



Entomological Society of Ontario – 2015 AGM

Preliminary program - to give you an idea of what to expect.
A detailed program will be available closer to the date of
the AGM. Aug. 21, 2015 version.



Reed Fitzsimmons. Photo by Jay Fitzsimmons

When: September 18-20, 2015 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)

Where: 280 Queen's University Road, Elgin, Ontario, north of Kingston

Directions: <http://www.queensu.ca/qubs/contact> Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/8Blya>

Venue: Queen's University Biological Station (QUBS)

Url: <http://www.entsocont.ca/agm-2015.html>

Twitter: [@OntInsects2015](https://twitter.com/OntInsects2015) / [#OntInsects2015](https://twitter.com/OntInsects2015)

Theme: Outreach and engagement for entomology

Talk & poster submissions due August 30, 2015

Early registration due August 30, 2015

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Overview

Insects. Friends. Learning. Fun. This year's ESO AGM should be a great time. Everything will all be on-site: delicious food, cabins for sleeping, talks and posters, and all surrounded by the great outdoors. There will be indoor and outdoor demonstrations of insect trapping and other collection approaches. Oh yeah, and a BioBus.

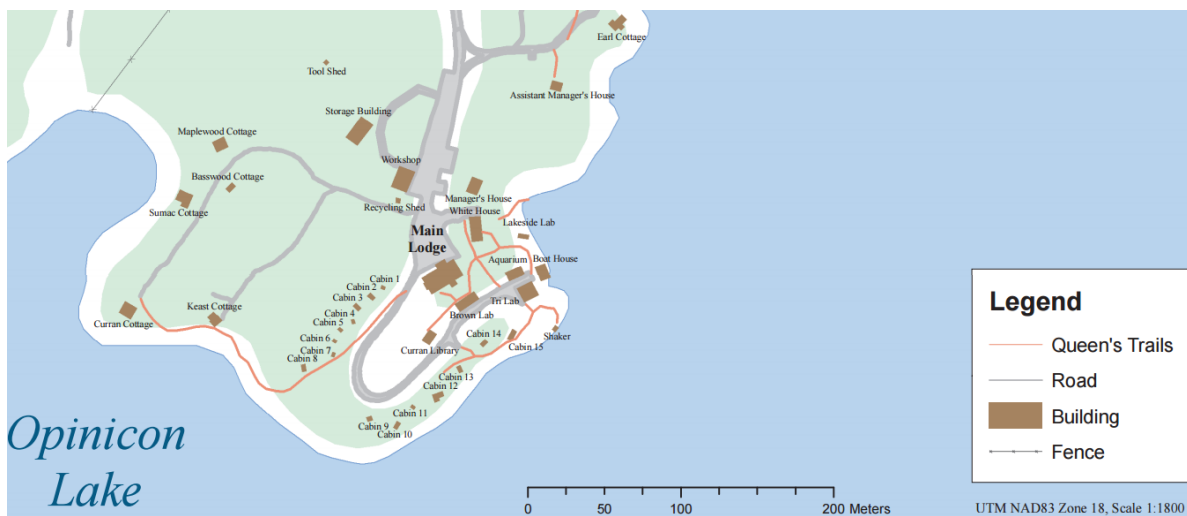
The Venue: QUBS

ESO will have QUBS mostly to ourselves for the weekend. It will be great.

QUBS has made memories for generations of Ontario biologists. Since the late 1940s it has been home to collections of botanists, ichthyologists, ornithologists, and other –ists, sharing the sweat of field work and the joy of unwinding afterward. But surprisingly few ESO members have done field work at QUBS. That may change after you see what QUBS has to offer: microscopes, a new herbarium, a wet lab, and extensive trails through a beautiful Ontario landscape fully mapped with soil and geographic data. Maybe you can add to QUBS' insect species list (<http://www.queensu.ca/qubs/resources/species-lists>).

People will be assigned overnight cabins upon arrival. Men and women will have separate cabins, except couples/families. Some cabins are more rustic than others – if you would like “deluxe” comfort (by field station standards), pay an extra \$25 with your registration form and we will get you into a more comfortable cabin.

With everything happening on-site in a beautiful spot, we hope to foster the social aspect of the conference. Informal chats with friends old and new are what makes a conference memorable.



Preliminary schedule

exact times to be determined

Friday September 18

Supper: you're on your own – eat before you arrive.

- Options: [The Opinicon](#) ([menu & hrs](#)), or fast food at Division St. exit from 401.

Evening:

- Registration, including finding out what room you've been assigned.
- Mixer

Overnight: on-site

Saturday September 19

Breakfast: main lodge

Registration

Guided tour of QUBS

Plenary speaker(s)

- Morgan Jackson: social media and entomology

Oral presentations

Lunch: main lodge

Oral presentations

INSECT DAY

- Public welcome
- Demonstrations of insect trapping & collection methods
- BioBus talk/tour

Poster session (poster session timing & room to be determined)

Banquet supper main lodge

- Bug Eye contest photo display and awards
- Banquet speaker: Antonia Guidotti

Social evening

- Bonfire? Moth trap?

Overnight: on-site

Sunday September 20

Breakfast: main lodge

Oral presentations + breaks

Lunch: main lodge

Bye!

Plenary speakers

1. **Morgan Jackson**, PhD candidate, University of Guelph. Fly taxonomist. Co-author of the field guide of Jewel Beetles of Northeastern North America. Social media mogul.



Topic: **Something something social media and entomology** (he will come up with a better title than our temporary imposed one). There will be hashtags. If you don't know what that means, you will by the end of Morgan's talk.

Blog: www.biodiversityinfocus.com/blog/

Twitter: [@BioInFocus](https://twitter.com/BioInFocus)

Tumblr: morgandjackson.tumblr.com/

Vine: vine.co/Morgan.Jackson

Pinterest: pinterest.com/morgandjackson/

Instagram: instagram.com/morgandjackson/

2. **BioBus**, Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, University of Guelph. Field research and outreach vehicle, especially for DNA barcoding insects across Ontario and Canada.



Topic: The BioBus will not speak. But it will be part of our Saturday afternoon public event, with its staff demonstrating **how the bus is used for research and outreach**.

Website: <http://biobus.ca/>

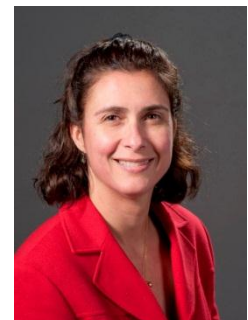
Twitter: [@BIObus_Canada](https://twitter.com/BIObus_Canada)

Banquet speaker

Antonia Guidotti, Entomology Technician, Royal Ontario Museum.

Topic: to be announced

Bio: In addition to assisting curators with preparation of manuscripts and research, she identifies insects for the public, museums and other institutions, and responds to general inquiries about insects. Part of her time is spent curating and databasing the insect collection.



She is an occasional contributor to the ROM blog. Antonia was a member of the working group that wrote the "Butterflies of Toronto: A Guide to Their Remarkable World", part of the City of Toronto Biodiversity Series published in 2011. She has been Program Co-ordinator for the Toronto Entomologists' Association since 2010. She is a co-author of the "ROM Field Guide to the Butterflies of Ontario," published in 2014.

Website: www.rom.on.ca/en/collections-research/rom-staff/antonia-guidotti

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Talks & posters

Posters

Poster presenters are welcome to also present a short lightning talk if they would like to. Posters can be any size or dimension within reason.

Lightning talks

Lightning talks will be four minutes long. Talks will go back-to-back, followed by a break at which the presenters will be available to answer questions.

Normal talks

Talks are to be up to 12 minutes long, allowing 3 minutes for questions. PowerPoint will be available.

Awards

Awards will be available for the best poster, lightning talk, and normal talk, on which a student is the first author and presenter.

Local Organizing Committee

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Generous volunteers (thank you! We'll identify their roles in the formal program.)

Amanda Roe, Colin Jones, Antonia Guidotti, Sarah Langer, Donald Bourne, Leslie Holmes, Mike Lavender, Sajjad Ahmad, Casey Nelson, Cecilia Kim, Kaitlynn Low, Kaitlyn Fleming, and Kathryn Vezensyi

Bug Eye Photo Contest

Submit your insect pics to the ESO's annual photo contest by August 28. We'll announce the winners at our banquet, and show the lovely pictures.

More info: http://www.entsocont.ca/uploads/3/0/2/6/30266933/bug_eye_2015.pdf