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## UCC International makes Chilean connections

KAMLOOPS—The University College of the Cariboo's International department has been invited to a conference in the Chilean capital of Santiago to share expertise on information technology (IT) within the institution.

UCC is the only post secondary school in Canada to be invited to the IT seminars Nov. 29-30, which will be attended by close to 100 companies that operate in Chile as well as government officials and representatives from the Canadian and Chilean embassies.

Cyndi McLeod, Executive Director of UCC International, arrives in Santiago on Nov. 28 and will make a presentation on UCC programs such as computer-automated systems technology, telecommunications, computer science and electronics the following day. She will also discuss the role of the Advanced Technology Centre based at UCC as well as land use plans for the McGill-Southgate corridor and economic development opportunities in Kamloops.

"Our first exploration trip to Chile was in September when we spoke with the trade commissioner and government officials about linkages and contract opportunities for UCC," said McLeod. "The invitation to present at the seminars is a direct result of that meeting."

Given the tremendous market opportunities within the IT industry in Chile, experts from across Canada have been asked to speak on varying technologies that have emerged from the private sector and educational institutions. Other presenters from Canada at the seminars include representatives from Industry Canada, Scotiabank and NORTEL.

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