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Welcome to British Columbia!

We’re very excited to host the 2019 Canadian Farm Writers Federation (#CFWF2019) conference showcasing how BC is working at Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide. While that goal is rewarding and challenging at the same time, we hope you’ll be inspired by the stories of agriculture unique to this region.

In planning the conference, the organizing committee wanted the host region to be one where we haven’t hosted before while allowing you to experience some of the benefits of having agriculture and urbanites living side-by-side. We also wanted to tackle a subject that is sometimes hard to talk about, but is extremely important: mental wellness.

Thank you to our conference planning committee members Ronda, Myrna, Madeleine, Barbara, Tars, Cathy and Christine who helped pull all the pieces of #CFWF2019 together. Without help from a lot of hands, and our generous sponsors, this event would not be possible!
We hope you all enjoy your stay in BC and make new connections as well as renew friendships.

Sincerely,
Your Conference Co-Chairs, Cheryl Davie and David Schmidt

PS. Dave thanks you because he didn’t have too drive far.
Registration Times

Wednesday, September 25
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Registration open at Inn at the Quay 2nd floor
Sign up for Friday evening
*Dine Around New Westminster*

Thursday, September 26
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Registration open at Inn at the Quay 2nd floor
sign up for Friday evening
*Dine Around New Westminster*

Friday, September 27
6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
Registration open at Inn at the Quay 2nd floor
sign up for Friday evening
*Dine Around New Westminster*
Thursday, September 26

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
**Sea to Sky pre-tour**
Departs from the hotel lobby at 8 sharp. Experience unforgettable mountain and sea views of the Sea to Sky corridor with a visit to Britannia Mines Museum and Whistler. (Remember your lunch money.)

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
**Farm and Fowl pre-tour sponsored by Ducks Unlimited Canada**
Depart from the hotel lobby to visit the Fraser River delta, a resting place on the Pacific migratory path for many waterfowl. Hear about The Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust and stop for lunch (included) at a local farm. Tour concludes with a guided walking tour of the George C Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
**Opening Reception sponsored by Country Life in BC**

**Paddlewheeler Riverboat**
Moored at Westminster Quay on the boardwalk right beside the conference hotel, the two-decker boat will venture along the Fraser River (some eighteen miles inland from the ocean) for a picturesque cruise.

5:30 p.m.
Boat boarding on the river-side of the hotel. Grab a drink onboard for a 6 p.m. departure.
Thursday, September 26 (Continued)

6:10 p.m.
**Special greetings**
Conference Co-Chair and BC Farm Writers’ Association President Cheryl Davie
Country Life in BC Publisher Cathy Glover
B.C. Minister of Agriculture Lana Popham

6:45 p.m.
**Meal**

9 p.m.
**Riverboat returns**

9:30 p.m. - 12 a.m.
**Hospitality suite room 901 sponsored by Corteva Agriscience™**
Friday, September 27

7 a.m. - 8 a.m.
CFWF National Board meeting (Riverside room)

7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast buffet (Hyack) sponsored by Egg Farmers of Canada

Tours
Tour groups to meet in lobby 30 minutes prior to departure. Buses will leave on schedule.

8 a.m.
Agrarian and Riparian Tour
Join us for a packed tour showcasing urban farms, habitat restoration and food processing on the urban fringe bordering the mighty Fraser River. Situated immediately east of Vancouver, Burnaby is home to some 578 acres in the province’s infamous Agricultural Land Reserve – a fact that is likely to surprise most Metro Vancouver residents.

8:15 a.m.
Gateway to the Pacific Tour sponsored by CropLife Canada
Guests will visit an ocean grain terminal in the Port of Metro Vancouver, followed by a harbour tour on a vessel. We will conclude by visiting a trans-loading facility.
8:30 a.m.
Growing Green Tour sponsored by Dairy Farmers of Canada with lunch sponsored by BC Fresh
This tour showcases the diversity of agriculture in the western Fraser Valley with stops at several farms producing dairy, blueberries, potatoes, greenhouse vegetables and more. You will see BC’s first and only anaerobic digester.

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tours Return

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Dine Around New Westminster
Guests will enjoy supper at various restaurants as per your sign up. Meet at hotel lobby or at restaurant

9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Hospitality suite Room 901 sponsored by Corteva Agriscience™
Saturday, September 28

All events at The Inn at the Quay, New Westminster, BC
Hyack room and mezzanine

7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Registration
Breakfast sponsored by
Canadian Canola Growers' Association

8 a.m.
CFWF member discussion

8:45 a.m.
Welcome and Introductions

9 a.m.
Keynote sponsored by Chicken Farmers of Canada:
Surviving Tough Times in the Rural Divide, Gerry Friesen

10 a.m.
Coffee Break sponsored by Farm Credit Canada

10:15 a.m.
Canadian Mental Health Association Workshop sponsored by AgSafe BC:
Awareness of Mental Health workshop, Geoff Moffett
This workshop is designed to help build comfort in talking
about mental health and mental illness and learn how to respond in a supportive way to colleagues who may be experiencing a mental illness.

12 p.m.
Lunch sponsored by SeCan

12:45 p.m.
CFWF Lifetime Achievement Award

1 p.m.
CFWF 2020 Presentation

1:15 p.m.
Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide in BC
David Schmidt, Panel Moderator
Harold Steeves, Councilor, City of Richmond
    - Origin of BC’s Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR)
Kim Grout, Executive Director, BC Agriculture Land Commission
    - The ALR Today
Nova Woodbury, BC Association of Abattoirs
    - The Rural-Urban Divide of Meat Production
Chris Zabek PAg, BC Ministry of Agriculture
    - BC’s Right to Farm Act
Saturday, September 28 (Continued)

2:30 p.m.
Panel Discussion

2:45 p.m.
Questions

3:15 p.m.
Adjourn

4:15 p.m.
CFWF Senator’s Meeting (hotel bar/lounge)

4:30 p.m.
Registration open for banquet (only for those who are not full conference participants)

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Cocktail reception hotel mezzanine

6:30 p.m.
CFWF Awards Banquet, Sponsored by Bayer Canada-Crop Science Division

Throughout dinner the following presentations will be made:
- IFAJ Bursary Presentation sponsored by
Saturday, September 28 (Continued)

- Bayer Canada – Crop Science Division
  Senators’ Report
- Greetings from CFWF President and/or IFAJ
- President Owen Roberts
  CFWF 2019 awards

10 p.m.
Social and dance with special guests: the GMOs
sponsored by the FMC

12 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Hospitality suite Room 901 sponsored by Corteva
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