

## Lots of Conference Activities for Students & NPs

As an organization, WEAO has done a lot over the last several years to build a strong profile and membership experience for students and New Professionals (NPs). This has included special activities for students and NPs at the Annual WEAO Technical Symposium & OPCEA Exhibition.

This year's conference, April 18-20 at the London Convention Centre in London, Ontario will have the following events of particular interest to students & NPs:

### *Whole Conference*

- Lunches included for the first 40 students who are pre-registered by March 12 (early bird registration)
- Networking Board: Your chance to view various employers, job postings and have your resume posted. Email your resume to [Anthony.Abbuscato@ch2m.com](mailto:Anthony.Abbuscato@ch2m.com) by April 9

### *Sunday April 18*

- 12:00 – 4:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Design Competition (SDC)
- 1:00 – 3:00pm Tour of Oxford PCP (note: # of available spots is limited; pre-registration is required and the fee is \$20)
- 6:00 – 7:00pm The Social Hour: Connecting New and Seasoned Professionals
- 7:00 – 10:00pm Ice Breaker Reception

### *Monday April 19*

- All day Technical sessions, including New Professionals session
- 12:00 – 2:00pm Awards Lunch, including announcement of winners of SDC
- 1:00 – 7:00pm OPCEA equipment exhibition
- 4:15 – 5:15pm Student Panel Discussion: Career Paths in the Water Environment Industry
- Evening Students & NP social dinner (location yet to be determined)

### *Tuesday April 20*

- All day Technical sessions
- All day OPCEA equipment exhibition
- 9:00am – 3:00pm Operations Challenge
- 4:00 – 5:00pm Totally Wasted Game Show
- 7:00 – 10:00pm Conference Banquet, including announcement of “Best Student Presentation Award”

For students and NPs, the annual conference is probably your best opportunity for meeting people in the water quality industry in Ontario and learning about what's going on. Best of all it's free for WEF/WEAO student members (\$75 for non-members, or become a WEF student member ahead of time for just \$25 USD at [www.wef.org](http://www.wef.org)) and discounted for NPs (\$425 for early bird registration).

Read all about the positive feedback from last year's conference from the perspective of students, new professionals, and NP members - just look at pages 12-19 of the Summer 2009 issue of *Influents* ([http://www.weao.org/archive/2009\\_02Summer/Influents\\_2009\\_2-Summer.pdf](http://www.weao.org/archive/2009_02Summer/Influents_2009_2-Summer.pdf)). We also have a brochure available providing further information about the conference experience for students. You can use this to advertise to your student chapter about the benefits of coming to the conference. Contact Charlie or Anthony below to obtain a copy.

For more information about student and NP conference items, contact [Charlie.Chen@aecom.com](mailto:Charlie.Chen@aecom.com) (NP Committee Chair) or [Anthony.Abruscato@ch2m.com](mailto:Anthony.Abruscato@ch2m.com) (NP Conference Coordinator).

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