

Harmful Algal Blooms

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Harmful Algal Blooms Workshop*

Last summer in Quebec algal blooms infected over 70 lakes, closed beaches, and spawned an unprecedented number of drinking water bans across that province. In response, the Canadian Association on Water Quality (CAWQ) in collaboration with Environment Canada highlight two interactive workshops on Harmful Algal Blooms; including presentations by an expert panel, a discussion of health effects and challenges; as well as a Q&A session.

Following our platform session on Harmful Algal Blooms, we present two interactive sessions. The first, directly following the symposium platform presentations, will be directed towards our technical audience and will include presentations by our expert panel followed by a discussion and Q&A period. Our second interactive session is the one which is open to the public and will be tailored towards a less technical audience: complete with its own presentation, expert panel, and Q&A components.

The complete event should cover:

Public Session (Feb.12th at 2:30pm, in the CCIW auditorium)

- Intro to cyanobacteria and their blooms.
- Cyanobacteria toxins and their health effects.
- How does a lay person identify a bloom?

Technical Session

- More on identification.
- How do you assay for toxins?
- What new tools are out there?
- What can you do about it?

Limited Registration!!!*

- * **Members of the public are invited to attend the open session and need only register by emailing their full name to hab.workshop@gmail.com to reserve their space.**

- **All symposium registrants have “first seating” priority for the open session. Simply confirm your seat by emailing your full name to hab.workshop@gmail.com and indicate that you are also registered for the symposium.**

In summary the Harmful Algal Bloom workshop is part of the two day symposium, but we are opening up the last part of the workshop to the public as an “information session”