

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



Fifth
International
Symposium

Future of Rural Peoples:

Rural Economy, Healthy
People,

October 19-23, 2003

Delta Bessborough Hotel,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
<http://iareh.usask.ca>

Abstract Deadline: April 2, 2003

Fifth in the World Leading Series of Symposia
Addressing Health and Life Issues for Rural People



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An initiative of the Institute of Agricultural Rural and Environmental
Health (IARE.H), University of Saskatchewan and World-Wide Partners



Background

Our previous Symposia have dealt with health and safety issues for agricultural and rural people. The Fifth International Symposium, The Future of Rural Peoples, invites oral and poster presentations that address the people, the environment, the economy and the community. With profound changes affecting the very survival of rural people, this historic conference seeks to connect knowledge and past experience in new ways to point to the Future of Rural Peoples. The Symposium is intended to be inclusive of all rural settings, from those in fully industrialized countries to those in emerging or subsistence economies.

This symposium will bring together researchers, policy makers, rural people, and practitioners to consider systems,

strategies, projects and processes that contribute to healthy rural economies, healthy people, healthy environment and healthy communities. Presentations describing current science and best practice approaches will be considered individually and in their connectedness. Selected manuscripts will be invited for inclusion in the world-leading publication The Future of Rural Peoples.

This conference will be goal oriented with recommendations for science and policy.



Themes

Rural Economy

Strategies for healthy rural communities must be built on a sound economic base. The rural economy is increasingly dependent on changing production systems and shifting markets, with radical effects on the traditional social structure of schools, family, health services, and transportation. Issues include demographics, services, tax policy, land ownership, and long-term solutions for rural sustainability. Within this theme, presentations and discussions will focus on viable models for healthy rural economies.

Healthy People

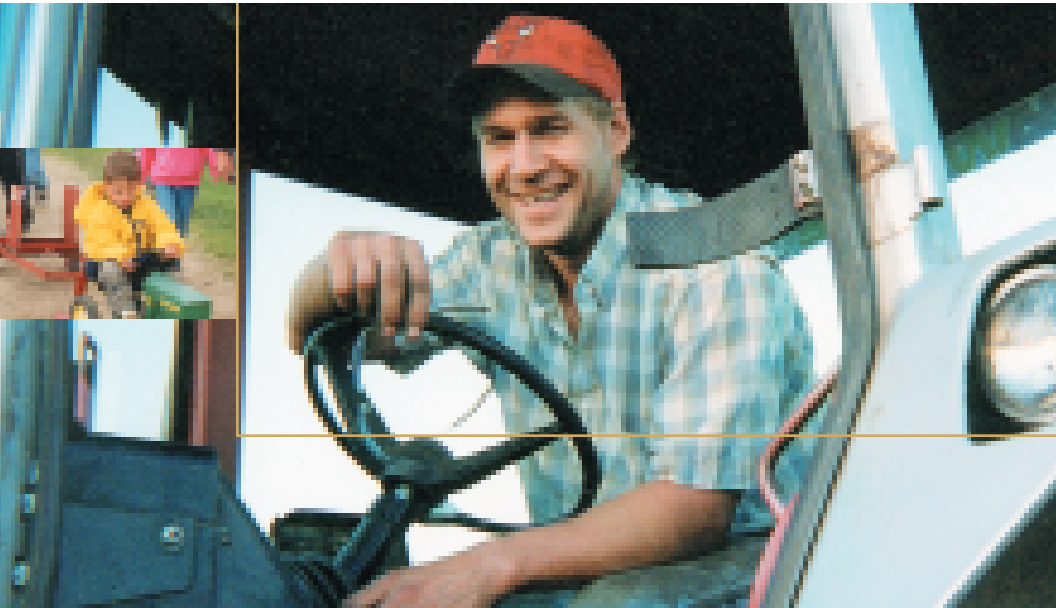
The health of rural people encompasses what is known and what needs to be learned about the impact of agriculture, rural life and rural work upon the health of children, adolescents, and adults in the context of changing exposures and work practices. Within this theme, presentations and discussions will focus on exploring these concepts and reviewing strategies that enhance the health and well-being of rural people.

Environment

A safe, healthy and sustainable environment is essential for people, communities, and economies to flourish. In this theme, presentations and discussions will focus on ways in which the environment has been enriched through the activities of people and communities, and how new risks are being identified and managed. There will also be a focus on how people, communities, and economies have been assisted through access to a healthy environment.

Rural Communities

Communities are a composite of the people, the economy and the environment. Globally, rural communities have unique challenges in relation to these components. Within this theme, presenters and participants will have the opportunity to explore strategies for building and maintaining healthy communities.





Saskatoon

- Over 95 percent of the potash produced in Saskatchewan is used for fertilizer purposes.

Welcome, Bienvenue to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan!

Plains Indians are credited with originating the name Saskatchewan. Their word was “Kisiskatchewan” - meaning the river that flows swiftly - in reference to the most important waterway running through their territory.

Saskatchewan covers 651,900 square kilometres — more than a quarter million square miles. Contrary to popular belief, fully one half the province is covered by forest, one third is farmland and one eighth is fresh water — with nearly 100,000 lakes!

Saskatchewan is home to a million people, many with family roots in Europe, Russia, Scandinavia and the British Isles. Although the province is dependent on the farm economy, two thirds of its people live in cities and towns.

Saskatchewan is located in the heart of North America, neighboring the provinces of Manitoba and Alberta. To the south it borders the American states of Montana and North Dakota. To the north is the Canadian territory, Nunavut.

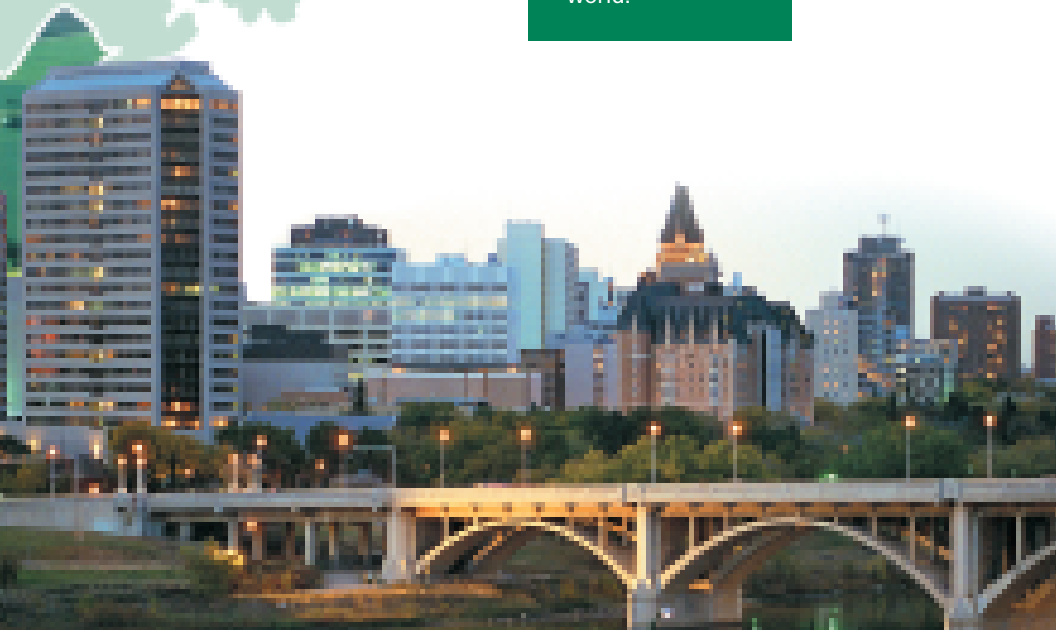
Saskatoon is located in the heart of the Great Plains. It is a community with that rare combination of big city amenities and small town spirit.

- Saskatchewan produces over 54% of the wheat grown in Canada.

Originally a gathering place for early settlers, Saskatoon is now a vibrant and diverse city, an educational centre, home of the University of Saskatchewan, a world leader in agricultural biotechnology, home of the Synchrotron, a base for mining, manufacturing and a flourishing high tech industry, and a cultural oasis.

- The Saskatchewan potash industry is the largest mining industry in the province and is the largest producer and exporter of potash in the world.

Saskatoon enjoys more hours of sunshine than any other major Canadian city and is a four seasons destination with much to offer.



Themes/Topics

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- Rural Economy
- Healthy People
- Environment
- Rural Communities

Topics

- Aboriginal peoples
- Aging
- Agricultural health and safety
- Agricultural labor practices and policies
- Agriterrorism
- Air quality
- Allergens, asthma and rural exposures
- Best practices in rural health
- Biotechnology
- Cancer risks in agriculture and rural exposures
- Changing employment patterns
- Changing rural economic base
- Chemicals and health
- Children and health
- Children and rural life
- Climate change
- Developing countries
- Economic sustainability
- Effects of environmental legislation on rural areas/industries
- Emerging environmental threats
- Environment: Effects on rural populations
- Environmental effects of agricultural practices
- Epidemiology of rural exposures
- Ethics
- Families
- Farm stress
- Fisheries
- Food Safety
- Forestry
- Hazardous wastes
- Health and poverty
- Health care delivery
- Health determinants
- Health professionals in rural communities
- Health risks identification, assessment, management
- Healthy public policy
- Impact of agricultural and/or environmental policy on rural industries
- Information technology
- Injuries and ergonomics
- Injury surveillance
- Innovative approaches in the economic sector
- Mechanisms of dysfunction
- Mental health
- Migrant and seasonal workers
- Mining industry
- Occupational exposures
- Occupational health and safety
- Off-farm work
- Pesticides
- Pregnancy and reproduction
- Promoting healthy environments
- Public policy in rural economies
- Radiation
- Risk assessment
- Rural people and specific disease processes
- Security
- Sociocultural aspects of rural life
- Soil quality
- Succession planning
- Sustainable rural communities
- Toxicology services
- Transportation
- Water quality
- Women in rural communities
- Young families
- Zoonoses

Other: _____



Abstract Preparation Instructions

Format

Abstract must be in English, a maximum of 350 words. This limit includes the title and authors/affiliations.

Your abstract must begin with the TITLE (capitalized), followed by the author(s) and affiliation(s) on the next line. The first author listed should be the one who will present the paper. Indicate the name and address of the institution where work was conducted.

Scientific/technical abstracts should cover objectives, methods, results and conclusions. Do not include references.

Non-technical abstracts should contain objectives, discussion and conclusions.

If you include tables, charts or figures in the abstract, you must reduce the number of words in your submission accordingly so that the final size of your abstract is similar to a 350-word abstract.

From the previous page, indicate under which theme your abstract fits. As well, indicate one or more topics that apply to your proposed presentation.

Assessment

1. Scientific/technical and non-technical abstracts will be evaluated in terms of relevance to the conference theme, originality and quality.
2. Abstracts from work previously published should be referenced.
3. The Symposium Committee will accept abstracts on the basis of the submission criteria and on relative merit.

Sample Abstract:

ECONOMIC DETERMINANTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

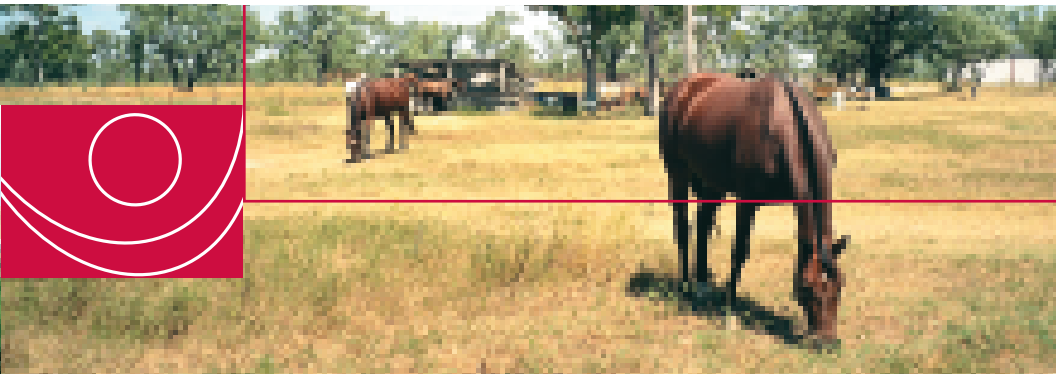
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The text of the abstract should be single spaced, in English, and a maximum of 350 words. Submit electronically to <http://iareh.usask.ca/symposium2003>.

If you cannot submit electronically, please contact the conference office for further instructions.

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General Information

Registration Fees

Includes all continental breakfasts, lunches, gala dinner, and the western jamboree dinner

On or Before September 1st, 2003

Regular \$400.00 Cdn
Student \$175.00 Cdn

After September 1st, 2003

Regular \$475.00 Cdn
Student \$225.00 Cdn

Financial support will be available to a limited number of participants from developing countries and the general public.

Payment of Fees

Registration form and payment of fees submitted by Internet or fax, must be made by credit card (VISA or MasterCard).

If you elect to mail the registration form, you may include your payment, made out to I.ARE.H Symposium 2003 by cheque drawn on a Canadian bank, by international money order or by bank draft.

If you wish to pay the registration fee in US dollars, please convert the Canadian registration fee to US dollars and send in with your registration form.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Registration fees, less a \$50.00 administration charge, will be refunded if cancellation is received in writing by September 9th, 2003. After this date, registration fees are Non-Refundable. All refunds will be processed after the conference. Queries regarding conference registration should be addressed to the Symposium 2003 Secretariat.

Climate

October in Saskatoon is autumn and can be sunny or cloudy/rainy. The average daytime temperature is 0 to 10 degrees Celsius. Be prepared for rare snowfall in October.

Clothing

Informal for most occasions, semi-formal to formal for gala dinner.

Currency

The Canadian dollar is divided into 100 cents. Please check with your local bank for current exchange rates.

Emergencies

In case of emergency dial 911. You don't need to pay for the call.



Food

Traditionally, Canadian food relies on fish, meat, poultry, potatoes, fruits and vegetables.

All meals and entertainment are included with the registration fee.

People with special dietary needs should contact the office to make arrangements.

Language

English is the official Symposium language

Special Requests

Accommodation available for persons with sensory impairments as well as persons with physical challenges or mobility limitations.

Students

To qualify for the special student rate, you must present proof of student status (e.g. student card, dated letter from your supervisor) when you arrive at the on-site registration desk.

Tours

Site seeing will be offered for a small fee.

Transportation

There is no shuttle service from the Saskatoon airport to downtown hotels. A taxi to the host hotel will cost approximately \$25.00 Cdn.

Venue/Accommodation

Delta Bessborough Hotel (Host hotel)*

601 Spadina Cres. East Saskatoon, SK
(306) 244-5521
1-800-268-1133 (www.deltahotels.com)
Single/Double Occupancy: \$ 115.00

Sheraton Cavalier Hotel* (Across from host hotel)

612 Spadina Cres. East Saskatoon, SK
(306) 652-6770
1-800-325-3535
(www.sheratonsaskatoon.com)
Single/Double Occupancy: \$ 115.00

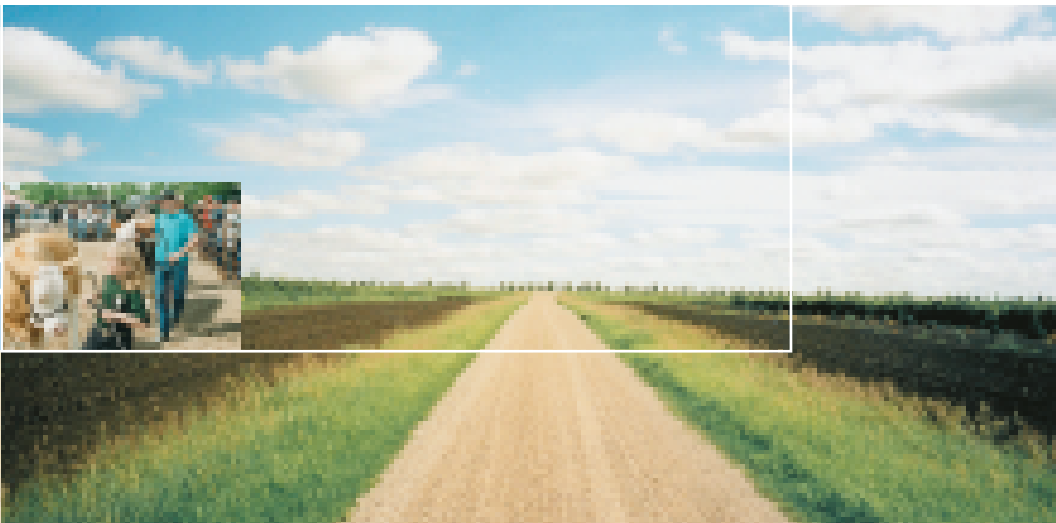
Parktown Hotel *

(Three blocks from host hotel)
924 Spadina Cres. East Saskatoon, SK
(306) 244-5564
1-800-667-3999
(www.parktownhotel.com)
Single/Double Occupancy: \$ 80.00

** Please request Symposium rate*

Visa/Passport

A valid passport or internationally recognized travel document is required to enter Canada. For some countries, Visa processing may take time, so it is advisable to apply for a Canadian Visa well in advance.



Supporting and Co-operating Agencies*

- University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, Canada.
- Institute of Agricultural Rural and Environmental Health, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, Canada.
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Morgantown, WV, USA.
- Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce, Saskatoon, SK, Canada.
- Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), Saskatoon, SK, Canada.
- Saskatchewan Agrivision Corporation Inc., Saskatoon, SK, Canada.
- Canadian Rural Health Research Society (CRHS), Saskatoon, SK, Canada.
- Canadian Rural Restructuring Foundation.
- North American Agromedicine Consortium (NAAC), Lexington, KY, USA.
- Committee on Health in Agriculture of the International Commission on Occupational Health.
- Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization, Regina, SK, Canada.
- Saskatchewan Labour, Regina, SK, Canada.
- Saskatchewan Health, Regina, SK, Canada.
- Saskatchewan Farm Stress Line, Regina, SK, Canada.
- Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health, Iowa City, IA, USA.
- Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention, Lexington, KY, USA.
- Northeast Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health, Cooperstown, NY.
- University of California Agricultural Health and Safety Center at Davis, Davis, CA, USA.
- High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety, Fort Collins, CO, USA.
- Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center, Seattle, WA, USA.
- Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury, and Education, Tyler, TX, USA.
- Midwest Center for Agricultural Research Education and Disease and Injury Prevention, Marshfield, WI, USA.
- Ohio Regional Center for Agricultural Disease and Injury Research, Education and Prevention, Columbus, OH, USA.
- Southern Coastal Agromedicine Center, Greenville, NC, USA.
- Institute for Rural and Remote Health, Prince George, BC, Canada.
- Center for Rural and Northern Health Research, Laurentian University, Sudbury, ON, Canada.
- Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research, Lakehead Site, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada.
- International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva, Switzerland.
- National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, USA.

** The Conference Office invites enquiries from other agencies and organizations interested in support of/cooperation in this Symposium.*

Joint Meetings

- Annual Meeting of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association.
- Annual Meeting of the Canadian Rural Health Research Society.
- Annual Meeting of the NIOSH Agricultural Health and Safety Centres.
- Annual Meeting of AgriVision Inc.
- Meeting of the North American Agromedicine Consortium
- Meeting of Rural Nurses.
- Meeting of the Agricultural Health and Safety Network.
- Meeting of the National Training Program: Public Health in the Agricultural Rural Ecosystem.
- Meeting of International Research program: Exposure to Endotoxin and the Lung.
- Meeting of Canada-Australia Injury Research Program.
- Meeting of Rural and Farm Crisis Information Line Services.

General Inquiries:

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