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## Introducing the Centre for Applied Science in Ontario Protected Areas (CASIOPA)

Dear Colleague,

As a member of the Ontario protected areas community, we would like to introduce and welcome you to the Centre for **Applied Science In Ontario Protected Areas (CASIOPA)**.

**CASIOPA** is the successor to the **Parks Research Forum of Ontario (PRFO)**. The mandate is largely the same (to provide state of the science workshops and networking for all those interested in protected areas) but the new name reflects the increased emphasis for solutions based on social, natural and physical science for best practices in all types of protected areas. Accordingly, watch for more emphasis on state of the science workshops for experts and professionals like yourself.

### Partners and Advisory Board

**CASIOPA's** Financial/Strategic and Advisory Board is designed to provide a broad perspective on what CASIOPA should do and become with respect to applied science and research in protected areas.

Financial/Strategic Board Members:

- Brian Hutchinson, Parks Canada
- Rob Davis, Ontario Parks
- Chris Wilkinson, The Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO)
- Stephen Murphy, University of Waterloo

Advisory Board Members:

- John Middleton, Brock University
- Bob Payne, Lakehead University
- John Marsh, Trent University
- Tom Nudds, University of Guelph
- Dawn Bazely, York University
- Brian Craig, Parks Canada
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- Tom Beechey, Ontario Parks (ret)
- Gordon Nelson, University of Waterloo (ret)

### Upcoming Workshops

**CASIOPA** is currently developing two “State of the Science” Workshops for spring 2009:

- State of the Science Workshop on *Deer Management* in Protected Areas: Kingston, March 23, 2009
- State of the Science Workshop on *Human Dimensions* in Protected Areas: Location and Date TBD

### Where to find More Information

For more information on CASIOPA, please visit our new website: <http://www.casiopa.uwaterloo.ca> (please be aware that the website is under construction).

**We look forward to working with you in the future!**

Sincerely,

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