

## Business Excellence Awards Evening 2004

In what proved to be another successful evening, the Chamber hosted its 2nd Annual Business Excellence Awards Evening on April 23, 2004.

This year, guests were treated to a pre-dinner symphony concert by the I Medici Di McGill orchestra from Montreal. The orchestra was founded by Dr. Ante Padjen, one of this year's award recipients. The evening's keynote speaker was Ontario's Minister of Economic Development and Trade, the Honourable Joe Cordiano. In his speech, Minister Cordiano indicated his willingness to work with the Chamber in improving Canada's trade with Croatia and possibly visiting Croatia on a trade mission in the near future.

Other distinguished guests included several local Members of Parliament. The event was covered by Canadian and Croatian media.



*Seated from left: Dr. Mira Saric, Marina Seidl, Dusko Bezic, Ilija Vranesic. Standing from left: John Marion (Chamber President), Darko and Erika Vranich, Ivica and Karmen Loncaric, Carole and Tony Deltin, Dr. Ante L. Padjen, Milan Racic, Nick Perpick, Mario Livaja (Consul General of the Republic of Croatia to Canada), Susan Vajdic (Chamber Board Member), Joe Pavicic*

The following were the 2004 awards recipients:

### Honourary Awards

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| Academic of the Year Award                             | Dr. Ante L. Padjen |
| Young Professional of the Year Award                   | Ms. Marina Seidl   |
| Nurturing Success and Promoting Croatian Culture Award | Dr. Ilija Vranesic |

### Business Achievement Awards

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| Business Success and Community Enrichment Award | Ivica and Karmen Loncaric                    |
| Business Of The Year                            | Mr. Josip Pavicic, Likro Precision Ltd.      |
| Large Business of the Year Award                | Tony and Carole Deltin, Frenel Kitchens Ltd. |
| Outstanding Business Leader of the Year Award   | Mr. Nick Perpick, Prime Restaurants Inc.     |
| Professional Business of the Year Award         | Dr. Mira Saric                               |
| Hospitality Excellence Award                    | Darko and Erika Vranich                      |
| Lifetime Achievement Award                      | Mr. Dusko Bezic                              |
| Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year Award      | Mr. Milan Racic                              |