BUSINESS AGENDA

Toronto — The CUBC (Canada Russia Business Council) will hold a conference entitled "Financing and Guaranteeing Ventures in Russia" on February 23-24, 1994. Speakers wil include senior members from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). World Bank and the International Financing Corporation, commercial bankers and insurers. Attendees will learn how to compete for contracts for supply of goods, equipment, civil works and consultant services and how to compete for and secure project financing and investment guarantees. Contact Susan Santiago or André Benoit, CUBC, Toronto. Tel: (416) 862-2821. Fax: (416) 962-2820.

Toronto — February 26, 1994 — Introduction to Import/Export: Getting Started; February 27 — International Marketing: Buying, Selling & Sourcing Imports & Exports; March 5 --International Finance: Financing Imports & Exports & Getting Paid; March 6 — Customs. Documentation, Transport, Insurance. These one-day seminars, each costing \$165 plus GST, are organized by Warrington International Import/Export Trade Consultants Inc. Contact G. Schmelzle, Toronto. Tel.: (905)889-4083. Fax: (416) 947-1534.

Kingston—March 4, 1994—The **Emerging of Trade and Invest-** ment Opportunities in Vietnam is the subject of a one-day conference to promote and develop trade and investment. Contact the Vietnam Canada Trade Council. Ottawa. Tel.: (613) 230-2828. Fax: (613) 235-1515.

Calgary — March 6-7, 1994 — Grocery Showcase West'94 — More than 3,300 buyers and decision makers are expected to attend this conference and trade show, sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers (CFIG). Contact CFIG, Edmonton, Alberta, tel.: (403) 488-7184, fax: (403) 488-1337; or CFIG, Don Mills, Ontario, tel.: (1-800-387-0175, fax: (416) 449-7188.

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Honorary Consul

Former Commercial Officer at the Canadian Embassy in Caracas, Bruce Todd, will be assisting in the promotion of Canadian commercial activities on Margarita Island, Venezuela, where he has been appointed Honorary Consul.

The address is: Consul Honorario de Canada, Sector Bella Vista, Calle Alejandro Hernandez, Res. Mediterraneo, Edif. Tirreno, Porlamar, Edo. Nueva Esparta, Venezuela. Tel.: 58.95/636568.

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