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2024 WAEA Meeting

June 23-26, 2024

San Francisco, CA

Start Planning for Whistler, Canada!

We are looking forward to the 2023 Joint CAES/SCAE-WAEA annual meeting from Monday, July 17 to Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Whistler, British Columbia, Canada. This newsletter highlights a few items.

Registration for the Conference:

Online registration for the 2023 CAES-SCAE & WAEA Joint Annual Conference is now open. To get early-bird rates, please register by June 10, 2023. Online registration will be closing on 1 July 2023. The table below summarizes fee details and the deadline for registration:

Membership Type	Early Bird <i>on or before June 10</i>		Advanced <i>June 11 - July 1</i>		Onsite <i>July 2 or after</i>	
	Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member
Regular	\$680	\$810	\$720	\$840	\$795	\$930
Student	\$400	\$420	\$430	\$450	\$460	\$490
Guest Ticket for the Meeting	\$75		\$75		\$75	
Guest Banquet Ticket	\$60		\$60		\$60	
Western Extension Committee (WEC) Tour	\$75		\$75		\$75	

The registration fees will include reception, two breakfasts, two lunches, and one dinner banquet. The registration fees are higher this year because of a) inflation, b) the hotel is located in a resort area where everything is expensive, and c) one additional lunch and one dinner. In the past, WAEA usually provided two breakfasts and one lunch.

Guest tickets for the meeting cover the welcome reception, plenary sessions, and all concurrent sessions. Guest banquet tickets may be purchased during registration for \$60 and on-site, subject to availability.

To register and make payments, click the [link](#).

Payment and Cancellation Policies:

Cancellations of meeting registrations before July 1 are subject to a \$50 processing fee.

WAEA will not refund the registration fees or special event fees after July 1, 2023, because meeting expenses (meals, presentation rooms, hotel booking, etc.) are based on the number of projected attendees, and WAEA is liable for these expenses.

To cancel your Annual Meeting registration and/or special event tickets, contact Kelley Mazur kelly@imigroup.org.

Accommodations:

We would like to remind the conference attendees that the special rate block accommodation for the 2023 Annual Meeting at the **Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa** in Whistler is open. There are only a limited number of rooms available within the conference block, so please book the rooms soon to secure these best rates. Rooms outside of the block are very expensive.

- The first 80 rooms (Hilton Queen Studio & Hilton King Studio) are at CAN \$191+resort fees of CAN \$25 + applicable taxes
- The second 40 rooms (Hilton Premier Studio) are at CAN \$269+resort fees of CAN \$25 + applicable taxes

Two Ways to Book (Use Group Code CAES23):

1. To book online, please click the link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/welcome-caes-2023-welcome/>
2. Email Group Reservations Coordinator at reservations@hiltonwhistler.com or Call at (604) 966-5028.

Since the meeting starts in the afternoon of Monday, July 17, with the executive meetings, keynote address, and reception, a limited block of rooms are reserved on Sunday, July 16 for meeting participants (particularly from the Eastern Canadian Provinces and U.S. Eastern and Midwest states, and also for those attending the Pre-conference Workshops) who may not have early flights to reach Whistler the afternoon of Monday, July 17.

Individual guests/members will be required to guarantee their reservations using a major credit card. The Hotel will accept cancellation of Guest reservations up to **7 days prior to arrival**, after that time a full stay penalty will be processed on the individual's credit card or master account, depending on the room & tax method of payment.

The [Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa](#) is in Whistler Village, within a five-minute walk of Whistler Ski Lift, Blackcomb Mountain Gondolas, shops, and restaurants. The Olympic Plaza and Blackcomb Mountain Bike Park are within a mile, and Brandywine Falls is less than 20 minutes. The hotel offers a heated outdoor pool with whirlpool, a spa, a restaurant and bar, and ski and bike valet.

Room availability in the village will be limited as there are other events are taking place in the village during the meeting days.



Other Accommodation Options:

There are also various Bed & Breakfasts and [AirBnB](#) available in the Whistler Village. See [Whistler Tourism](#) for available accommodations. However, we have been advised that availability will be limited due to other events during the same period. Please carefully review the booking and cancellation terms of the accommodations while booking your rooms.

Whistler 2023 Preliminary Schedule:

The meeting starts in the afternoon of Monday, July 17, with the executive meetings, keynote address, and reception. Conference sessions will run for two days, Tuesday, July 18 and Wednesday, July 19. The last day, Thursday, July 20, is devoted to the extension tour.

Monday, July 17

- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Workshop on Environmental Metrics: From Theory to Practice
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM CAES-SCAE Executive Meeting
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM WAEA Executive Meeting
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Western Extension Committee Meeting
- 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Registration
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Joint Keynote Address
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Joint Welcome Reception

Tuesday, July 18

- 8:30 AM - 10:00 PM Concurrent Sessions #1 and Organized Symposia
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Concurrent Sessions #2 and Organized Symposia
- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Concurrent Sessions #3 and Organized Symposia

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM	CAES-SCAE Presidential & Fellow Addresses and Business Meeting
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Business Meeting and WAEA Presidential Address
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	CAES-SCAE Dinner Banquet and Awards Ceremony
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	WAEA Dinner Banquet and Awards Ceremony
Wednesday, July 19	
8:30 AM - 10:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions #4 and Organized Symposia
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions #5 and Organized Symposia
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions #6 and Organized Symposia
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions #7 and Organized Symposia
Thursday, July 20	
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Western Extension Committee Tour

Western Extension Committee (WEC) Tour (Thursday, July 20, 2023):

During the registration process, there will be add-on options for you and additional attendees accompanying you to participate in the local tour on Thursday, July 20. The tour fee is \$75 U.S. Here is a description of the tour information (thanks to Liam Kelly, Shannon Neibergs, and JoAnn Warner!):

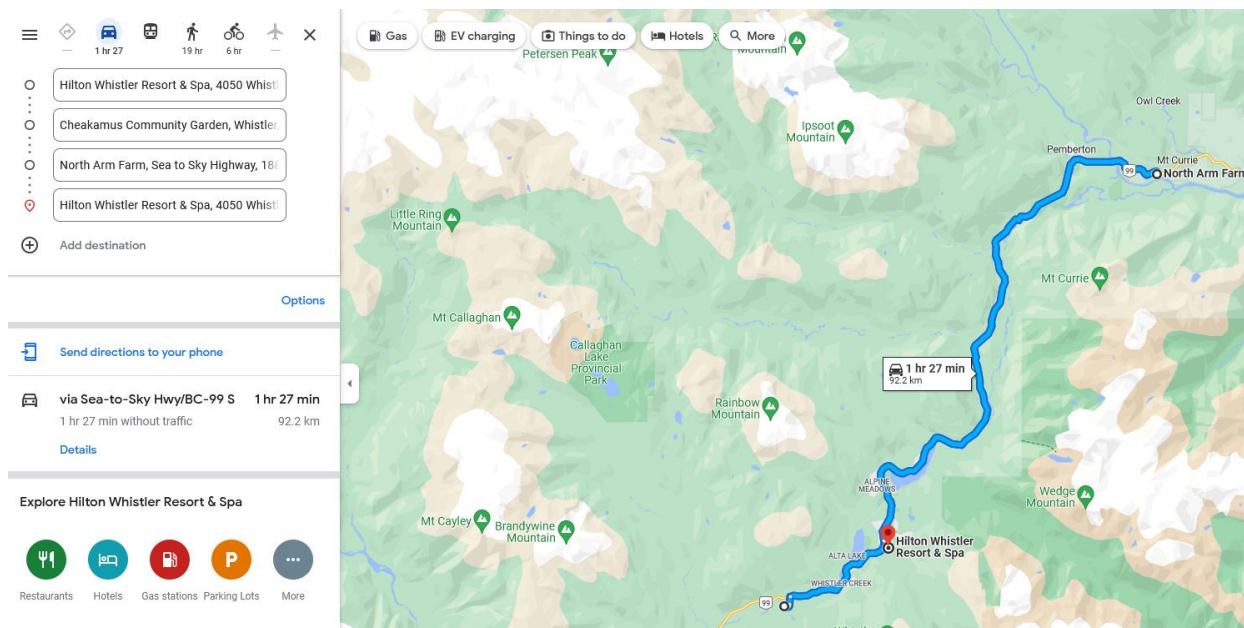
The tour is for a half of a day on Thursday, July 20 featuring the Cheakamus Community Forest and North Arm Farm that is a part of the vibrant agritourism sector in the Pemberton Valley. The Cheakamus Community Forest is co-managed by the Resort Municipality of Whistler and the Squamish and Lil’Wat Nations. The 33,000-hectare forest includes recreational trails, resource extraction, ecosystem management, and even carbon offsets. Our visit will include a walk through one of the forest’s numerous trails with a representative from the organization explaining their management approach and answering questions. We will proceed to the nearby Pemberton Valley, where a diverse, but constantly changing, agricultural sector exists. We’ll visit North Arm Farm with time to enjoy a box lunch and self-guided tour before returning to the hotel at 1:00PM.

NOTE: A limited number of rooms are available for Thursday night at the same rate you booked the room. To book the rooms on Thursday night, call (604)-966-5028 or email at reservations@hiltonwhistler.com, and provide them with the Group Code: CAES23.

WEC Tour Itinerary:

- 9:00AM – Pick up passengers at Hotel
- 9:30AM – Arrive at Cheakamus Community Forest
- 9:45AM-10:45AM – Cheakamus Tour
- 10:45AM – Board bus for North Arm Farm
- 11:30AM – Arrive at North Arm Farm
- 11:30AM – 12:30PM – Self Guided tour while eating box lunches
- 12:30PM – Board bus for Hotel
- 1:00PM – Drop off passengers at Hotel

A map of the tour is given below.



Travel to Whistler:

<https://caes-scae.ca/caes-annual-meeting-1/travel-to-whistler/>

Whistler Attractions and Dining:

<https://caes-scae.ca/caes-annual-meeting-1/whistler-attractions/>

As a final note, watch both your email in-box and WAEA’s website over the next two months for more specific information about the annual meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns about the WAEA or information contained in this newsletter, feel free to email me (Stephen.Devadoss@ttu.edu).

I look forward to seeing many of you in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada!

Sincerely,

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