

- **Kagiwiosa Manomin Inc.**, Dinorwic, Ontario. Operated by the Ojibway Nation, this co-op specializes in the production of wild rice.
- **Keewatin Meat & Fish Ltd.**, Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. Based in a small Inuit community by the shores of Hudson Bay, Keewatin, which is owned by the Nunavut Development Corporation, offers wild caribou meat.
- **Kitsaki Meats Limited Partnership**, La Ronge, Saskatchewan. Owned by the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Kitsaki Meats specializes in dried meat snacks and organic wild rice, for customers in Canada, Europe, the United States and Japan.
- **Little Miss Chief Gourmet Products Inc.**, Westbank, British Columbia. Under the direction of a member of the Alkali Lake Band, Little Miss Chief offers smoked Pacific salmon prepared according to a unique family recipe, using all-natural ingredients.
- **Nunavik Arctic Foods (1998) Inc.**, Saint-Laurent, Quebec. Based in Northern Quebec and owned by local Inuit, this is North America's biggest producer of caribou meat, with clients around the world.

## CANADIAN ABORIGINAL FIRMS OFFER "TASTE OF TRADITION" AT ANUGA 2001 FAIR AND TRADE SHOW

Four aboriginal companies featuring some of Canada's most unique food products were showcased at the Anuga 2001 Fair and Trade Show in Cologne, Germany, from **October 13 to 17**. Anuga, which is held every two years, is the largest international food and beverage products trade show in the world, with over 6,500 exhibitors from over 144 countries participating. A special 'Aboriginal Pavilion' was staged, featuring many traditional foods available for export. These included cranberry products, specialty meats, organic rice and fish products. The Pavilion was organized by the Quebec-based First People's Business Association. Industry Canada (through its Aboriginal Business Canada program) and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada provided funding to the Association toward costs of constructing, co-ordinating and marketing the Aboriginal Pavilion. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, including their trade representatives overseas, undertook considerable co-ordination and market-development activities on behalf of all the Canadian food and beverage sector firms that participated at Anuga 2001.



Nunavut Cariboo exhibiting at SIAL

## ABORIGINAL WORLD CULINARY OLYMPICS GOLD MEDALIST BACK IN GERMANY

From **October 13-17**, Arnold Olson, a Cree from northern Saskatchewan, was in Cologne, Germany, whipping up culinary delights from aboriginal food suppliers that were exhibiting at the ANUGA trade show. Chef Arnold Olson saw it as an opportunity to promote native entrepreneurship in their international marketing and sales efforts. Having trained and worked with some of the most recognized Canadian and European chefs, Arnold Olson has 20 years of experience in the culinary field. This was not his first trip to Germany. In 1992, he was a Gold Medallist in the World Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt, Germany, which opened up doors for other interesting special events, including the preparation of an aboriginal luncheon for the seven heads of state during the G7 Summit in Halifax in 1995. Arnold can be reached in Ottawa at: [arnoldolson@videotron.ca](mailto:arnoldolson@videotron.ca).

## KIVALLIQ ARCTIC FOODS/KEEWATIN MEAT & FISH

Kivalliq Arctic Foods/Keewatin Meat & Fish, which is located in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, specializes in cutting and processing a variety of wild organic caribou meats. In the last few years, the company has grown by leaps and bounds. During this time of growth, the company attained European Economic Community (EEC) certification, and increased its workforce from 5 full-time employees to 15 full-time and 5 seasonal employees.

Obtaining EEC approval had been a goal for the company since 1993. This vision was shared by President John Hickers of the Nunavut Development Corp., of which Kivalliq Arctic Foods is a subsidiary, and by the company's President, David Oolooyuk, and the board of directors. The company did not want to be limited in the marketplace, but wanted the ability to have an exportable product from Nunavut that would be globally known.