

OAAS GAZETTE

| Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies |



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Seasons Greetings from OAAS President... Elaine Rennie, Markham

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Our executive and committees have been busy gearing up to make your 2017 convention at the Royal York in February a time that will be full of seminars and information for you to take back to your Fair boards. For many it is also a time to renew friendships and to catch up on happenings in each others life and fairs over the past year and your upcoming plans for making your Fair a success.

We trust that we are able to provide a wealth of information for you and are excited to present our updated Constitution to reflect the changes that have been made as per your authority to right-size our provincial directors to fifteen and other changes that will bring our by-laws up-to-date. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention and the delegates at our annual meeting.

Sincerely,

-Elaine



OAAS Convention 2017

FEBRUARY 16 -18 ~ FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO, ON

2017 OAAS CONVENTION REGISTRATION RATES

Rates received by January 20

3 day - \$125
1 day - \$100/day

Rates after January 20

3 days - \$150
1 day - \$125/day

Rates at Convention

3 days - \$175
1 day - \$150/day

OAAS Young Professional Meet N' Greet,

Presented by Horse Power Live (Millar Group)

*(open to convention delegates under the age of 40,
at least 19 years of age & excluding current Ambassadors)*

This event will take place on Thursday February 16,
4:00pm – 5:00pm in the Van Horne Suite.

TAKING THE TRAIN TO THE CONVENTION ?

Save 10% off your ticket.
Promo Code: 13416

Check the OAAS
website for the VIA Rail
convention
discount code. Info.

(does not apply to all
rates)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS SATURDAY MORNING

LIVE AUCTION is taking place on
Friday February 17th at 7:30pm.
BEFORE AMBASSADOR INTRODUCTIONS

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE at 2017 OAAS CONVENTION

Friday February 17th,
10:30am - 11:45am & 1:30pm - 4:00pm

A great opportunity to explore new family
entertainment for your fair.

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<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ontarioagricultural>

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Did you know for every guest room booked at the Royal York,
a discount is applied for the meeting & seminars rooms to the OAAS.
Don't stay at the Royal York ?? Well then the OAAS pays more to the hotel and
your convention registration fees will increase.



All Ambassadors and Chaperones **MUST** be registered
convention delegates and complete
the waivers available online.

There is a separate Convention Program for Ambassadors.

**THANK YOU TO VIA RAIL FOR
SUPPORTING THE
2017 OAAS CONVENTION**



Register online now @
www.ontarioagsocieties.com

Any questions regarding the convention ??? Please contact Kathryn Lambert, Convention Administrator : oaas@bellnet.ca 519-287-3553

2017 OAAS Convention

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OAAS CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2017

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| 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm | Receive Posters in Ballroom Receive Bread and Cookies in Ballroom Receive Crafts in Ballroom |
| 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Registration Desk open |
| 1:00 pm - 4:45 pm | Receive & Bidding at Silent Auction items in Ontario Room |
| 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm | Ambassadors Program begins |
| 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm | Early Bird Seminars & Round Table Discussions (3:00-3:45 and 4:00- 4:45) |
| 4:00 pm - 5:00pm | OAAS Young Professional Meet N' Greet, Under 40 |
| 6:30 pm | Doors Open to Concert Hall for Thursday Evening Showcase |
| 7:00 pm | Thursday Evening Entertainment Showcase begins in Concert Hall |
| 10:00pm - 12:00pm | OAAS Hospitality Suite |
| 10:00pm - 11:00pm | Ambassador Hospitality Suite |

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2017

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| 7:00 am - 4:00 pm | Registration Desk open |
| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Receive Posters in Ballroom |
| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Receive Bread and Cookies in Ballroom |
| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Receive Crafts in Ballroom |
| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | Receive Machine & Hand Quilts in Salon A ** new for 2017 |
| 8:00 am - 5:00 pm | Receive & Bidding at Silent Auction items in Ontario Room |
| 8:30 am - 10:15am | Opening Ceremonies, Keynote Speaker: Andrew Campbell |
| 9:00 am - 4:30 pm | Tradeshow in Canadian Room |
| 10:30 am - 4:30 pm | Family Entertainment Showcase in Toronto Room |
| 10:30 am - 11:45 am | Various Seminars & Round Table Discussions |
| 10:40 am - 11:30 am | Ambassador Program begins |
| 11:00 am - 4:30 pm | Viewing of Crafts, Machine Quilts, Bread & Cookies, Posters |
| 11:30 am - 4:30 pm | Viewing of Hand Quilts in Salon A |
| 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm | Various Seminars & Round Table Discussions (1:30-2:30 and 3:00-4:00) |
| 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm | Homecraft Meeting in Concert Hall |
| 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm | Pick up Crafts, Posters, Bread, Cookies & Machine Quilts |
| 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm | Pick up Hand Quilts in Salon A |
| 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm | Pick up Silent Auction winning bid items in Ontario Room |
| 7:00 pm SHARP | Ambassador Group Photo |
| 7:00 pm | Doors Open to Concert Hall for Friday Evening Showcase |
| 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm | Friday Night Showcase Live Auction Introduction of Ambassadors Entertainment |
| 10:00pm - 11:00pm | Ambassador Hospitality Suite |
| 10:00pm - 12:00pm | OAAS Hospitality Suite |

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2017

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| 7:30 am - 9:30 am | Registration Desk open |
| 8:30 am | Ambassador Program in Upper Canada Room |
| 9:00 am | Annual General Meeting in Concert Hall Transfer of Officers |

FRIDAY MORNING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ANDREW CAMPBELL

A farmer, with a passion for agriculture advocacy, social media and new technology. With the farm, known as Bellson Farms, he and his family milk Holsteins and grow corn, soybeans, wheat and hay in Southern Ontario's Middlesex County. With all kinds of information being available about modern farms, and not all of it being true, Andrew is keen to make sure people get the full story. That is what farmers do on a daily basis, why they do it and what they care about. He's been featured on CBC, CTV, and other media outlets across Canada for his work in opening up his farm with pictures on social media as the Fresh Air Farmer. When he isn't farming or travelling, you'll likely find him spending time at home with his young family, curling at the local club or just enjoying the view from his front porch. Check out more details: www.thefreshair.ca



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OAAS CONVENTION SEMINAR TOPIC

(tentative list, subject to change)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2017

E-Coli ~ Consumer Protection Program* (8:30am-4:30pm)

Insurance: Alcohol & Your Fair

Marketing & Advertising Your Local Fair

Mary Maxim ~ Make & Take - \$5.00 pd @ seminar

Premise I.D., Traceability, Emergency Management

Right Sizing the OAAS Board

Smart Serve Certification* (1pm-4pm)

The Care of Homecraft Judges

**advance registration required*

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2017

60 Tips in 60 Minutes with Marla Calico, IAFE

Adding/Improving Ag Awareness at the Fair

Ag Education in Community Year Round

Alternative Money Handling Methods

Celebrating Canada's 150th

Conflict of Interest Around the Board

Fair Secretary Seminar

Fair Treasurer Seminar

Fundraising Successes Stories

Insurance: Alcohol & Your Fair

Making A Great First Impression

Managing Homecraft Entries

Modern Buskering - For the Fair

Right Sizing the OAAS Board

Rise 2 Fame At Your Fair

Roles & Responsibilities of Board Members

Running Effective Meetings

Taking Ambassadors Beyond the Fair

Total Equine Tent

Value of Security at Your Fair

Learn More About the Barn Quilt Trail at the Homecraft Meeting on Friday afternoon at the Convention.



THANK YOU TO:

CNE, Markham Fair, Western Fair

District, VIA Rail, District #1, Carp Fair, District 8, Thrill Show Productions, Horse Power Live,

Dominion Regalia, Robertson Amusements, Moore Ag. Society, Spencerville Ag. Society,

Roseneath Ag. Society, Bobcaygeon Ag. Society, Halton Ag. Society, Chesley Ag. Society,

Vankleek Hill Ag. Society, The Co-Operators & Dominion Regalia already sponsoring the 2017 Convention !

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**Protect Your Attendees from E.coli & Other Pathogens.
Protect Your Event from Liability.**

Don't miss this **FREE WORKSHOP!**

Best Practices in E.coli Prevention

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Thursday February 16th, 2017
Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, ON



Each participant will receive a free Educational DVD & information binder

To register, go to www.canadian-fairs.ca or call 204-761-1550

Growing Forward 2
A federal-provincial-territorial initiative

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Canadian Association of Fair and Expositions
Association canadienne des Foires et Expositions

Canada

**SMART SERVE
CERTIFICATION OFFERED**

Thursday February 16th
1:00pm - 4:00pm

\$25.00

Pre-registration is mandatory,
contact oaas@bellnet.ca to register



CONVENTION SHOWCASE

James Barker Band
Sons of Song
Teen Club All Stars
Tanya Marie Harris

Team T & J
Little Buckaroos
The Ben Show
Farmtastic Soundz
The Little Ray's Reptiles

Screached Inn
RhythmmFoot
CorrieJ
Ultimutt Stunt Dogs

..... and more to come

**ARE YOU BRINGING AN
AMBASSADOR TO THE
CONVENTION ?????**

Please complete and return by February 1st

Ambassador Convention Participation Agreement Form &
Convention Ambassador Chaperone Agreement Form

Both found online www.ontariofairs.com
Convention, 2017 Convention Information

**MAKE N' TAKE SESSION
with MARY MAXIM**

Thursday February 16, 4:00pm
\$5.00 pay at the seminar

mary maxim

LEN PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented by Nothers Awards, London

The 8th Annual Leonard Patterson Memorial award will be presented at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention in February 2017.

Leonard Patterson worked for Nothers for several years and made many contacts and friends at the fairs. He volunteered and worked diligently on the board of Mount Forest fair, as well as for District #10, where he served as their director on the OAAS board and was elected president in 1986. Nothers is presenting this award in Leonard’s memory.

Agricultural Societies wishing to nominate their Secretary and/or Treasurer, who has served their organization for at least 15 years, may do so by sending their nomination to the OAAS Past Presidents’ Association by December 31, 2016. There is no special nomination form. Please submit in writing, explaining in details why you feel your Secretary and/or Treasurer is deserving of this honour.

If previously nominated, please re-apply with an updated profile.

Please send your nomination to:

OAAS Past Presidents’ Association,
 c/o Joanne Gregson, 16 Red Pine Cres.,
 Wasaga Beach, Ontario L9Z 3B3 or email: jwgregson@sympatico.ca

OAAS Merchandise

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON

<http://ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/oaas-merchandise>





New Program: Horse and Pony Club Association Insurance and Individual Competitor Insurance (Ontario)

Ontario Horse and Pulling Associations:

Liability, Property, Directors and Officers, Competition Insurance

- For a comparative quote, please contact me at the below number. We will provide you with the best protection, and at the best price.

Individual Competitors:

One Price for the entire Pulling season in Canada (Jan-Dec), no matter how many competitions you enter. To receive this coverage, the competitors must belong to one of your Associations. The competitors would pay for the coverage through the Association, and the Association would remit to The Co-operators program number.

- liability extension for Association members with a Liability Limit of \$2,000,000, \$1,000 deductible. The Liability would be limited to Canadian events only. The cost per competitor wishing for coverage for the calendar year would be \$100 + tax.

**Shawn LaPalm | B.A.Hons, CHS | Owner
The Co-operators
Tel: 705-745-2667 Toll: 1-888-712-2667**



2016 OAAS AFFILIATION FEES & OAAS DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you have not submitted your 2017 affiliation fees or directory updates to the OAAS, please do so ASAP.

If you need another invoice or a copy sent to you, please contact the OAAS.

Due to OAAS by December 31, 2016

For 2017 Competitions Rules please follow the link below

<https://ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/competitions>

Monsanto Fund announces winners of 2016 Canada's Farmers Grow Communities Program.

\$165,000 in grant money distributed to 66 rural charities across Canada

About The Monsanto Fund

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Learn more at www.monsantofund.org.

New Growth Family Centre

Cynthia Deen, Alma, ON

Bracebridge Volunteer Firefighters Heritage Museum

Dave Nichols, Bracebridge, ON

Admaston/Bromley Public Library

Karen Coulas, Cobden, ON

Prince Edward County 4-H

Shannon Langridge, Milford, ON

Caledonia Agricultural Society

Tom Peart, Caledonia, ON

Embros & Zorra Agricultural Society

Marian Sterk, Embro, ON

Station 4 Dover Fire Department Chatham-Kent

Rich Gebal, Chatham, ON

Rodney Aldborough Fair Board

Melanie Mcleod, Dutton, ON

Friends of the Food Bank

Lyle Hendrikx, Strathroy, ON

Huron County Junior Farmers

Casey Klaver, Seaforth, ON

Glencoe Agricultural Society

Bob Thirwall, Glencoe, ON



OAAS, Judging School in the North

By Sheila McLaughlin,

Judging School Instructors, Colleen Anderson, and Sheila McLaughlin.

The Judging School at Kakabeka Falls was wonderful. Thank you to the OAAS for making this venture possible. We flew from Toronto on Friday November 4 at noon, and we were met by Sylvia Goodhart and Randy Creighton. Sylvia took us on a tour of Thunder Bay and then dropped us off at our motel.

Saturday morning commenced with a general outlook at judging followed by participant and prospective instructors with hands on evaluation. The Hymers Agricultural Society served a delicious lunch then back to Baking. Again, Colleen and Sheila shared the teaching of how to judge. Breaking off into groups again each with a prospective judging instructor various samples of baking were tried. After many questions and much discussion some were off to relax and ponder the events of the day while others remained for District 15's Annual Meeting.

Sunday brought a beautiful day and many wonderful exhibits to share. Quilts were first on the agenda. We had hand, Machine, and Tied ones to check and look over. Again, we broke into 2 groups and worked with the apprentice instructors. What a delight to share time in this way. Then it was on to Knitting, Crocheting, and Sewing. The same procedure was following as we worked together as teams. Next, we moved on to Weaving. This is a very popular art in this area. There were several weavers from the Thunder Bay Weavers Guild present to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. We applied the things that we had learned about judging in this category. Having had another wonderful lunch prepared by The Hymers Agricultural Society, we reconvened for a wrap up session. We talked a bit about photography and spoke about developing a sense of team spirit.

We need to help each other and work together. Judges need to remember that their responsibility is to work for fairs. Questions and answers had played a large part during the whole school. It was wonderful to see the oneness of the group. There were no divisions. We were one body of people learning so that we could be of service to the fair community. At the completion of the District 15 Judging School, certificates were presented to Apprentice Judges, Judges, and 4 Qualified Instructors. There was a total of 14 people at the Judges School. The Qualified Instructors in District are 3 ladies as well a 1 gentleman (the first male instructor that I know of in our history)

Thank you to the OAAS, District 15, those who contributed in any way to making this weekend so successful, to the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition, Hymers Agricultural Society, Murillo-Oliver Agricultural Society, and Rainy River-Emo Agricultural Society. Thanks to Vince OAAS Office Manager for OAAS pins and certificates. And finally, a special thanks to Cathy Redden for getting this project off the ground. Vince: Thank you for making the District 15 Judging School possible. Colleen and I appreciate all the support and effort that you and the board put into making this become a reality. We learned a lot and trust that as we shared as fellow interested parties that fair will be enhanced. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.



Calvin Stein, hero who saved girl from team of runaway ponies, honoured with Carnegie bravery award

By: Blair Crawford, Ottawa Citizen



Calvin Stein, the Madoc man who saved a three-year-old girl from being trampled by a team of runaway ponies last summer at the Tweed Fair, is being honoured with a medal for “extraordinary civilian heroism” by the Carnegie Foundation.

Stein, 51, was standing near the horse-pull arena at the Tweed Fair on July 9 when he saw a team of ponies break free from their handler and stampede toward where the girl was standing with her family. He ran and scooped up the girl and threw her to safety

before being run over by the horses himself. “I didn’t do my act for the publicity or because I wanted to be a hero. I just knew that somebody was going to die that day,” Stein said in a phone interview Tuesday. Stein, a line supervisor with Hydro One who also runs a small cattle farm near Madoc, about a two-hour drive west of Ottawa, is one of two Canadians among the 21 winners of the Carnegie medal. He learned about the award on Friday. Stein described what happened that afternoon at the fair in an interview with the Citizen last July.

“I just swooped the young lady up and I just basically – I knew they were close – I just threw her,” he said. “I knew she’d bounce, she maybe’d break an arm or a leg. I guess that’s not what you’re supposed to do – throw kids – but I just threw her and the team mowed me over. I flipped and flopped and the rest is history. The young lady was taken to hospital – she’s fine, a few bumps and bruises, very fortunate.” Stein said at the time that he suffered “some dirty scars. And I’ve got one eye that’s a little screwed up.”

“I just remember laying on the ground. When I hit the ground and the blood pooling by my head. I thought it was over. I thought, ‘Well, this is the way Calvin’s going to croak.’” Stein continues to have vision and balance problems since the trampling, stemming from an acquired brain injury.

“I’ve got some issues with balance and basically just headaches all the time and some lower back issues. But that’s small – a pretty small price to pay for that young lady’s life. That’s the way I look at it.”

Arena Purchased by Agricultural Society



PICTURED BESIDE: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS PLUMMER ADDITIONAL (LEFT) BRUCE MINES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS (CENTRE) TOWN OF BRUCE MINES MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS (RIGHT) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DIANE ADAMSON-AG SOCIETY (FAR RIGHT)

The Town of Bruce Mines and Township of Plummer Additional officially transferred ownership of the Centennial Arena to the Bruce Mines Agricultural Society on November 30th, 2016.

Council members met with Ag members at the arena Wednesday night for an official handing over of the keys. Plummer Additional Mayor Beth West says "Handing over the arena is bittersweet for sure. So many people in the community, put so much into building the arena and it will never be an arena again, but times are changing and the demographics and needs of the community are not what they were 50 years ago."

Both municipal councils are trying to move forward by selling the arena which was no longer financially feasible, costing each municipality roughly \$65,000 in the last year of operation as a rink.

The Centennial Arena was listed for sale with a commercial realtor for 6 months previous to the ownership being transferred to the Agricultural Society, with no takers. Many residents were upset that the arena was being "given away" or sold for a token \$1. However, if the arena had been sold to a business or individual for the \$150,000 asking price or less, \$130,000 of Ontario Trillium grant money would've had to have been repaid by the municipalities. Since the arena was sold to a not for profit organization, the money will not have to be repaid.

Conditions were included in the sale of the arena to protect the interests of the municipalities. Plummer Additional Township has First Right to Refusal, so if the Ag Society puts the arena up for sale, the township gets the first opportunity to purchase it. Also, if sold within the next 10 years, the Ag Society would only receive 50% of the sale, with both municipalities receiving 25% each from the sale.

The Township of Plummer Additional has agreed to support the Ag Society for the next two years, giving them \$5000 in 2017 and another \$5000 in 2018. All of these dollars are to be spent on capital expenses for maintenance and repairs to the arena.

When asked where the money previously spent on running and maintaining the arena will be reallocated, Mayor West said, "Council has not decided that yet, but services such as road improvements and maintenance are always a big issue for our ratepayers."

Some equipment that was not included with the sale of the arena, such as the Zambonie, score board, fitness equipment and other recreational equipment can be stored until June and then sold off as surplus by the municipalities. Most items in the kitchen and boardroom were left for the new owners, such as tables, chairs and kitchenwares.

Marla Adamson-Barber who spoke for the Agricultural Society said, "We are pleased to be able to take over ownership of the Centennial Arena". In a press release, the Ag Society states that, "The arena was constructed in 1966 on land donated to the town and township from the Ag Society's property. The Ag Society was instrumental in securing loans to build the facility and many members donated significant amounts of time to developing and running programs offered in the building."

The Society plans to operate the arena as a community recreation facility. While ice is not part of the short-term plan many other opportunities are being looked at. Community use garage, kitchen and hobby space seem appropriate for our aging population. We plan to use the space to host consignment auctions, parties, concerts and playdates. The arena will also house many aspects of the annual Fall Fair and with that we hope to be able to offer a wider variety of entertainment.

The Society is working closely with the Canada 150 sub-committee of the Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to increasing our partnerships to make the Centennial Arena a community gathering place again.

To help offset some of the costs of repair, refurbishing and ownership the Ag Society is offering winter storage at reduced rates this season.

All Ambassadors and Chaperones **MUST** be registered convention delegates.

There is a separate Convention Program for Ambassadors.

More information in the Convention Registration Package

DEADLINES

December 31, 2016 - Update fair info. for OAAS directory

December 31, 2016 - 2017 Affiliation fees due to OAAS

January 20, 2017 - Early bird deadline for Convention

February 1, 2017 - Annual Return and grant form to OMAFRA

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & SEASONS GREETINGS TO OUR FAIRS, MEMBERS & FRIENDS

ALL THE BEST IN 2017.

~ OAAS Executive and Board of Directors ~



2017-2018 OAAS Executive, and Board of Directors

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BACK-GROUND INFORMATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE ELECTION POLICY CHANGE

During the review of the OAAS Policy Manual it became apparent that we should address the time/format of the Executive election process. This election had traditionally taken place in February, however it was suggested that both the nominations and the election could take place during the October Fall Board meeting.

The Board supported this change for the following reasons:

1. The nominations come from and are voted on by the current board, not the incoming board.
2. Many of the potential candidates for 2nd Vice are also possible candidates for Provincial Director in their own District. Having the decision for 2nd Vice President made in advance will eliminate the need for one of the Districts to have to scramble and find a replacement in February.
3. It has been rare to receive any mail-in nominations following the Fall Board meetings as per the previous policy
4. The process for the election of the Executive is addressed in the Policy Manual not the Constitution, therefore it is possible for the Board to make such a change. The Policy was updated at the Fall Board Meeting.
5. This change will not affect the current Executive as the incoming Executive would not take office until after the AGM as is currently the case. It is only the election date that is changed.

Cafe 2016
Photo's curtesy of Doug van Wolde



Congratulations to Joyce Trafford Carp Ag Society and Harry Emmott Pairs Ag Society for receiving the prestigious Roll of Honour Award tonight at the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibition Convention in Fredericton, New Brunswick.



CAFÉ 2017 Board of Directors



Group photo of Ontario members attending CAFÉ in Nov



Authenticate Future Leaders Award Winner Sara Imrie (right) Western Fair Ontario

E.coli Prevention Workshop (2016-2017)



ONLINE REGISTRATION At:

<https://canadian-fairs.info/e-coli-workshop-registration-form-2016-2017/>

REGISTRATIONS TO BE RECEIVED A MINIMUM OF 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WORKSHOP DATE!

Ontario - February 16, 2017 - OAAS AGM, 8:00am-4:30pm, Manitoba Room Fairmount Royal York Hotel, Toronto ON

Who Should Attend? Anyone who is involved with an event where there is human-animal interaction. This includes agricultural societies, auction marts, petting zoos, ag facility managers, hosts of Open Farm Days, etc. Feel free to send multiple people from your organization...the more people who are educated about prevention, the better.

Workshop Description

The Canadian Association of Fairs & Exhibitions has acquired funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to coordinate a national project on prevention of contamination by E.coli and other enteric pathogens at fairs. Our new project began on April 1, 2015 with a Research Component which is being undertaken in conjunction with scientists at the Lethbridge Agricultural Research Station, and will culminate with workshops being presented in each province in the fall and winter of 2016-17. This will be an important opportunity for participation by all fairs and any other organizations that deal with **animal human contact**.

Over the years there have been outbreaks of E.coli and various other pathogens at fairs and petting zoos in Canada and the US. Thankfully there have been few fatalities. Undoubtedly your ag society wants to protect its attendees from becoming sick – or worse – but you also need to protect your organization. If you find yourself in the newspaper, named as the source of an E.coli outbreak, your event will suffer from a bad reputation and lower attendance for years to come. Or you could find yourself the victim of litigation...also something you can do without!

The E.coli Prevention Workshop will be a full day long, and will provide critical information on what E.coli (and other dangerous pathogens) are, how they can affect and even kill people, how they can be transferred at a fair or livestock/animal event, how you can avoid contamination, how to protect your organization from litigation if someone does get E.coli, how to create traffic patterns at your fair to keep your guests safer, signage, etc.

Workshops will be presented by experts from IAFE (International Association of Fairs & Exhibitions) who present on this topic across North America

And it's all FREE! Participants will go away with a binder of resources as well as an educational DVD. However you should come prepared to provide your own lunch. Certificates will be mailed to all participants after the workshop.

For more info call CAFE at 800-663-1714



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