

For Immediate Release

**The Vancouver Francophone Chamber of Commerce just announced
the winning companies of the Palme Bleue Small Business Awards 2014**

Vancouver, October 20, 2014 - *For the second year, the Vancouver Francophone Chamber of Commerce has hosted the Palme Bleue Small Business Awards on October 16, 2014, at the UBC Golf Club. The event was sold out 2 weeks before the Gala with more than 100 entrepreneurs and business people from the GVA. Hosted during the Small Business Month, this event is a competition that recognizes the entrepreneurial excellence and the achievements of the french speaking SME's in two categories: Business of the Year (3 employees +) and Micro-Business of the Year.*

This contest is also the opportunity to celebrate and showcase the important contributions of the French speaking business community to local communities and the Province of B.C.

The Chamber of Commerce Francophone de Vancouver is pleased to announce the two winning companies of the Plame Bleue Small Business Awards 2014:

• **Palme Bleue Business of the Year (3 employees +): Flow Home Staging & Design, founded by Isabelle Guay.** Established in 2007, Flow Home Staging & Design specializes in **home staging and interior design**. Its founder Isabelle Guay and her team of experts provide a full range of services including consulting, interior design, renovation, interior design, home staging and personal shopping. Their services are intended for both sellers and buyers of residential property. They also now offer services for commercial projects such as restaurants and professional offices. Learn more at www.flowhomestaging.ca

• **Palme Bleue Micro-Business of the Year (less than 3 employees): CDA Training & Development, founded by Carla Abichahine.** CDA and its founder Carla Abichahine offer **Mental Health First Aid trainings all across Canada**. They train employees and individuals to develop the skills they need to help the people around them, colleagues or family, in times of need or crisis. They also help companies develop customised strategies to integrate mental health first aid training in their HR programs. Learn more at www.cdabd.com They have been providing training to corporations and non-profit organizations for over 12 years. Their goal is to increase literacy and reduce stigmas accompanying this matter. Their clients include government, public organizations and private companies

About the Vancouver Francophone Chamber of Commerce

The Vancouver Francophone Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit that is growing rapidly. Its mandate is to support and gather the French speaking business community of the Greater Area in order to help them grow and promote their economic impact and contribution to B.C. During the past 30 years, the VFCC has supported francophone and francophile companies in the region, through the organization of events, business networking activities and trainings. Each year, its events attract more than 500 SMEs in the region.

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