

“Business Opportunities in Southeast Europe”

*Chicago, Illinois
October 1, 2002*



Countries of Focus:

*Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Yugoslavia, Slovenia,
Macedonia, Albania, Romania and Bulgaria*

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- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introduction:
Allan N Lever, World Trade Center Chicago
- Welcome Remarks:
Joe Hampton, Director of Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker:
Margaret Kostic, Director, Southeast Europe Initiative, Ex-Im Bank
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Keynote Address:
Nadan Vidosevic, President of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Panel I: *Overview of Business Environment and Opportunities for U.S. Firms*
Moderator: Mary Joyce, Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center
Panelists:
Beryl Blecher, Senior U.S. Commercial Officer Zagreb; Patrick Hughes, Senior U.S. Commercial Officer Belgrade (invited); Silvia Savich, Regional Specialist, CEEBIC; Allan Mustard, Foreign Agriculture Services USDA
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Panel II: *U.S Government Support Programs in the Region*
Moderator: Mike Howard, Ex-Im Bank Chicago
Panelists:
Jeff Abramson, Ex-Im Bank; Paula Feeney, USAID; John Moran, OPIC; Ned Cabot, USTDA (invited)
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Panel III: *Projects Financed Through Government Programs: Case Studies*
Moderator: Frank Graebner, Ex-Im
Panelists:
Chicago Companies: List to be provided by Ex-Im Bank (Motorola, IMC, Bechtel, Caterpillar)
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon
Keynote Address: **Dan Renberg**, Director, Ex-Im Bank
- 1:30 – 5:00p.m. Question and Answer Session
- One- on- One Consultation

