



# POPLAR COUNCIL OF CANADA

## *-Poplars & Willows on the Prairies-* Traditional Practices meet Innovative Applications

### First Announcement and Call for Papers

Annual General Meetings and Field Tours of the Poplar Council of Canada,  
International Poplar Commission - Environmental Applications Working  
Party and the Poplar Council of the United States

Edmonton, Alberta  
September 18 – 22, 2011

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September 23-24, 2011  
Post conference field tour to Fort McMurray Oil Sands in northern Alberta

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INTERNATIONAL POPLAR COMMISSION-ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS WP  
POPLAR COUNCIL OF UNITED STATES



The Poplar Council of Canada (PCC) is hosting a Conference on the theme of 'Poplars and Willows on the Prairies' in conjunction with the Poplar Council of the United States (PCUS) and the Environmental Applications Working Party of the International Poplar Commission (IPC WP6). PCC works together with representatives from all sectors, public and private, to support the wise use, conservation and sustainable management of Canada's private and public poplar and willow resources. PCUS has a similar role in the United States. IPC WP6 works to better share knowledge and technology world-wide on the implementation of cost-effective environmental applications of poplars and willows to contribute to sustainable livelihoods and rural development.

The Conference in Edmonton will show, through technical sessions and field tours, how traditional practices involving poplars and willows meet innovative applications. The themes for the technical sessions are:

- Poplar and willow breeding
- Genomics
- Environmental applications of poplars and willows
- Other general topics on poplars and willows

Field tours on days before and after the core technical sessions will visit poplar and willow plantations with a range of objectives and ages, but with an emphasis on ecosystem services and soil rehabilitation/restoration as well as fibre production. See preliminary program. Activities will be available for accompanying persons.

## Call for Papers and Posters

Contributions of papers or posters are invited on any of the conference themes. Please submit title and brief abstract (maximum 250 words), indicating your preference for oral or poster presentation, to Deb Brenton ([poplar@poplar.ca](mailto:poplar@poplar.ca)) by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Oral presentations are expected to have 20 minutes. Posters will be displayed throughout the conference technical sessions.

## Venue

The conference technical sessions will take place at the Fantasyland Hotel in the heart of the West Edmonton Mall, the world's largest shopping and entertainment complex. Alternate accommodation will also be available nearby.

## Registration

Full registration package will be available in April. Full registration will likely be about \$450CA, with reduced fees for early registration and students. Optional tour to Fort McMurray will be about \$500CA all-inclusive (meals, hotel, bus).

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW USING THE ATTACHED FORM!**

**Poplar Council of Canada  
IPC Environmental Applications Working Party  
Poplar Council of United States**

**Preliminary Conference Agenda  
September 18 – 24, 2011**

Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall, Edmonton, Alberta

<b>Sunday evening, Sept 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Registration and social gathering
<b>Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>Field Tour</u> (west of Edmonton) – likely visits include irrigation trial and biosolids application sites, power plant reclamation site, Millar Western Forest Products tree improvement site, and others.
<b>Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup></b>	
Morning	Plenary Session - Poplar and willow breeding
Afternoon	Parallel Sessions     - General Topics on poplars and willows - Genomics
Evening	<u>Banquet</u> University of Alberta Faculty Club
<b>Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
Morning and Afternoon	Plenary Session - Environmental applications of poplars & willows  Parallel Sessions     IPC WP6 business meeting PCC business meeting
<b>Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<u>Field Tour</u> (east of Edmonton) – likely visits include poplar and willow silvicultural trials, Smoky Lake Forest Nursery, Agrium fertilizer reclamation site, Al-Pac pulp mill site (poplar operational sites, research fields, equipment exhibit) and cut-block tour for those continuing to Fort McMurray.
<b>Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<u>Optional Post Conference Field Tour</u> to Fort McMurray oilsands development (additional fee) – tour mine sites of Syncrude and Suncor and visit research plots.
<b>Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Complete the tour, with possible visit to well-pad reclamation site. Return to Edmonton by 6 p.m.





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CONFERENCE AND FIELD TOURS

***"Poplars and Willows on the Prairies"***

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada 18-24 September 2011

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I will participate in the workshop and field tour in Edmonton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Definitely
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I will/will not have an accompanying person	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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I offer to give a paper or poster presentation, and attach an abstract	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paper
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I will participate in the optional post-conference tour to Fort McMurray	<input type="checkbox"/>	Definitely
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Probably
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Possibly

Please return this completed form\*, along with abstract for paper or poster, if applicable, by **31 March 2011** to: Deb Brenton, Poplar Council of Canada

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