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## **RUSSIAN ECONOMICS EXPERT TO VISIT WESTERN**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Oct. 4, 2004— Dr. Victor Supyan, Russian economics expert and deputy director of the Institute of the USA and Canada Studies in Moscow, will visit Missouri Western State College Oct. 16-24 to discuss a number of joint international projects with the Western Institute, and make two presentations that are open to the community.

Dr. Christopher Shove, executive director of the Western Institute, said the purpose of Dr. Supyan's visit is to discuss several joint projects between Western and the Institute of the USA and Canada Studies. He and Dr. Supyan are planning an international business conference to be hosted at Western next summer, a distance education program in Moscow, where Russian students would earn a business degree from Western; and several research projects. They also will discuss the inclusion of Russia in Western's travel/study abroad program.

Dr. Supyan will present "Business and Economic Trends in Russia" at the college's Eggs and Issues at 7 a.m. Oct. 21 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Enright Room, 214. To make reservations for the free breakfast, call 816-271-5646 by Oct. 15.

He will also make a presentation at a lunch for business leaders in the community from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 20 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Enright Room, 214. To make reservations for the lunch, call 816-271-4115. Dr. Supyan's presentation is "Business and Economic Trends in Russia: Opportunities for American Businesses." Cost is \$25.

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Dr. Supyan was born in Moscow and graduated from Moscow State Institute of International Relations. He did post-graduate studies at the Institute of the USA and Canada Studies, and was a junior and senior research fellow there, also. He earned a doctorate in economics in 1975, and a post-doctorate degree in economics in 1990 from the Institute.

His major fields of research include macroeconomic and social problems of the United States and Russia, social and economic problems of technological progress, human resources and employment, and privatization and transformation of ownership.

Dr. Supyan also served internships at the Russian Embassy to the US and at the Russian Mission to the UN in New York.

He is the author, co-author and editor of more than 35 books, textbooks and brochures; and author of more than 150 articles published both in Russia and abroad.

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