



ISAO CALL FOR PAPERS



STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY

The Science of Arboriculture

ISAO 67th Annual Educational Conference & Tradeshow

Ottawa Conference and Event Centre
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
February 17 -19, 2016

The International Society of Arboriculture, Ontario Chapter's Annual Conference and Trade Show is the premier gathering of arboricultural professionals. Foresters, Urban Foresters, Practicing Arborists, Educators, Students and more come together with top researchers and educators to learn the latest in research, technology and innovations in arboriculture. The Ontario Chapter is now seeking presentation proposals for its 67th Annual Conference in Ottawa, Ontario - February 17 to 19, 2016.

2016 CONFERENCE THEME

Throughout our industry we struggle to know everything that happens, above and below ground and, by nature, its correlated impact on our environment. This struggle is further compounded by the fact that past, present and future situations will always have an influence on what we do. We, as arborists, endeavor to be as diverse as possible to be able to perform our duties in a comprehensive manner, thereby delivering the best possible service. With this conference, the isao education committee hopes to bridge some of the gaps in skills that exist and cross over into areas that our expertise may lack. As these challenges face us, there is enormous potential to develop innovative tools to enhance and promote the care of trees for present and future generations. This year's theme for the 2016 ISA Ontario Conference is **STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY: THE SCIENCE OF ARBORICULTURE**.

Proposals will be evaluated based on overall quality, appropriateness and timeliness of topic, well-defined focus, practical application of material, and the subject's interest to a diverse audience. Speakers whose presentations are selected will be required to sign a confirmation agreement and submit additional details in advance of their presentations.

PRESENTATION PROPOSALS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR TOPICS ON:

- Soil Management
- Nutrient availability or abilities of trees to access nutrients available
- New planting species available to us in our changing environment
- What is going on below the ground - can be anything related to roots, pathogens, or soils
- Tree Worker Topics including Safe Working Practices, Climbing Techniques, Good Customer Relations, Advanced Rigging Techniques
- Development of Pruning Cycles for Long Term Customers / Communities
- Management topics including:
 - Attracting, hiring and retaining good employees
 - Maintaining a balance between productivity, safety, and positive working environment
 - Finding your bottom line, establishing your rates, and tracking to see how you are actually doing
 - Determining your desired customer demographics and working to attract those customers
- Other, please describe topic in your application

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

- Individual Presentations (30 minutes to 2 hours)
- Symposia or panels (1 hour to 2 hours)
- Specific presentations for municipal, commercial or utility arborists (1 hour to 2 hours)
- Workshops or hands on presentations (1 hour to 2 hours)

Please log on to www.isaontario.com to print the application form. If you wish to apply for more than one presentation, please complete a separate application form for each topic.

All presentations will be presumed to be given in English.

Call for Paper Applications can be sent to:

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Submissions due to ISAO Headquarters by Monday, August 10th, 2015