



## **Conference Program**

**IAMCA 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference  
Casino Nova Scotia Hotel  
August 14 -17, 2005  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2005**

- 11:00 am- 4:00 pm    Registration & Information – Nova Scotia Foyer
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm        Executive Committee Meeting – Room 292
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm        **President’s Reception** – Halifax Foyer
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm        **Opening Session** – Halifax B-C
- Invocation - Grady Cooper, North Carolina
  - Welcome and Conference Opening - George Burris, President
  - Greetings from Canada – Bob Goggin, New Brunswick
  - Greetings from United States – Bob Simon, Louisiana
- 8:00 pm – closing    Hospitality Time – Jackpot Suite

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2005**

- 7:00 – 8:30 am        Continental Breakfast – Halifax A
- 8:30 am – 3:00 pm    Registration & Information – Nova Scotia Foyer
- 9:00 – 10:15 am      **General Session A** – George Burris presiding – Nova Scotia A-B
- Overview – Nova Scotia Agriculture**  
G. Brian Smith, Executive Director, Agriculture Services,  
Nova Scotia Agriculture and Fisheries
- Highlights & Issues – Nova Scotia Dairy Industry**  
Brian Cameron, General Manager, Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia
- 10:15 – 10:30 am    Milk Break – Nova Scotia Foyer
- 10:30 – Noon         **General Session B** – Charlie Huff presiding – Nova Scotia A-B
- USDA Report** – Cliff Carman, Special Assistant to Deputy  
Administrator of Dairy Programs, USDA
- Canadian Dairy Commission Report** – Gilles Froment, Senior  
Director, Policy & Corporate Affairs, CDC
- Noon – 1:00 pm      **Lunch (provided)** – Halifax A-B
- Nominating Committee Meeting/Lunch – John Larson, Room 292  
Legal Counsel Meeting/Lunch – Larry Swartz, Room 286

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2005 (cont'd)**

1:00 – 3:00 pm      **General Session C** – Laurinda Lang presiding – Nova Scotia A-B

**Canadian Milk Pools – History & Objectives**

- Overview – Gilles Froment, Senior Director, Policy & Corporate Affairs, CDC
- Eastern Pool – Jacques Laforge, President, Dairy Farmers of Canada
- Western Pool – Bill Feenstra, Chair, Alberta Milk

3:00 – 3:15 pm      Milk Break – Nova Scotia Foyer

3:15 – 4:45 pm      **General Session D** – Dave DeSantis presiding – Nova Scotia A-B

**Dairy Industry Impacts of Canada/US Border Closure:**

Canadian Perspective: Bruce Saunders, Chair, Dairy Farmers of Ontario

U.S. Perspective: Dr. Ken Bailey, Associate Professor, Dairy Marketing & Policy, Pennsylvania State University

6:00 – 8:00 pm      Dinner (on your own)

8:00 pm – closing      Hospitality Time – Jackpot Suite

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2005**

7:00 – 7:30 am      Continental Breakfast – Halifax A

8:30 – 11:45 am      Registration & Information – Nova Scotia Foyer

8:00 – 9:45 am      **General Session E** – Mike Compston presiding – Nova Scotia A-B

**Consumer Market Trends - Opportunities for Dairy Products**

U.S. Perspective: Dave Brown, Senior Extension Associate, Department of Food Science, Cornell University

Canadian Perspective: Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice President, Atlantic Region, Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors

9:45 – 10:00 am      Milk Break – Nova Scotia Foyer

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2005 (cont'd)**

10:00 – 11:30 am     **General Session F** – Stan Millay presiding – Nova Scotia A-B

**Organic Dairy Sector – Case Study**

U.S. Perspective: Mike Suever, Vice President R&D, Engineering and Milk Procurement, HP Hood LLC

Canadian Perspective: Joe Southall, Project Director, Government of Canada Organic Production System Task Force

11:30 am – 1:00 pm     Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 8:00 pm     **Tour** (meet in Ballroom Foyer):

- Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- Alexander Keith's Brewery
- Cruise of Halifax Harbour on tall ship Silva
- Pier 21: Reception with cash bar & interpreters
- Pier 22: Lobster dinner

9:00 pm – closing     Hospitality Time – Jackpot Suite

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2005**

7:30 – 8:30 am     Continental Breakfast – Halifax A

8:45 – 10:15 am     **General Session G** – Bob Simon presiding – Nova Scotia A-B

**Economic Impact of Environmental Requirements & Solutions on the Dairy Industry**

Canadian/NS Perspective: Dr. Robert Gordon, Canada Research Chair, Agricultural Resource Management, Nova Scotia Agricultural College

U.S. Federal Clean Air Legislation: Karl Czymmek, Senior Extension Associate, Pro-Dairy Program, Cornell University

10:15 – 10:30 am     Milk Break – Nova Scotia Foyer

10:30 – 11:30 am     **IAMCA Legal Reports** – Nova Scotia A-B

U. S.: Larry Swartz, New York  
Canada: Marc Nepveu, Quebec

11:30 am – Noon     **Association Business Meeting** – George Burriss presiding – Nova Scotia A-B (all IAMCA members invited)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2005 (cont'd)**

- Noon - 1:15 pm     **Lunch (provided)** - Compass Room  
Executive Committee Meeting/Lunch - Mike Compston presiding  
- Room 292
- 1:15 - 2:45 pm     **General Session H** - Bob Goggin presiding - Nova Scotia A-B
- Food Safety - Source Verification & Traceability**  
Retailer Perspective: Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice President, Atlantic  
Region, Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors
- Public Health Perspective: Eric Aubin, Chief of Livestock  
Identification and Legislation, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- 2:45 - 3:00 pm     Milk Break - Nova Scotia Foyer
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm     **General Session I** - Dave Ikari presiding - Nova Scotia A-B
- Media Panel - Comments on Future Vision of Dairy Industry**  
Susan Harlow - Assistant Editor, Dairy Profit Weekly  
Steve Larson - Managing Editor, Hoard's Dairyman  
Eleanor Jacobs - Editor, Northeast Dairy Business  
Bill Dimmick - Editor, The Milk Producer
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm     Social Hour - Acadia Foyer (cash bar)
- 6:30 - 9:00 pm     Annual Banquet - George Burris presiding - Acadia A-B-C
- 9:00 pm - closing   Hospitality Time - Jackpot Suite