

Welcome Message from the Local Arrangements Committee

Welcome to Toronto!

The Local Arrangements Committee would like to extend you a warm welcome to our 51st Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) Congress and Annual Meeting.

The theme of the Congress, "Future Earth: Weather, Oceans, Climate", provides opportunity for our scientists to engage with each other, the media and the general public.

I have always viewed our annual Congress as a "touchstone" which ensures that our Canadian scientists deliver impactful and leading--edge environmental research in Canada. I know that the work presented here at this Congress will translate into positive actions in all areas of our Society and policy. Over 450 abstracts and 300 oral sessions, with 150 student posters will provide us insights and valuable new knowledge to bring forth in our science. There will be many opportunities to dialogue with colleagues on a variety of topics during this Congress.

This year, the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Canadian Meteorological Society, we will host an important public lecture, given by Dr. Francis Zwiers, "Changing Weather Extremes - Why it isn't an «Alternative Fact»". Dr. Zwiers will explain how we reconcile the findings of climate science with what we experience at a localized level.

The CMOS Congress, as always, offers not just a robust and varied scientific program, but also the opportunity to meet new colleagues and old friends. We will again be hosting a number of events and opportunities to socialize. This includes the customary icebreaker on Sunday night, the Patterson-Parsons luncheon on Tuesday, and our traditional banquet on Wednesday evening, a student pub night on Monday, plus a few tours as well. Remember to take the time to reconnect with your colleagues and to make a few new ones.

We hope you will take some time to see visit our vibrant and interesting city during your stay. Toronto boasts some of the best restaurants in the country, the CN tower, the Royal Ontario Museum and the Ontario Science Centre, just to name a few attractions.

We are pleased to welcome you to this Congress and appreciate your participation. We hope that you leave this Congress energized to take on future challenges that are presented in our work and in our environment.

Ron Bianchi

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