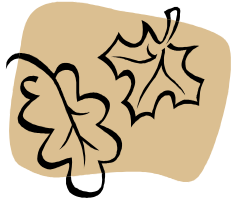




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President's Message

Well, our 'summer' has come and gone and I do not think I am alone wondering if 'summer' is the correct word. "Rainy season" may be more appropriate. Nevertheless it is time to carry on with our Mid-Canada AOAC activities now that fall is here.

As you may or may not have known, I have the honor of being President for this year (and for those of you who know me personally, you may wonder how the section will survive the year). But flippancy aside, this is a position I do not take lightly as I hope to fill the shoes of the hard-working Presidents before me. I look forward to working with both you and the Executive to provide more seminars, tours and events, some of which are elaborated on in the following pages. As always, I encourage the membership to interact with your Executive to voice your ideas, concerns or compliments (we especially like the latter). Our section cannot continue to grow and provide future events without your input. We are also on the lookout to expand our membership to further our ability to interconnect across disciplines and expand our ability to support the various scientific communities in the Mid-Canada Section.

As we move into another year of events, we say goodbye to a few Executive/Members at Large who have moved on for various reasons. I wish to thank Shirley Dzogan, Eugene Gawalko, Leno Melito, and Feiyue Wang for their hard work on the Executive over the years and wish them all the best in the future. I would also like to welcome our newest

Members at Large; David Grant (Manitoba Hydro), Michael Shedden (Mandel Scientific) and Brian Sithoo (Red River College), all of which are excellent hardworking additions.

Your Executive has met twice since the AGM in June. Among other items, we have moved ahead with the planning of two tours and a seminar talk. We will be touring Fort Garry Brewery in October and Standard Aero in Spring 2008. Our first evening seminar will be given by Dr. Gregg Tomy of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. In addition to the Curling Funspiel and Golf day which have become anticipated activities of our section, we are planning a new social event. The inaugural Mid-Canada AOAC Bowling Night will take place in mid November, further details are provided herein.

In closing, I want to thank the membership for their continued support of our section and look forward to another year of activities, and hope to see many of you throughout the year.

Sincerely,
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121th AOAC International Annual Meeting and Exposition

By Wes Budakowski

I had the privilege of attending the AOACI Annual meeting held in Anaheim, CA from September 16th to 20th, 2007. During the conference, in addition to the various symposia, poster sessions and exhibit hall, I attended the Committee on Sections Meeting representing the Mid-Canada Section. The meeting compared notes and events held by the various sections, and I am happy to report that yet again, thanks to your support, our section is one of the most involved. However, I discovered that when compared to other sections, the Mid-Canada Section has one of the lowest number of AOACI memberships. While section size will obviously play a role, this still surprised me given our strong membership and support base within our section.

One of the topics brought up at the meeting was the goal to closer tie section events to AOAC International and to involve members not only in the section activities but with AOACI events. While your Executive will work with AOACI to this end, I cannot stress enough the benefits of becoming a member of AOAC International. AOAC International offers an excellent opportunity to network with researchers and professionals across the world and provides many services including method validation programs, training courses, and laboratory proficiency testing. The Annual meeting showcased symposia on various topics including, but not limited to: Laboratory Proficiency testing and Quality System Requirements; Nanotechnology: Benefits for Human Health and Analytical Challenges; Allergens: Analytical and Regulatory Issues; Biological toxins: Globalization of Efforts for Methods Development and Validation; Biosensors and Other Innovative Technologies

for Food Defense. Over 100 presentations and over 350 posters were given during the conference and 60 exhibitors' showcased booths.

I encourage you to explore the AOACI website (<http://www.aoac.org>) and consider becoming members of the International Association. The 122nd Annual Meeting will be held in Dallas Texas from September 21st to 25th, 2008.

Report on the 18th Annual Mid-Canada AOAC Day and AGM

By Morley Jacobs, Past-President

A bright, sunny, warm day greeted over 200 eager members for another truly enjoyable day of camaraderie, renewing old acquaintances, visiting over 31 exhibitors and catching up on the latest technologies, and listening to as many of the 18 technical and research presentations given during the day in 3 different sessions. Our vendor exhibits were exceptional again this year, an appreciated and anticipated portion of AOAC day that did not disappoint. Informal feedback from exhibitors and Mid-Canada AOAC members was favorable as usual. We would like to thank all the vendors who participated this year and encourage their participation in Mid-Canada AOAC Day 2008.

Again this year Mid-Canada AOAC had the pleasure of granting scholarships in the areas of Chemical/Environmental Analysis and Microbiology. This year's recipients were:

Laurel Ann McEachern; University of Winnipeg

Bria Sharkey; University of Winnipeg

Rodney Smith; University of Manitoba

Congratulations again to all the recipients.

The buffet lunch was fabulous and the highlight of the luncheon was the presentation given by our guest speaker, Dr. Eva Pip, professor at the University of Winnipeg whose area of research for the past 40 years has been centered on the water quality of our rivers, streams and lakes. Dr. Pip kept our audience enthralled with her slide presentation that dealt with the impact that various types of land use

The usual tall stories about shot making prowess which grew taller in direct proportion to consumption of fermented beverages and awarding of prizes which to everyone's delight was based on the luck of the draw rather than golf skills. When the dust had settled, it was the team made up of: Glenn Denby, Gary Batchelor, Roger Gray and Daryl Lucyshen from Brenntag Canada that came out on top and defended the title that they earned last year. Thanks to Mike Roscoe for organizing this year's tournament and thank you to the vendors who donated prizes and helped make this year's tournament a great success.



Mid-Canada AOAC Executive 2007-2008

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Prize Puzzle

Solve the Fall 2007 Newsletter Prize Puzzle for a Chance to Win \$50!

Decipher the joke below where all vowels have been omitted:

Blgy s th nly scnc n whch mltplctn s th sm
thng s dvsn.

Send your answer to:

Susan Kotello

via e-mail at: skotello@mts.net

or mail: Box 6 Grp 1 RR 2

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on or before November 23, 2007. If your answer is correct, you will be entered into a draw to win

\$50.00 cash!

The solution to the Spring 2007 Newsletter's cryptoquote prize puzzle is:

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate. ~Henry J. Tillman

Congratulations to Bert Siemens from the Grain Research Laboratory at the Canadian Grain Commission who won the Spring 2007 Newsletter Prize Puzzle. Bert has worked at the Canadian Grain Commission for 15 years, the last 13 in the Oilseeds Section as a chemist responsible for developing rapid analytical methods in the quality testing of oilseeds and pulses by using near infrared spectroscopy. Bert's name was randomly selected by Tricia Chornick and Susan Kotello from the 8 entries received.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mid-Canada AOAC Fall Tour of Fort Garry Brewery

When: Thursday October 25th, 2007
Meet between 5:00-5:30pm

Where: Fort Garry Brewery
130 Lawson Cres. Wpg, MB
(Off of Kenaston Blvd, South of Sterling Lyon Parkway)

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Tour admission is free, but limited to 25 people. **To register** please contact Nubia Viafara (nviafara@cangene.com) **by October 22nd**

Mid-Canada AOAC Bowling Night

When: Thursday November 15th, 2007
7:00-9:00pm

Where: Academy Uptown Bowling Lanes
394 Academy Road

Cost: \$6/person Early Bird
\$8/person (After Nov. 9th)

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Registration includes shoes, pizza dinner and non-alcoholic pop. Friends and family of membership are welcome. Company and individual teams welcome. **To register**, please contact Morley Jacobs at mjacobs@mts.net

Mid-Canada AOAC-PCA Car Rally

When: Saturday October 20th and
Saturday Nov. 17th, 2007
1:00 – 3:00

Where: AutoHaus VW 660 Pembina at Grant

Cost: \$5/team

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Bring your vehicle and a friend. Upon arriving you will receive a page of instructions. You will go for an hour's placid drive in the city, filling in blanks as you go. Prizes and door prizes will be given and there is a great party afterward. **To register (or if you have any further questions)**, please contact David Grant at 917guy@gmail.com

Mid-Canada AOAC Seminar

When: January/February 2008
(Exact date to be determined)

Where: TBD

Speaker: Dr. Gregg Tomy,
*Arctic Contaminants Division,
Department of Fisheries and Ocean*

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A respected environmental/analytical chemist and adjunct professor with the University of Manitoba Chemistry Department, Dr. Tomy will be presenting his work regarding persistent organic pollutants (POPS) and the fate of chemicals once they are released into the environment, with a focus on the Arctic, Red River, and Lake Winnipeg. Further details will follow.

Mid-Canada AOAC Spring Tour of Standard Aero

When: March/April 2008
(exact date to be determined)

Where: Standard Aero
33 Allen Dyne Road, Winnipeg, MB

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Tour admission is free. Please note that attendees must pre-register due to security reasons. "Walk-ups" will not be allowed onsite.

To register, please contact Wes Budakowski (wes.budakowski@kprime.net or Ph: 204-254-0214)

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Curling Bonspiel

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