Annual General Meeting and Convention

May 25 to 27, 2020

The Prince of Wales Hotel

Niagara-on-the Lake, ON
Monday, May 25

8:30 am  Board of directors meeting
7:00 pm  Opening networking reception - cocktails and hors d’oeuvres

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 am  Breakfast
8:45 am  Annual General Meeting
9:45 am  Break
9:45 am  Board meeting to elect executive committee
10:15 am  Dr. Cassandra Jones, Kansas State University
“African swine fever, the feed link, and why it matters to your business”
11:15 am  Dr. Aline Dimitri, Executive Director of the Animal Health Directorate, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
12:00 pm Adjourn business sessions
Afternoon  Social Program: Choose between a round of golf at one of Canada’s most highly rated and renowned public golf courses, the Whirlpool Golf Course, or an Afternoon Delight Wine Tour visiting three different wineries. Box lunch provided for all participants before departure from the hotel.
6:30 pm  Dinner at the Peller Estates Winery

Wednesday May 27

8:00 am  Breakfast
9:00 am  Lisa McLean, Writer, editor and issues management specialist
“Understanding the animal rights movement and related pressures”
9:45 am  TBD
10:30 am  Convention closes
**Afternoon Delight Wine Tour**

This picturesque private tour includes visiting three unique style wineries including **Reif Estates, Lakeview Cellars and Between the Lines**. Enjoy an afternoon of specialty cheese and wine tasting and gain insight into the wine making process. Take time to browse each winery’s boutique for unique gift items to serve as mementos of your experience. A tour at Canada’s largest chocolate factory, Chocolate FX, will complete our afternoon.

*Transportation and tour are included in the tour price of $115 + tax. Tour leaves the hotel at 12:30 pm and will return to the Prince of Wales hotel at 5:00 pm.

**Golf Tournament**

Join ANAC for a best ball tournament at the Whirlpool Golf Course. This stunning 18-hole championship course is spectacularly set against the backdrop of the Niagara River Whirlpool and borders the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens. The first tee off time will be at 1:15 pm.

Registration for golf is $85 + tax per person. Your registration fee includes 18 holes of golf and a power cart. Golf clubs can be rented for $40 per set. Travel to and from the golf club is the golfer’s responsibility.

All convention delegates will meet at Peller Estates winery for dinner on Tuesday evening. A quick drive from the hotel or only 20 minutes away by foot, participants will enjoy an elegant evening in their incredible underground Barrel Cellar.
Speaker Biographies

Aline Dimitri

Dr. Aline Dimitri is the Executive Director of the Animal Health Directorate at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

Dr. Dimitri is responsible for leading the design and development of programs to protect the health and welfare of terrestrial and aquatic animals and to ensure the safety of animal feeds, veterinary biologics, and animal products and by-products, all of which are integral to maintaining a safe and accessible food supply, as well as to public health.

As the executive lead of the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) initiative within CFIA, she collaborates extensively across the Government of Canada, with international partners, and with stakeholders in the development and implementation of the pan-Canadian action plan in response to the global threat of AMR.

Dr. Dimitri has held a range of positions in the CFIA, including that of Deputy Chief Food Safety officer. Throughout her career, she has gained a wide range of experience in the areas of policy design and program delivery in highly complex scientific and corporate areas. Aline is a graduate of McGill University where she received her Ph.D. in Food Science.

Cassandra Jones

Dr. Cassie Jones is an Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences & Industry at Kansas State University. She teaches classes in animal nutrition and specializes in feed safety research, such as the role of feed as a potential vector for viral transfer to impact animal health.

She is a regular resource to FDA and USDA as they work to develop science-based regulations, as well as to industry as it creates best practice recommendations. In her 7 years as a faculty member, Dr. Jones has more than 50 peer-reviewed publications, 125 abstracts, and $7.5 million in research grants and gifts.

Lisa McLean

Lisa McLean is a writer, editor and issues management specialist based in Guelph. She has worked with producer associations and food businesses for 15 years. Since 2012, she has worked with the Ag & Food Exchange, a private, national company. AFX offers expertise in special interest group pressures affecting animal use and related products in Canada.