



# Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association 2012 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

February 7 & 8, 2012

Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre, London, Ontario

## **THEME: “Innovative Routes – Improving Roots”**

### **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

10:30 a.m. · Registration – Will be held at the entrance to the North Crystal Ballroom

1:00 p.m. · OSCIA Annual Meeting Begins – North Crystal Ballroom  
· *Chair: Joan McKinlay, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

· Welcome and Opening Remarks – Max Kaiser, *President*

· Get Acquainted

· iClicker Orientation – Short demonstration using a sample question

1:15 p.m. · **New Technologies on the Horizon**  
· *Dr. Bonnie Ball, Soil Fertility Specialist, OMAFRA*  
· *Peter Johnson, Provincial Cereal Specialist, OMAFRA*

2:00 p.m. · **‘Utilizing Precision Agriculture for Fertility Decisions’**  
· *John Heard, Soil Fertility Specialist, Manitoba Agriculture*

2:45 p.m. · **Panel Discussion**  
· *Dr. Bonnie Ball, Soil Fertility Specialist, OMAFRA*  
· *Peter Johnson, Provincial Cereal Specialist, OMAFRA*  
· *John Heard, Soil Fertility Specialist, Manitoba Agriculture*

3:00 p.m. · Nutrition Break – Atrium      SPONSORED BY



3:15 p.m. · President’s Report  
· Executive Director’s Report  
· Approval of 2011 OSCIA Annual Meeting Minutes  
· Presentation & Approval of 2011 Audited Financial Statement  
· *Gord Barr, CA, RLB LLP, Guelph*  
· Appointment of Auditors for 2012

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3:45 p.m. · Introduction to Resolutions

5:30 p.m. · Dinner - South Crystal Ballroom

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6:40 p.m. · Evening Program Begins – North Crystal Ballroom  
· *Chair: Henry Denotter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

7:00 p.m. **Regional Partner Grant Reports – (10 minutes each)**

- St. Clair - *Evaluating the Economic Benefits of Corn Hybrid Traits* – Adam Hayes
- Thames Valley – *Assessing Higher Corn Populations* – Peter Hodgins
- Thames Valley – *Tillage* – Gord Green
- Heartland – *Soybean Variety – Fungicide Evaluations* – Horst Bohner

**OSCIA Major Grant Reports – (5 minutes each)**

- Carleton – *Fall Compost Application* – Meghan Gilmer
- Elgin – *High Potash Starter Fertilizer on Soybeans* – Ed Roodzant
- Lambton – *MicroEssentials SZ Fertilizer vs. Mono-Ammonium Phosphate* – Kirk VanWill
- Oxford – *Is Manure Enough?* – Mark Kirwin

7:50 p.m. · **Nutrient Management Demonstration Project Report**  
· *Nick Betts, Outreach Coordinator, OSCIA*

8:10 p.m. · **Biomass Project Update**  
· *Nick Betts, Outreach Coordinator, OSCIA*  
· *Katherine Withers, PhD student, Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph*

9:00 p.m. · Mix & Mingle – Atrium

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## Wednesday, February 8, 2012

6:45 a.m. · Buffet Breakfast – Atrium

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8:15 a.m. · Morning Program – North Crystal Ballroom

· *Chair: Allan Mol, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President*

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8:20 a.m. · **Program Delivery Report**

· *Andrew Graham, Program Manager*

· **Growing Your Farm Profits: Planning for Business Success**

· *William Bearss & John Laidlaw, Farm Business Management*

9:00 a.m. · **Leading Development in Precision Agriculture**

· *Greg Kitching, Integrated Solutions Consultant, Premier Equipment*

9:30 a.m. · **AAFC Field Efficiency Study Introduction**

· *Keith Reid, Manager, Soil Nutrient & GHG Management, AAFC*

9:45 a.m. · Ratification of Board of Directors

10:00 a.m. · Nutrition Break - Atrium

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10:15 a.m. · Review of Cloverpad Pilot Project

· *Cathy Dibble, lead RCC & Nick Betts, Outreach Coordinator*

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

10:45 a.m. · Resolutions

11:30 a.m. · **2011 Ontario Forage Master – ‘The Value of Forages’**

· *Anthony Sjaarda, Lambton County*

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12:00 noon · Delegates Lunch – South Crystal Ballroom

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12:00 noon · Election Lunch for OSCIA Provincial Directors Only  
– Cambridge Room

- 1:15 p.m. · Afternoon Program –  
· *Chair: Henry Denotter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

**Regional Partner Grant Reports – (10 minutes each)**

- Golden Horseshoe – *Evaluation of N Losses Associated with UAN Timing and Application Technique* –
- East Central – *Establishment of C4 Bio-Fuel Grasses* – John Kinghorn
- Quinte – *Nitrogen Rates on Established Switchgrass* - Scott Banks
- Ottawa Rideau – *ESN Controlled Release Fertilizer Project* -
- North Eastern Ontario – *Herbicide Evaluation for the Control of Smooth Bedstraw in Forage Stands* – Graham Gambles
- Georgian Central – *S.M.A.R.T. Canola* – Brian Hall

**OSCIA Major Grant Reports – (5 minutes each)**

- Middlesex – *Population Study S.M.A.R.T. Com.* – Peter Hodgins
- Renfrew – *Industrial Hemp Grain Yield Optimization* – Reuben Stone

- 2:30 p.m. · ***Agri-Environmental Services Branch Report***  
· *Jamshed Merchant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agri-Environmental Services Branch AAFC, Ottawa ON*

- 3:00 p.m. · Nutrition Break - Atrium

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- 3:15 p.m. · Approval of Slate of Executive Board

- 3:25 p.m. · ***“Are Global Crop Markets at a Crossroad?”***  
· *Dr. Bill Tierney, Chief Economist, Ag. Resource Co., Chicago Ill*

- 5:00 p.m. · Adjourn

- 5:15 p.m. · Reception – Atrium

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*Note: Certified Crop Advisers  
(CCA) CEU credits being applied for.*

6:30 p.m. · **OSCIA Annual Banquet** – Crystal Ballroom  
· Chair: Max Kaiser, President

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- **LB Thomson Award presented to Don Lobb**  
- Presented by Jamshed Merchant, Assistant Deputy Minister,

*Agri-Environmental Services Branch AAFC*

*The L. B. Thomson Conservation Award was established in 1987 by the PFRA Alumni Committee to recognize outstanding achievement in the area of soil and water conservation. Mr. Thomson was Director General of PFRA from 1948-1956 and was one of a group of agronomists who developed a variety of soil conservation practices in the late 1930's. Each year, one recipient is selected from a group of nominees submitted by the staff of the Agri-Environment Services Branch. This year the recipient is Don Lobb.*

- **Dr. Joe Schwarcz, Director of McGill University's Office for Science and Society**  
**Speaking on 'Science, Sense, & Nonsense'**  
– Introduced by Perry Wilson, Director FCC



*Dr. Joseph Schwarcz, known to his students, and many via his science popularization efforts as Dr. Joe, has a PhD in chemistry and is a professor at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. He is the director of McGill's Office for Science & Society, which is dedicated to demystifying science for the public.*

*Dr. Schwarcz is known through his many books, weekly column in the Montreal Gazette, weekly radio show on CJAD 800 in Montreal & CFRB 1010 in Toronto, as well as his frequent segments on the Discovery Channel Canada. He has also had a show on Discovery Canada in the past called 'Science to Go'. Dr. Schwarcz has consulted on a number of Fortune 500 companies, including Monsanto.*

*McGill nominated Dr. Schwarcz as one of the USA Science & Engineering Festival's 'Nifty Fifty' Speakers.*

*In November 2011, Lorne Trottier gave \$5.5 million to McGill to fund Dr. Schwarcz's efforts to educate the public about quackery and to "battle against charlatans". It is believed to be the largest single gift for science promotion in Canada.*

- Annual Meeting Adjourns

10:00 p.m. · Mix & Mingle – Atrium

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