514) 871-3838. *