



Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

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2018 Annual Conference

Strength from the Grassroots

Tuesday, February 13

10:00AM	Registration Opens (Atrium)	
	Pre-Conference Session: <i>"Speak Up"</i> <i>Tips, Tricks & Techniques on engaging with consumers</i>	Kelly Daynard, Executive Director Farm & Food Care Ontario

12:00 PM **Pre-Conference Lunch** (Room TBA)

Afternoon	Presentation Topic	Speaker
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12:00PM **Election Lunch** (Oak Room)

1:00PM	Welcome & Opening Remarks (Crystal Ballroom)	Mack Emiry, OSCIA President
1:10PM	Networking Ice Breaker	
1:25PM	Presidents Report Executive Director's Report Approval of 2017 OSCIA Annual Conference Minutes Presentation & Approval of 2017 Audited Financial Statement Introduction to the 2018 Honorary President	Mack Emiry, OSCIA President Andrew Graham, Executive Director Murray Short, CA, RLP LLP, Guelph Peter McLaren, 1 st Vice President
	Ratification of the Board of Directors Presenting the Slate of the Executive Committee	Stuart Wright, 3 rd Vice President
	Research Committee Reports	Peter McLaren, 1 st Vice President
2:30PM	Introduction to Resolutions	Les Nichols, 2 nd Vice President

3:15PM **Break** (Atrium)

3:30PM	Resolutions continued	Les Nichols, 2 nd Vice President
4:00PM	Ontario's Soil Health Graduate Scholarship Presentation Influence of herbaceous biomass crops on soil organic carbon levels in soils across Ontario' Presentation of 2017-2018 scholarship winner	Jordan Graham Pedro Ferrari Machado
4:30PM	Panel Discussion: <i>Success Stories of Women in Agriculture</i>	Mary Feldskov, RCC Heartland with Eleanor Renaud, Kaye Mclagen, Birgit Martin, +1

5:30PM **Dinner Break** (Atrium)

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6:30PM	<i>Forage Masters Presentations</i>	Grant Cowan, Doug Johnston, Harold Zettler, and Larry Davis
	<i>Provincial Forage Masters Champion Announcement</i>	

8:00PM **Adjourn for the Day – Mix & Mingle** (Atrium)

Wednesday, February 14

Morning Presentation Topic Speaker

6:45AM Breakfast (Atrium)

8:00AM	Morning Program & Opening Remarks	Stuart Wright, 3 rd Vice President
	Association Development Advisor	Brittany Roka
	Farmland Health Education Grant @ COFS	To be confirmed
8:30AM	Tier Two: St. Clair - “Advancing Cover Crop Systems in Ontario - Soil Nutrients (N&P), Soil Health, Insects and Nematodes”	Adam Hayes
	Tier One: TBA	To be confirmed
9:00AM	Tier Two: Cochrane Temiskaming - “Rapid Development of Farmland from Boreal Forest and an Evaluation Relative to Traditional Clearing Methods”	To be confirmed
	Tier One TBA	To be confirmed
9:30AM	Tier Two: Ottawa-Carleton - “Environmentally Sustainable Utilization of N on Corn”	To be confirmed
	Tier One: TBA	To be confirmed

10:00AM Break (Atrium)

10:15AM	Keynote Presentation: <i>What Can Agriculture Really Learn from Nature?</i>	Andrew McGuire, Washington State University
11:15AM	Panel Discussion	Alan Krusel with Warren Schnekenburger, Gord Green, & Andrew McGuire

12:00PM Lunch (Atrium)

Afternoon Presentation Topic Speaker

1:00 PM	Tier Two: Thames Valley - “Roots Not Iron”	To be confirmed
1:20 PM	Tier One: TBA	To be confirmed
1:30 PM	New OMAFRA Staff Introduction (40 min)	Christine O'Reilly & Sebastian Belliard

2:15 PM Break (Atrium)

2:30 PM	OSCIA Program Updates Growing Forward 2 Go Green Environmental Programs GLASI Research & Business Development	John Laidlaw, Program Manager Barb Caswell, Program Coordinator Andrea Dube-Goss, Environmental Programs Manager Karen Jacobs, Program Coordinator Harold Rudy, Executive Officer
3:45 PM	Farm & Food Care Ontario Update	Kelly Daynard, Executive Director
4:15 PM	Soil Champion Presentation & Announcing 2018 Winner	Eric Kaiser, 2017 Winner

4:45 PM **Adjourn** (Board, Honorary President, & Soil Champion Winner pictures)

Evening

5:00PM	Reception in Atrium – Banquet doors open at 6:15PM	
6:30PM	Banquet Dinner (short break at 8:15PM)	
8:30PM	Banquet Entertainment – Bob Cates	
9:20PM	<i>Introduction of New President for 2018</i>	Mack Emiry & Peter McLaren
9:30PM	Annual Conference Adjourns – Mix & Mingle (Atrium)	