

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Tuesday, January 23rd to Wednesday, January 24th 2007

Due to several requests to reduce the time allocated to the industry conference for 2007, the Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Conference Committee has changed the format. Instead of 2 ½ days, the conference will be held for 2 days January 23rd/24th and end at 5 p.m. on the 24th. This will eliminate the Wednesday evening banquet, meetings the following morning and the closing lunch. The time for the auction on Tuesday evening will be extended which is an excellent venue to socialize and also contribute to an extremely worthwhile event.

It is hoped that the new shorter format will increase attendance to the conference in addition to reducing some of the costs involved.

Watch for upcoming details on the program for 2007!

ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY – BURSARY FUND

The Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers (OPVG) and the Ontario Food Processors Association (OFPA) are continuing with a bursary fund to support and encourage individuals pursuing a career in any aspect of the processing vegetable industry. These organizations are working together to ensure that there are new individuals who will have the interest, skills and abilities to further develop and grow this sector of Ontario's agri- food economy.

Through generous sponsor donations we were successful in raising just over \$12,000 at this year's auction. This allows the OPVG and the OFPA to offer up to six-\$2,000 bursaries to students this fall. Applicants must be registered as a full-time student at an Ontario college or university entering the second, third or fourth year of study.

For further information regarding the bursaries, please contact:

John Mumford, Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers, 519-681-1875

Janisse Routledge, Ontario Food Processors Association, 519-767-5594

The Bursary Application is available on the OPVG Website (www.opvg.org) or on request from either the OPVG or OFPA offices. Applications are to be submitted no later than September 30th, 2006.

WORLD PROCESSING TOMATO COUNCIL

The 7th World Congress and 10th International Society for Horticultural Science Symposium on the Processing Tomato were recently held in Tunis, Tunisia. The Congress was attended by over 400 individuals from over 30 countries from around the globe. One of the major highlights of the Congress was the official launch of the groundbreaking book “Tomatoes, Lycopene and Human Health: Preventing Chronic Diseases”, sponsored by the World Processing Tomato Council (WPTC), which will be used as the scientific foundation for a massive international, public health education program based around the collected opinion within its pages, hopefully resulting in the increased consumption of tomato products globally.

The newly elected Executive Committee of the WPTC consists of:

- President: Louis Chirside of Australia
- 1st Vice-President: Marco Serafini of Italy
- 2nd Vice-President: Jim Beecher of California
- Past President: John Mumford of Canada

The Chairs of the four Commissions of the WPTC are as follows:

- Exchange of Information Commission – Kebede Gashaw of California, The Morning Star Company;
- Tomatoes & Health Commission – Gwen Young of California, Kagome;
- Codex Commission – Dr. Carlo Leoni of Italy; and
- Generic Promotion Commission – Ross Siragusa of the California Tomato Growers Association

The next Congress, celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the World Processing Tomato Council will be jointly hosted by the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers and the Ontario Food Processors Association and will be held in Toronto in June of 2008. We are currently in the planning stages of the Congress and more information will be provided as plans become finalized.

2006 ONTARIO YOUNG FARMERS FORUM - (OYFF)

The 2006 OYFF will be held in conjunction with the OFA annual meeting.

Sunday November 19th – Monday November 20th, 2006

Doubletree International Plaza Hotel, Toronto

The OYFF gives participants the opportunity to:

- Network with other people in the agriculture industry
- Gain exposure to the work of OFA, JFAO and CYFF
- Learn about relevant issues affecting young people in agriculture like innovation, energy, management and change.

Registration for the OYFF:

OYFF is open to ALL young people ages 18-40.

Early Bird Registration \$60.00, Friday September 15/06.

Final Registration \$80.00, Wednesday November 01/06.

Both prices include OYFF sessions, meals and the Harvest Celebration Banquet ticket on Monday evening.

Registration fees do not include accommodation.

To register:

Contact the Junior Farmer Association of Ontario (JFAO)

450 Speedvale Ave. W. Suite 101

Guelph, On, N1H 7Y6

Phone 519-780-5326

www.ontarioyoungfarmersforum.ca

Accommodation:

OYFF participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

Rooms are held at the Doubletree International Plaza Hotel, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto, On, M9W 1J4

Phone (416) 244-1711

Fax (416) 244-8031

Reservations 1-800-668-3656

Web www.internationalplaza.com

Room prices \$118.00 + taxes

If you would like to share a room with another OYFF participant, please contact the JFAO office and we will try to assist you. When booking your hotel room you must indicate that you are with the OFA convention in order to get the discounted rate.

The District Two Vegetable Growers have agreed to sponsor interested growers from their area to the extent of \$175 to go towards registration and hotel expense.

For further details contact your District Two Director or District Secretary Brian Miller prior to registering.