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Innovative Applied Sciences for Protected Areas' System Design & Management

Tuesday September 26 - Thursday September 28
at the Georgian Bay Hotel & Conference Centre, Collingwood



1st Announcement of the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Centre for Applied Sciences in Ontario Protected Areas (CASIOPA)

For the last 20 years, CASIOPA and its predecessor PRFO have been organizing meetings for professionals and students from private, government, NGO, and academic sectors to learn about the application of science to protected areas management. We're making our 20th anniversary something special as the AGM will reflect on the past lessons, examine the state of the art and science in the present, and consider where the next generation of innovations will take us in the future. We've chosen a wonderful venue on the shores of an early autumn Lake Huron and will be hosting prominent international, national, and provincial plenary speakers. There will be ample time for participants to contribute to roundtable discussions and present their work conference style. You will have a choice of 3 field trips to some of the spectacular protected areas. We will be providing some excellent meals and networking opportunities and plan a meeting that is paced with a noon start on day 1, providing some terrific plenaries and concurrent contributed sessions, the field trips, and then ending off mid-afternoon day 3 with a clear vision for future research and management.

The major conference session themes for the 2017 AGM are:

Protected areas systems design | Climate change | Ecological processes
Management effectiveness | Visitor use management

There will soon be a call for contributed presentations, emphasizing the role that science plays in management of protected areas – we will reach out to students and professionals alike. Watch for emails & social posts:

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