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Laurier centre co-sponsors forum on Soviet business opportunities

A two-day event to provide Canadian business and research organizations with information on technology-based opportunities in the Soviet Union will be held at the Toronto Airport Hilton June 21 and 22.

The technology roundtable in Toronto, one of three across Canada, is being sponsored in part by the Laurier Trade Development Centre, a partner in the Ontario Centre for International Business.

"The event is a major step towards business co-operation between the Canada and the Soviet Union," said Dr. Hugh Munro, director of the trade centre at Wilfrid Laurier University.

"For most Ontario businesses, this will be their first chance to see behind the Iron Curtain and discover what technological developments are available for commercialization," he said.

On the first day of the roundtable, there will be presentations about the new environment for business, economic and legal structures, technology transfer, and sector technology.

Afternoon workshops will explore technology transfer, oil and gas technology, Arctic technology and transportation, advanced materials, remote sensing and earth sciences, biotechnology, and heavy machining.

On the second day, registrants will be able to meet individually with Soviet representatives.

The trade centre will be represented by Munro; Chris Maziarz, the centre's assistant director; and Arnold Frenzel, an economics professor at Laurier.