

EVENT UPDATE: Oct. 21 location now confirmed; book your accommodations now (see lower right box).



Photo: Oak Ridge National Laboratory

UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES

Join us in October for a fascinating introduction to Ontario's public health laboratory system and surveillance. On Day 1, there will be a full-day plenary held at the Public Health Ontario Laboratory, Toronto in the west end of the city near Pearson International Airport. You will learn about the structure of Ontario's public health lab system, what happens at the labs, and the differences between private and public labs. You will also meet key members of the Laboratory Team in a panel discussion and learn about their roles. A highlight of Day 1 will be a group tour of the Public Health Ontario Laboratory, Toronto where you will get to see first-hand state-of-the-art facilities and activities.

Day 2 will be held at a nearby airport hotel (site TBA) and will feature business meetings for both COMOH and the Boards of Health Section. alPHA has also invited various Ministry officials to take part in a plenary session on Day 2. Further details to be announced.

Be sure to attend both days to maximize your learning and networking!

alPHA gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Public Health Ontario with the conference program design.

2011 Fall Event - October 20 & 21

October 20 Location:

Public Health Ontario
Laboratory, Toronto—
81 Resources Road,
Etobicoke (west Toronto),
ON M9P 3T1

- ♦ featuring overview of Ontario public health labs & lab tour

October 21 Location:

Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel
— 5875 Airport Road,
Mississauga ON L4V 1N1

- ♦ featuring COMOH and BOH Section business meetings & plenary Ministry Updates

Who Should Attend:

- Medical officers of health
- Board of health members
- Epidemiologists
- Public health inspectors
- Health unit staff with an interest in public health labs
- Community medicine residents

NEW! Virtual Attendance Available:

For the first-time, alPHA will be offering attendance (on Day 1 only) via electronic means. Details coming soon.

Accommodations:

A limited block of guestrooms at the Hilton Toronto Airport are available for the nights of October 19 and 20. Call 1-800-445-8667.



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2011 alPHA Fall Symposium Outline
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

October 20 Location: Public Health Laboratory, Toronto
81 Resources Road, Etobicoke (west Toronto), ON M9P 3T1

Web Site: www.oahpp.ca/services/public-health-laboratories.html

Driving Directions: See next page.

Parking: To drop off a guest, pull into the circular driveway outside the Lab's main entrance that is marked by the two flagpoles. There is very limited parking space outside the main entrance. It is preferable to park in the large main parking lot adjacent to (i.e. east of) the Lab building. Access the main parking lot by continuing east on Resources Road just past the Lab building.

Public Transit: **(Please allow yourself plenty of time transit service may include long wait times.)**
Take subway to Islington station and either take a taxi to the Lab (recommended) or board the # 37 (or 37A or 37C or 37D) Islington Northbound bus. If taking the bus, get off at the Resources Road stop and walk south on Islington Ave. Do not cross to the other side of the street, but stay on the east side of Islington. Under the large green 401 East sign, cross over to Resources Road and follow road. (Note: approx. 20 minute walk).

Orientation: The main entrance to the Lab is marked by a circular driveway with two flagpoles. Go through the entrance's doors and turn left to pick up your registration package at the Registration Table. All plenary presentations on October 20 will take place in the Auditorium, which is also left of the main entrance past the registration table. The Auditorium is a public space and does not require signing in.

October 21 Location: Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites
5875 Airport Road, Mississauga, ON L4V 1N1

Hotel Web Site: www.toronto-apt.hilton.com

Airport Shuttle*: There is a complimentary 24-hour bus service to/from Pearson International Airport (YYZ) running every 20 minutes. Pick up at Pearson Airport at the following locations:
T1 – Ground floor at P3 or S5
T3 – on the outside drive at Post 22

Driving Directions: **From the East:** Take Highway 401 Westbound to Highway 409 Westbound, exit on Airport Rd. and turn left. The Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites is on your left through the second set of lights.

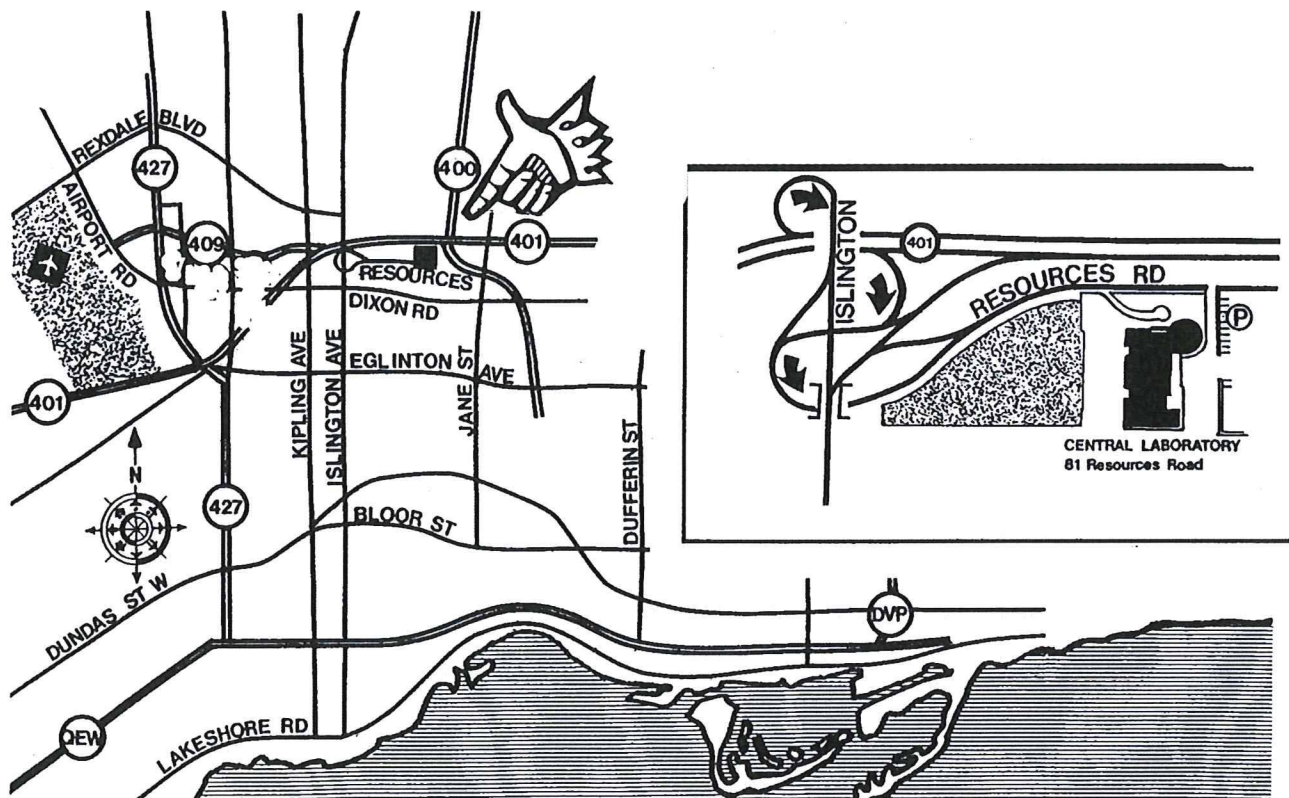
From the West: Take Highway 401 Eastbound to Highway 427 north, exit on Dixon Rd. and turn left. The Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel is on your right after the Esso gas station.

Self-Parking: \$8 per day for overnight guests; \$6/hour for day guests (daily max. is \$16)

Hotel Reservations: As a designated venue, the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel has reserved a block of guest room accommodations at the group rate of \$150+HST per night, single or double occupancy. Please reserve guest rooms by **September 26, 2011** by calling 1-800-445-8667 or direct 905-677-9900 and quote "Association of Local Public Health Agencies' Group Rate.". After this date the hotel cannot guarantee the group rate. Cancellation of individual reservation must be done 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid a penalty. Check in 4:00 PM; check out 12:00 PM.

Map & Driving Directions to Public Health Ontario Laboratory, Toronto
81 Resources Road, Etobicoke ON M9P 3T1

OAHPP - PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY - TORONTO



Travelling Eastbound on the 401, exit onto Islington Ave. ramp, follow signs to Resources Road by heading toward Islington South exit and continuing straight through the lights (i.e. do not turn onto Islington Ave). Merge onto Resources Road. Lab building is on the left.

Travelling Westbound on the 401, exit at Islington Ave. South and keep right, turning right just before the lights to take the Resources Road exit. Merge onto Resources Road. Lab building is on the left.

Travelling Northbound on Islington Ave., take the eastbound 401/Resources Road exit and keep to the extreme right to avoid entering the 401. Turn left onto Resources Road. Lab building is on the left.

Travelling Southbound on Islington Ave., keep to the right over the 401, take the Resources Road exit by turning just before the lights. Merge onto Resources Road. Lab building is on the left.

Shuttle Transportation between Lab and Hotel (Oct. 20 only)

Please note alpha has arranged shuttle bus transportation between the Public Health Ontario Laboratory and the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel for Thursday, October 20 only. Meeting places are main entrance of the Lab or the hotel. Designated times are as follows:

Pick up at Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel:	7:15 AM	and	7:45 AM
Drop off at Public Health Lab:	7:30 AM	and	8:00 AM
Pick up at Public Health Lab:	4:45 PM	and	5:15 PM
Drop off at Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel:	5:00 PM	and	5:30 PM

At all other times, taxis are available by calling:

Beck Taxi – 416-751-5555
Diamond Taxi – 416-366-6868
Royal Taxi – 416-777-9222

alpha regrets it is unable to provide transportation between the Lab and other non-conference hotels.

Area Restaurants (Casual)

Bliss Restaurant & Bar (hotel) – Award winning restaurant located just off hotel lobby. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The Keg Steakhouse & Bar – 927 Dixon Road, Etobicoke, (416) 675-2311, www.kegsteakhouse.com

Lone Star Texas Grill – 930 Dixon Road, Etobicoke, (416) 674-7777, www.lonestartexasgrill.com

Arizona B-Bar & Grill – 215 Carlingview Dr., Etobicoke - (416) 674-7772, www.arizonabarandgrill.com

MR. GREEK Mediterranean Grill – 221 Carlingview Dr., Etobicoke, (416) 675-6000, www.mrgreek.com

Canyon Creek – 25 Carlson Court, Etobicoke - (416) 213-1162, www.canyoncreekchophouse.com

INFORMATION ON REMOTE PARTICIPATION *
Understanding the Role of Public Health Laboratories - October 20 and 21, 2011

**available only for October 20 presentations*

Details coming soon.

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Conference Registration Fees for Delegates Attending In Person

(Please complete a Conference Registration Form)

Full Conference:	\$265 + HST
Includes 2 breakfasts, 4 breaks, 2 lunches, 1 reception, Thursday & Friday program sessions	
Daily Rate:	
Thursday - includes breakfast, breaks, lunch, reception and full day programs	\$215 + HST
Friday - includes breakfast, breaks, lunch and scheduled meetings	\$140 + HST
Emeritus Members of alPHA	
Full Conference	\$133 + HST
Thursday - includes breakfast, breaks, lunch, reception and full day programs	\$108 + HST
Friday - includes breakfast, breaks, lunch and scheduled meetings	\$70 + HST
Public Health & Preventive Medicine Residents (Community Medicine Residents)	
Full Conference	Fee waived
Thursday - includes breakfast, breaks, lunch, reception and full day programs	Fee waived
Friday - includes breakfast, breaks, lunch and scheduled meetings	Fee waived

Conference Registration Fees for Remote Participation (Oct. 20 only)

Details coming soon.

Registration & Payment

Online Registration:

Register and pay online using Visa or Master Card by accessing our secure system. [Click here to register online](#) if attending in person. Details coming soon to register online for remote participation.

Register/Pay By Mail:

If paying by cheque, complete the attached registration form and mail or fax to: Association of Local Public Health Agencies, 2 Carlton Street, Suite 1306, Toronto, ON M5B 1J3, Fax: 416-595-0030

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be received by **Thursday, October 6, 2011** for a full refund of your registration fee. Cancellations received after this date and before October 13, 2011 are subject to a 20% administrative fee. There are no refunds for cancellations received after October 13, 2011; however, substitutions are allowed.

Contact: Karen Reece, alPHA, tel: 416-595-0006 ext. 24, karen@alphaweb.org, fax: 416-595-0030.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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Delegate Name: _____

Title: _____

Health Unit/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ ext. _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Food Requirements (please indicate if severe allergy): _____

Please indicate your designation with a check:

☐ BOH Member ☐ AMOH/MOH ☐ Affiliate* (_____) ☐ PHPMR/CMR ☐ Other (_____)

* Affiliate organizations of alPHA incl. ANDSOOHA, AOBPHA, APHEO, ASPHIO, HPO, OAPHD, OSNPPH

To help us with logistics and meal counts, please answer the following:

- ☐ I will be staying at the Hilton Toronto Airport hotel and will arrive (check one): ☐ Wed. October 19 ☐ Thurs. October 20
☐ I will be using alPHA's shuttle transportation between the Public Health Ontario Laboratory and the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel on October 20.
☐ For October 20 lunch, check one: ☐ Grilled chicken sandwich meal ☐ Portobello mushroom sandwich meal ☐ No lunch needed
☐ I will attend the October 20 Reception, 5:30-7:00 PM, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd., Mississauga.

Registration

Full Two-Day (i.e. Thursday, including reception, and Friday)

Thursday only (includes reception)

Friday only

AMOUNT

\$ _____

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Emeritus Member Registration

Full Two-Day

Daily: ☐ Thursday

Daily: ☐ Friday

\$ _____

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\$ _____

Public Health & Preventive Medicine Resident (i.e. CMR) Registration

Please indicate: a) your affiliated university: _____; b) year: _____

Fee waived

Sub-total: \$ _____

HST 13%: \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

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