

Soil Health Research Forum

Presented by the OMAFRA-University of
Guelph Partnership

November 28th, 2016
Conference Centre, 1 Stone Road, Guelph



Good to know...

- **Washroom locations:**
 - Through the doors on the front wall and to the right of Service Ontario (beside entry doors)
- **Breaks, Networking & Expo location:**
 - In the Atrium
- **Lunch location:**
 - Collect food across the hall from conference room



Welcome & Overview of Day:

Facilitator: Elin Gwyn, OMAFRA

- Dr. Malcolm Campbell, University of Guelph
- George McCaw, OMAFRA
- Alan Kruszel, Soil Conservation Council of Canada



Introduction to Morning Session:

Morning Moderator: Christoph Kessel



Soil Health Pillars:

Biological, Physical & Chemical Properties of Soil

- Dr. Mario Tenuta, University of Manitoba
- Adam Hayes, OMAFRA
- Dr. John Lauzon, University of Guelph



“Food From Thought” (CFREF):

Using Genetic Tools to Assess Impacts of Agro-Ecosystems on Ecosystem Services

- Dr. Kari Dunfield, University of Guelph



Building Blocks of Soil Management:

- Dr. Paul Voroney, University of Guelph
- Natalie Feisthauer, AAFC
- Dr. Laura Van Eerd, University of Guelph
- Dr. Dave Hooker, University of Guelph



Discussion:



Dr. Laura Van Eerd
University of Guelph
Ridgetown Campus



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Introduction to Afternoon Session:

Afternoon Moderator: Anne Verhallen



Keynote Speaker:

Back to the Future: Soil Health will Require a New Way to do Agriculture

- Dr. George Lazarovits, A & L Biologicals



Supporting Change:

The Costs, the Benefits and the Drivers

- Dr. Bill Deen, University of Guelph
- Dr. Brenda Dyack, Agri-Food Economic Systems
- Melisa Luymes, Headlands Agri-Environmental Solutions



Exploring ON Soil Health Research

Priorities:

Round Table Discussions

Facilitator: Andrew Barrie



Winning Equations:

Soil Health in Ontario Agriculture

- Steve Sickle, Sickle Farms
- Jenn Pfenning, Pfenning's Organic Vegetables



Soil Health Round-Up:

Thoughts on the Day

- Dave Cowan, Agris Cooperative Agronomist



Closing Remarks:

- Sharon Bailey, OMAFRA
Food Safety and Environmental Policy

