News of the arts

The Cognos Limited product line includes POWERHOUSE, a fourth generation dictionary-driven language for development business applications that includes QUICK, a screen processor; QUIZ, a report writer; QTP, a volume transaction processor; and DICTIONARY PLUS..

Participants from across the country

The computer companies from Canada and their products scheduled for the CeBIT 85 exhibition are:

• **Advanced Business Computer Systems International Inc.** of Windsor, Ontario — computerized retail and advanced communications systems;

• **Anteus Telecommunications Inc.** of Nepean, Ontario — terminal concentrators/pads, data concentrators/switches and nodes suitable for X.25 packet-switched networks;

• **Alis** of Saint-Laurent, Québec — advanced computer technology adapted to the Arabic language;

• **Cognos Limited** of Ottawa, Ontario — specialized software products for minicomputers;

• **Comptec International Limited** of Burnaby, British Columbia — plastic keytop technology and components for computer peripheral equipment;

• **Concord Data Limited** of Toronto, Ontario — touch screen digitizers;

• **Electrohome Limited** of Kitchener, Ontario — colour and monochrome data projection monitors for data processing, training and education, presentation graphics and teleconferencing;

• **Gandalf Technololgies Inc.** of Nepean — digital data communications equipment;

• **Human Computing Resources Corp.** of Toronto — Unix software products, applications, systems consulting and interactive computer graphics;

• **Keynote Computer Products Inc.** of Waterloo, Ontario — text and graphics computer terminals;

• **Mobile Data International Inc.** of Richmond, British Columbia —microprocessor-based data sub-systems with mobile terminals and base equipment to communicate digital information by radio;

• **Nelma Data Corporation** of Mississauga, Ontario — microcomputers, telephone-based computers, shared resource workstations and CRT terminals;

• **Netron Inc.** of Downsview, Ontario — Computer Aided Programming (CAP) and conversion services;

• **SR Systems Inc.** of Saint-Laurent — microprocessor-based packet-network access switching and control systems;

• **Trigild Limited** of Mississauga — "Acousticover" noise reduction covers for computer and word processing printers;

• **Unican Magnetics Inc.** of Calgary, Alberta — floppy disks for most microcomputers;

• **UX Software, Inc.** of Toronto — UNIX-system software house marketing UX-Basic for scientific and business applications;

• **Westinghouse Canada Inc.** of Burlington, Ontario — video display terminals, communications controllers and concentrators; and

• **Xicom Technologies Corp.** of Ottawa — the 3270 SNA MicroNode communications software package.

Studies in Southern Africa

Minister for External Relations Monique Vézina has announced that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will undertake two studies in Southern Africa: one which will look into retraining trained agricultural researchers and extension workers in the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC) region; and the other on transportation and communications systems in the area.

The agricultural study, which is expected to take 12 months and cost $400 000, is important as agriculture is the chief economic activity in the region and increased numbers of researchers and extension workers will be required to cope with the problems caused by population pressures and the continuing drought, said Mrs. Vézina. "One potential benefit of the study is that it may point to ways in which women may fill more of the SADCC region's needs for human resources in both agriculture extension and research," she said.

Under the project transportation and communications study, estimated at $6 million, Canada will provide technical services to the Southern Africa Transport and Communications Commission (SATCC), including a resident consultant in Mozambique, for three years. "The study will analyze current and potential problems in the systems, undertake feasibility studies and provide seminars and training programs," said Mrs. Vézina.

SADCC is a regional organization of nine countries in Southern Africa — Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe — committed to accelerated economic development through regional integration and self-reliance.

Visitor from Argentina

Minister of Public Works and Services of Argentina Roque Carranza paid an official visit to Canada from March 3-6.

Mr. Carranza is one of the most senior ministers in Argentina's new democratic government with responsibility for energy, transportation, and communications.

While in Canada, Mr. Carranza met with officials in both the public and private sectors to discuss trade and industrial co-operation between Canada and Argentina. Areas of special interest to Canadian companies included hydroelectric projects, gas pipelines, grain handling, railway and port modernization, and communications.