

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

CARL GRENIER

After studying mathematics and geography, and teaching for five years, Mr Grenier entered the Canadian Foreign Service in 1976. Amongst other duties, he was assigned to the Canadian Delegation to the Tokyo Round of GATT multilateral trade negotiations, in Geneva, from 1976 to 1979. In 1983, he joined the newly-formed Quebec Department of External Trade where he became director general of trade policy in 1987. In that capacity, he was involved in the free trade negotiations with the U.S. and Mexico, as well as in the Uruguay Round at the GATT. He was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister in 1990 and held a number of high-level policy and management positions in three different ministries (International Affairs; Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Industry, Trade, Science and Technology) over the next ten years.

He joined the Free Trade Lumber Council in June 1999 as Executive Vice-President and General Manager until the Council disbanded in late 2006. In one capacity or another, Mr Grenier was involved for 25 years in the softwood lumber conflict, the world's biggest, longest and costliest trade dispute bar none. Along the way, forest industries and governments in Canada have scored notable victories, but the *Softwood Lumber Agreement of 2006* now regulating lumber trade with the U.S. is not to be counted among them. As keynote speaker at the April 2010 Annual General Meeting of the OPFA, in Pembroke, Mr Grenier will seek to paint a full picture of the many lessons to be drawn from that unending struggle.

As associate professor, he has taught regular courses on North American political institutions since 2002 at l'Université Laval, in Québec City, and for the last three years, has lectured on trade policy at l'École nationale d'administration publique (ÉNAP) in Montréal. Mr Grenier is also a member of the Center for U.S. Studies of the Raoul-Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies at l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).