



2020 OPFA Conference and 63rd Annual General Meeting

Theme: *Our Roots, Our Future*

Monday, April 6, 2020

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Registration Opens

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Field Tour - Urban Forestry - York Region/Lake Simcoe Region CA
Field Tour - Forest Management - Simcoe County

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Icebreaker (cash bar)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

7:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Visit Exhibitors

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **2020 OPFA Annual Conference Opening**

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session #1: Keynote Speakers**

- 1) Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy
- Dave Hayhurst, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- 2) Climate Change in Ontario - What are the Implications for our Urban, Rural and Northern Forests?
- Dan McKenney, Natural Resources Canada

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Network Break and Visit Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Plenary Session #2**

- 1) Indigenous Lands and Resources Standard
- Peggy Smith, R.P.F. (Ret.), Professor Emerita, Lakehead University
- 2) Workshop - tentative

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- Lunch
- a) Changing Regulatory Environment in Canada (for Professionals)
- Richard Steinecke, Counsel, Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc Barristers and Solicitors
 - b) Network Break and Visit Exhibitors

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session #1A

- 1) Ontario Tree Seed Transfer Policy - Ken Elliot, R.P.F., Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- 2) Applying the Ontario Tree Seed Transfer Policy - Barb Boysen, R.P.F., Forest Gene Conservation Association
- 3) Operational Artificial Reforestation Programs in the Boreal Forest Under a Changing Climate - Dennis Joyce, Superior Genetic Resource Management Services

Concurrent Session #1B

- 1) Managing the Urban Forest as an Asset - James Lane, R.P.F., York Region
- 2) Ecological Offsetting - Kate Lillie, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
- 3) Toronto's Urban Ravine Strategy - Wendy Strickland, City of Toronto

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Network Break and Visit Exhibitors

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. OPFA Annual General Meeting

6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Banquet and Awards - Sarah Bros, R.P.F. and Denis Gagnon, R.P.F.

Thursday, April 9, 2020

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. CIF Update - tentative

7:30 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Visit Exhibitors

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. OPFA Business Update (Ballroom) - Fred Pinto, R.P.F., Executive Director/Registrar

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Concurrent Session #2a**

- 1) Urban Forestry - Past, Present and Future - Mike Rosen, R.P.F., Tree Canada
- 2) Afforestation Challenges in Southern Ontario - Rob Keen, R.P.F., CEO Forests Ontario

Concurrent Session #2b

- 1) Fire Smart Management of Flammable Forest Landscapes - Dave Martell - Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto
- 2) Invasive Species - Current Status and Projections - Erin Bullas-Appleton, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Network Break and Visit Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Plenary Session #3**

- 1) Canada's Forest Industry - Derek Nighbor CEO, FPAC
- 2) Sustainable Timber Buildings - to be determined, Mass Timber Institute
- 3) New and Emerging Technology in Forestry - John Pineau, FP Innovations

12:00 noon to 12:15 p.m. Closing Remarks/Adjournment
Lunch

Dated: February 9, 2020