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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF IVAN T. GRBEŠIĆ AS CHAIR OF THE CANADIAN FIRST WORLD WAR INTERNMENT RECOGNITION FUND

The Board of Directors of the Shevchenko Foundation has appointed Ivan T. Grbešić as chair to the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund effective June 25, 2011.

"The Endowment Council plays an important role in acknowledging, commemorating and recognizing past injustices that took place over a little-known and bleak chapter of the past - our Canadian past. I am pleased to continue to contribute to this important work and to endeavour to ensure



that this chapter from our past is accurately reflected in our history," said Mr. Grbešić.

Mr. Grbešić, member of the Endowment Council serving as a representative of the Croatian community from July 25, 2008 to June 25, 2011, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian – Croatian Chamber of Commerce and a partner in the Toronto office of the law firm Stikeman Elliott LLP.

About CFWWIRF

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) was established to support projects that commemorate and recognize the experiences of all of the ethno-cultural communities affected by Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 to 1920.

For more information on the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund contact the Program Manager, Andrea Malysh, toll free at 1-866-288-7931. <u>www.internmentcanada.ca</u>