



EXPERIENCE NEW WORLD AGRICULTURE IN CANADA
August 2011 edition – a publication of the Canada IFAJ congress committee
www.ifaj2011.com

The countdown is on

Greetings from your IFAJ 2011 Canadian host committee. We're in our final preparations and look forward to welcoming all of you in three short weeks.

In this newsletter, we highlight a few important details for congress delegates including:

- A tours update – including biosecurity details
- Airport shuttle service
- What to wear and what to bring
- Other practical information including currency, weather, smoking bans, and hotel contact information.

As always, if you have questions as you finalize your travel plans, we're happy to help. We look forward to hosting you soon!

Owen Roberts, Congress Co-chair (owen@uoquelfh.ca)
Lilian Schaer, Congress Co-chair (lilianschaer@agrifoodprojects.ca)
Kelly Daynard, Registration Committee chair (info@ifaj2011.com)

Airport shuttle service for congress delegates

Delegates **must** update their travel profiles immediately for access to a free shuttle service from Pearson International Airport in Toronto to Guelph (and again when the congress ends). Reminders have already been sent to delegates who haven't yet provided this information.

Shuttle schedules are currently being completed and will be distributed to IFAJ delegates in two weeks.

If you're planning on driving to the congress, again ensure that you've sent a note to info@ifaj2011.com with your plans so that we can arrange for parking for you for the duration of the congress as well as a shuttle ride back from Niagara Falls to collect your car in Guelph on Sunday morning.

A tours update – a bit on biosecurity

By John Greig, Tours committee chair

The tours committee of the IFAJ Congress 2011 is excited to show you Canadian farms. We've been visiting the farmers and they are also eagerly anticipating the tours.

We have some requests and guidelines for the tour visits:

1. Shoes. Wear closed-toed shoes for the tours.

2. Biosecurity. Canada prides itself on having one of the world's top animal health statuses. As a result, we are requesting visitors to the IFAJ Congress in Canada to have a look at the following biosecurity guidelines.

They are used by the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association (CLGA), a group that hosts many international guests. You should easily be able to meet the requirements by the time tours begin on Thursday, September 15. The biggest concern is the three-day buffer between a Foot and Mouth Disease infected area, and a Canadian farm.

We will supply you with plastic boots for the stops which require them once you are here.

Following are the CLGA's biosecurity guidelines:

Canadian farmers continue to welcome visitors from around the world. The occurrence of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in many other countries reminds us that we are among the relatively few areas of the world that have remained free of this terrible disease. Canadian farmers (like farmers around the world) are constantly re-assessing their biosecurity measures. Therefore, visitors to Canada will find that procedures have been put in place that perhaps did not exist in the past.

The on-farm procedures will vary from one property to another depending on the individual farmer's level of comfort. Many of the steps will be familiar, as they will also have been adopted in the visitors' home country. These measures may include:

- Signing in and out
- Cleaning and disinfection of footwear and tools/equipment (in and out)
- Plastic boot covers
- Visits by appointment (pre-arranged)
- Waiting period between animal contact in an FMD-infected area and visiting a farm in Canada (suggested minimum: three days)
- Visitors to Canada are welcome and can help us to keep the country free from FMD and other diseases by following some simple guidelines:
- On arrival in Canada, declare all animals and animal products and report if they have been on a farm or exposed to animals while in another country, or if they will be visiting a farm while in Canada.
- Wear clean clothing and footwear
- Avoid unannounced visits to farms
- If you plan "tourist" activities, do that when you first arrive in Canada to lengthen the time between being in contact with animals at home and with animals in Canada. Avoid activities that will bring you into contact with susceptible species of livestock and wildlife.
- Do not bring meat, dairy or other animal products into Canada.
- Follow guidelines posted and walk through footbaths provided at farms as well as shows and sales events or wherever presented.

IFAJ at the races

Buses will begin leaving the Delta Guelph Hotel (50 Stone Road West) for the night at the races at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13 and will return beginning sometime after 9 p.m. Delegates staying at the Best Western will be able to walk across the street to the Delta hotel to board the buses. Delegates at the Holiday Inn will have a short cab ride – cab vouchers will be waiting for you at your hotel when you check in – and buses will take you back to that hotel that evening.

On September 13th, IFAJ travels to Mohawk Racetrack where we dine while the horses dash. You'll enjoy a full dinner buffet in the main dining room overlooking the racetrack before heading trackside to get a close-up view of some of North America's best standardbred racehorses. A group of IFAJ participants will

be selected to visit the winner's circle to make a presentation to a winning horse while five lucky participants will ride in the starting car where you really feel the horsepower. Here's a closer look: [Link: http://www.youtube.com/user/2011ifaj](http://www.youtube.com/user/2011ifaj).

We recognize that the timing may be tight for some delegates to make this event, given flight times. It is approximately a one hour drive from Pearson International Airport to Guelph – plus wait times at the airport associated with luggage pickups, clearing Canadian customs and the shuttle service.

What to wear and what to bring?

The autumn season in Canada is generally a beautiful time of the year with sunny, warm days (20 to 25 degrees Celsius) and cool crisp nights (10 to 15 degrees Celsius).

Please check out the Environment Canada website (http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/city/pages/on-5_metric_e.html) before travelling for anticipated weather conditions for that week – and pack accordingly. Our suggestions: a rain jacket, farm-appropriate (flat heeled, closed toe) footwear and a small umbrella.

Casual or business casual dress is appropriate throughout the conference with casual dress recommended for tours. Where necessary, protective clothing will be provided at farms to ensure visitors meet biosecurity protocols. Semi-formal dress is recommended for the closing banquet on Saturday, September 17 (dress, skirt or suit for women and business suit, suit jacket and pants with or without tie for men).

Bring copies of your publications

A table will be available in Guelph at the opening of the IFAJ congress for delegates wishing to bring and distribute copies of your publications to your IFAJ colleagues.

Some other practical information

Electricity

The electrical supply is 110 volts and 60 Hertz (same as in the United States). Outlets are three-prong.

Emergencies

In case of emergency (fire, ambulance or police), dial 911. This number is only to be used in emergency situations. At registration, all congress delegates will receive emergency cell phone contacts for key committee members as well.

Exchange rates

Canada uses dollar and cents. Paper currency comes in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations and coins come in 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (nickel), 10 cents (dime), 25 cents (quarter), \$1 (loonie) and \$2 (toonie or twonie). Current exchange rates for \$1 Canadian are

0.71 Euros
0.62 British Pounds
77 Japanese Yen
1.00 US dollar
0.97 Australian dollar

Check out: www.xe.com for others

Hotel contact information

Guelph – Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre, 50 Stone Road, Guelph, 519-780-3701

Guelph – Best Western Hotel, 716 Gordon Street, Guelph, 519-836-1240

Guelph – Holiday Inn, 601 Scottsdale Drive, Guelph, 519-836-0231

Lake Ontario tour - Holiday Inn Express, 291 North Front Street, Belleville, 613-962-1200

Lake Ontario tour - Fairfield Inn & Suites, 407 North Front Street, Belleville, 613-962-9211

Lake Huron Tour - Oakwood Resort, Hwy 21, Grand Bend, Phone: 519-238-2324

Lake Erie Tour – Chatham Travelodge, 555 Bloomfield Road, Chatham, 519-436-1200

Niagara Falls - Marriott Gateway on the Falls, 6755 Fallsview Blvd, Niagara Falls, 905-374-1077

Delegates driving to the congress should email info@ifaj2011.com to determine which Guelph hotel they are staying at. The shuttle service will have that information for all other delegates.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in most public places in Canada, including restaurants, bars and most hotels (including the congress hotels). Smoking is permitted on some patios and outdoor eating areas and on streets or in designated areas outside buildings.

Travel

Canada-US border crossing: If you plan to travel through the United States or cross the border into the United States from Niagara Falls (often referred to as “going over the river”) you will be required to present proof of citizenship. A passport is always best but other forms of identification are acceptable for Canadian citizens. Visit www.cbsa.gc.ca for details.

Citizens of other countries will need a passport and may need to complete additional documentation at the border as required by the Department of Homeland Security. In some cases, a visa is required. Please check www.dhs.gov for information.

Airport information: Information about flights to/from Toronto’s Pearson International Airport can be obtained from your airline or the airport. Visit www.torontopearson.com or call 1-866-207-1690 for arrival and departure information.

Important Website Links

- [Complete IFAJ 2011 Congress Agenda](#)
- Latest issues of the IFAJ 2011 newsletter - www.ifaj2011.com/en/news
- Travel tips (including Canadian airline links) - www.ifaj2011.com/en/travel-tips

Thank you to Congress sponsors

Platinum Plus Sponsor



Platinum Level Sponsor

**Dairy Farmers
of Canada**



**Les Producteurs laitiers
du Canada**

Gold Level Sponsors



**Agriculture and
Agri-Food Canada**

**Agriculture et
Agroalimentaire Canada**

Canada



Farm Credit Canada

Canada

MONSANTO



Silver Level Sponsors



**Ontario Ministry of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Affairs**

Bronze Level Sponsors



Friend Level Sponsors

Agricultural Adaptation Council; AgCareers.com, AGRIS Co-operative; Bayer CropScience; Canada Beef; Canadian Canola Growers Association; Canadian Farm Writers' Federation; Canadian Wheat Board; Chicken Farmers of Canada; |CME Executive Programs, University of Guelph; Coop Federee; DuPont; Egg Farmers of Canada; GROWMARK; Grow Guelph Guelph Tourism Services and taste~real Guelph/Wellington; Hyland Seeds; Hendrix Genetics; Ontario Cattlemen's Association; Ontario Pork; Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association; SeCan; Turkey Farmers of Canada

Program Development Sponsors

