



Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association 2008 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

February 5 & 6, 2008

Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario

THEME: The Bio-Economy Effects on Soil/Crop Management

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

- 12:00 noon · Registration – *Oakes Foyer (2nd floor)*
- 1:00 p.m. · OSCIA Annual Meeting Begins – *Oakes Ballroom*
 - *Chair: Pat Lee, 1st Vice President*
 - Welcome and Opening Remarks – *Frank Hoftyzer, President*
 - Get Acquainted
- 1:15 p.m. · **Crop Report from 2007 plus New & Emerging Trends for 2008**
 - *Peter Johnson, Cereals Specialist, OMAFRA Crop Technology*
 - *Scott Banks, Emerging Crops Specialist, OMAFRA Crop Technology*
- 2:00 p.m. · **Let the Good Times Roll**
 - *Kevin Hursh, Hursh Consulting & Communications Inc, Saskatoon SK*
- 3:00 p.m. · Nutrition Break
- 3:15 p.m. · President's Report
 - Executive Director's Report
 - Approval of 2007 OSCIA Annual Meeting Minutes
 - Presentation & Approval of 2007 Audited Financial Statement
 - *Gord Barr, CA, RLB LLP, Guelph*
 - Appointment of Auditors for 2008
- 3:45 p.m. · Constitution Changes relating to Director Boundary Realignment
- 4:15 p.m. · Introduction to Resolutions
- 5:15 p.m. · Dinner - *A Cut Above Steakhouse, Sheraton Fallsview Hotel*
- 6:40 p.m. · Evening Program Begins
 - *Chair: Murray Cochrane, 2nd Vice President*
- 6:45 p.m. · **Regional Partner Grant Reports – (10 minutes each)**
 - *St. Clair - Improving Yield of Second Year Soybeans - Henry Denotter*
 - *Thames Valley - Peas as a Cover Crop - Greg Walls*
 - *Heartland - Reducing Soybean Seed Costs - Horst Bohner*

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- Georgian Central - *Enhancing the Economic Return of Spring Wheat and Spring Barley* - Brian Hall

OSCIA Major Grant Reports – (5 minutes each)

- Huron - *Economic Potential of Specialty Edible Beans* - Brian Hall
- Lambton - *Biosolids vs Commercial Fertilizer Impact on Soybeans Yield* - David Williams/Roger Buurma
- Sudbury - *Spanish River Carbonatite* - Mike Soenens

North West Grant Reports – (5 minutes each)

- Kenora - *Determine Optimum Rates of Sulphur for Forage Grasses* - Peter Brunner
- Rainy River - *Mycorrhizal Comparisons* - Kim Cornell
- Thunder Bay - *Hay Preservative Evaluation* - Wilma Mol
- Thunder Bay - *Winter Wheat as a Cash Crop* - Wilma Mol

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9:00 p.m. · Mix & Mingle - *Niagara Private Dining Room*



Wednesday, February 6, 2008

7:00 a.m. · Buffet Breakfast – *A Cut Above Steakhouse*



8:15 a.m. · Morning Program – *Oakes Ballroom*
· Chair: Barry Hill, 3rd Vice President

- **OSCIA Projects & Program Delivery Reports**
 - Andrew Graham, Program Manager and Deanna Deaville, Special Projects Coordinator

8:50 a.m. · **Growing Your Farm Profits: Planning for Business Success**
· Gerald Renkema, Project Lead

9:00 a.m. · **A Matter of Balance: Conservation and Renewable Energy - how soil quality is affected by removal of biomass**
· Dr. Jane Johnson, ARS.USDA - Morris, Minnesota

10:00 a.m. · Election of Directors
· Appointment of Scrutineers

10:15 a.m. · Nutrition Break - SPONSORED BY Scotiabank

10:30 a.m. · **Research Committee Reports**

10:45 a.m. · Resolutions

11:30 a.m. · **2007 Ontario Forage Master**
· Doug Johnston, Perth County

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12:00 noon · Lunch - *A Cut Above Steakhouse*
12:00 noon · Election Lunch for OSCIA Provincial Directors only -
Niagara Private Dining Room



- 1:15 p.m. · Afternoon Program –
 · *Chair: Murray Cochrane, 2nd Vice President*
- **Regional Partner Grant Reports – (10 minutes each)**
- Golden Horseshoe - *Improving Quality Standards & Economics of Winter Wheat in Ontario Through Innovative Management Strategies of Nitrogen Fertilizer* - Ian McDonald
 - East Central - *Influence of Variety & Seeding Rates on Alfalfa Stem Fineness* - Joel Bagg/John Kinghorn
 - Quinte - *Copper on Winter Wheat* - Scott Banks
 - Ottawa Rideau - *Cover Crops Following Spring Cereal Crops* - Scott Banks
 - North Eastern Ontario - *Canola Opportunities in NE Ontario* - Graham Gambles

OSCIA Major Grant Reports – (5 minutes each)

- Oxford - *Ammonia Volatilization from Different Manure Application Systems* - Chris Brown
- Peel - *Nitrogen Response Trials on Clay Soils* -
- Perth - *Economic Potential of Grain Sorghum for the Ethanol Market* - Ed Tollenaar
- Thunder Bay - *ESN on Silage Corn* - Wilma Mol

- 3:15 p.m. · Nutrition Break

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- 3:30 p.m. · Resolutions

- 4:00 p.m. · **Future Effects on Producers from Fueling our Bio-Fuels Industry**

- Dr. Ralph Hardy, President, National Agricultural Biotechnology Council, Ithica, New York

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- 4:45 p.m. · Adjourn

- 5:45 p.m. · Reception – *Oakes Foyer (2nd floor)*

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- 6:30 p.m. · **OSCIA Annual Banquet - Oaks North**

- **Royal Remarks - A Personal Visit by Her Majesty the Queen**
Donna Sanders as "Her Majesty the Queen"



.A Registered Nurse by profession, Ms. Sanders has been performing as Her Majesty the Queen since 1978. Her witty "royal remarks" add unique humour to any occasion. She performs her personalized "one-of-a-kind" speeches that may involve the audience, and has enjoyed great success across Canada.

- Annual Meeting Adjourns

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