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## National Mastitis Council Meeting – Guelph June 20 to 22, 2018

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**Emerging Milk Quality Issues:** A conference for dairy producers, veterinarians and advisors June 20, 21 & 22 in Guelph.

A unique opportunity occurs this June in Guelph. For only the second time ever the regional meeting of the National Mastitis Council (NMC) is being held in Canada. Jointly hosted by the Ontario Association of Bovine Practitioners and Dairy Farmers of Ontario the meeting will bring dairy producers, veterinarians and advisors together with invited experts to share experiences and gain knowledge about milk quality issues. With a focus on team building to solve milk quality problems, the event offers a day of cutting-edge speakers, a day of hands-on workshops, an evening banquet with dairy foods advocate Dr. Andrew Samis and a concluding farm tour. The conference will provide education and a chance to pick up new practical skills that can be applied to existing problems and will take Ontario's milk quality to a higher level.

The meeting starts with a full day of workshops that cover topics such as hands-on milking equipment function evaluation, milk quality records analysis, milking time assessments and planning a robot milking facility. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, the speaker session, some of the topics are bedding and mastitis, compost bedding, trouble-shooting robotic milking and the Dutch experience with restricted antibiotic use. Lastly, on day 3, the conference concludes with farm tours to show off interesting features affecting milk quality.

There should be something for everyone in this conference. Take this opportunity to learn new information and skills that will bring renewed enthusiasm to your milk quality programs!

The full conference program content, scheduling and registration links are at [www.oabp.ca](http://www.oabp.ca). For more information you can contact Ruth Cudmore at [oabpruth@bell.net](mailto:oabpruth@bell.net)

**Early bird pricing for registration ends May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### **MILK CULTURE COSTS SUBSIDIZED BY BI MASTITIS PROGRAM**

This newsletter contains a pamphlet detailing the Boehringer Ingelheim Mastitis Program. Visit their website [www.mastitis.ca](http://www.mastitis.ca) for more information. Every tube of Dry-Clox, Cefa-Dri or Cefa-Lak you purchase until Dec 31, 2018 earns you \$1 credit to be applied towards the cost of having some milk samples cultured over the same period. With the submission of proof of purchase of the medication and cost of cultures or Mast4 completed, BI will issue you a refund payment. Talk to us if you have questions regarding this mastitis program.