

September 17, 2019

To: Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries

Greetings,

Ontario Workers' Compensation Conference 2019

"Facing the Challenges of a Changing World of Work"

November 15-17, 2019, Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin

The 2019 Ontario Workers' Compensation Conference, "[Facing the Challenges of a Changing World of Work](#)" will take place November 15-17, 2019 at the Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin.

This year's conference will focus on navigating the rights of injured workers in all our Ontario sectors. Whether it is chronic work-related stress or occupational diseases, our members are feeling vulnerable and looking for support from their union. It is our grassroots workers' compensation advocates who perform that important role in helping our members understand workers' compensation and its processes, should they become injured at work.

Our plenaries and workshops will focus on advocacy and involving members in WSIB claims at the earliest and most effective level possible. In addition, we will explore opportunities and barriers to continue to build our campaigns for Justice, Dignity and Respect for Injured Workers.

The delegates will exchange experiences, and learn new tools in workshop and plenary sessions and build on our collective strength.

Who should come to this conference?

Anyone, dealing with workers' compensation claims who wants to understand the issues facing us in the workers' compensation system. This includes anyone from new compensation or benefit reps; to experienced workers' compensation advocates; to local leadership.

Please make every effort to send delegates (leadership, political and community activists) to this important conference.

The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 15 and ends at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, November 17, 2019. Registration takes place on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please note: CHECK-IN time starts at 3:00 p.m. CHECK-OUT is by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

You will need to fully complete and submit the following forms:

- ✓ **Reservation Form and payment** (for on-site accommodations) email: confcentre@unifor.org , Fax to Reservations (519) 389-3222, or Mail to Unifor Family Education Centre
- ✓ **Childcare Forms** (one per child, if childcare is required) Fax to Laurie Wright – Unifor Childcare Port Elgin (519) 389-3544 or email: fecchildcare@unifor.org

CHILD CARE

Child care is available for children 0 – 12 years of age, of eligible delegates during the conference hours only, if numbers permit. Delegates will be eligible for child care providing they are a single parent, or a parent not accompanied by a spouse or companion. Where both parents are registered delegates, they will also qualify for child care. Child care registration forms are enclosed. Please make your child care reservations as early as possible.

Grey Bruce Airbus arrangements can be made directly: 1-800-361-0393 or 1-519-389-4433 for delegates who require transportation to and from Toronto Pearson airport.

Arrival

- Accommodation check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 15
- Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.
- Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., in the dining room
- **The plenary session commences at 7:00 p.m. Friday**
- Late room check-in is available by pressing the “maintenance buzzer” outside the main administration office front doors.
- Check-out time is by 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Please check-out at the main administration office. Any long distance telephone charges are to be paid at that time.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations must be made in writing, 48 hours prior to the 3:00 p.m. check-in on November 15, 2019 email: confcentre@unifor.org or fax the Centre at 519-389-3222. Failure to do so will result in a billing for the first night's accommodation cost.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 25, 2019

FOR BOTH ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE CENTRE AND CHILD CARE

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

Registrations and Accommodation for the conference will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to participate in the conference, delegates must have accommodations at the Centre. **If the Centre is fully booked, the Centre will advise you, and you (or your local) will be responsible for making alternative arrangements.**

For those delegates and family required to stay off-site, please note that it is still mandatory to purchase the meal plan and to check in with the Front desk at the Unifor Family Education Center.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

Payment of **\$60.00** is required for the conference kit materials.

ACCOMMODATION FEES at the Unifor Family Education Centre are as follows:

Shared Room with another delegate	\$370.00
Single Room with Spouse or child age 17+	\$620.00
Single Room	\$520.00
Children, age 12-16	\$50.00 per child
Children, 11 or younger	No Charge

All rates quoted are based on two (2) nights accommodation, beginning with dinner on Friday, up to and including lunch on Sunday.

If rates are being paid by the INDIVIDUAL rather than the local or organization, please contact the Unifor Family Education Centre Reception at 1-800-265-3735 x.3221 or (519) 389-3221. Taxes will be applicable. The local can submit payment for a Single room only (exempt from taxes). The delegate can provide a personal Visa, American Express or MasterCard for the family charges. The prices are as follows:

Partner and/or child aged 17+:	\$113.00
Child age 12 – 16:	\$ 56.50

ADDITIONAL GUESTS

For accommodation arrangements other than outline above, please contact the Port Elgin Front Desk for pricing.

PAYMENT METHODS

All room and board fees must be paid in advance by cheque, Visa, American Express or MasterCard.

Cheque

Forward **two separate cheques** to the Unifor Family Education Centre, one for the conference registration fee and one for accommodation costs. Cheques are to be **made payable to the "Unifor Family Education Centre"** and mailed along with the enclosed reservation form directly to the Unifor Family Education Centre, 115 Shipley Ave., Port Elgin, ON, N0H 2C5.

Credit Card

Record the credit card number and expiry date on the Reservation Form and Email: confcentre@unifor.org, fax to 519-389-3222 or mail.

OR

Call the Centre, toll free at 1-800-265-3735 x.3221 or (519) 389-3221 and provide the credit card number and expiry date.

Please make every effort to have your local represented at this important conference.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference!

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sari Sairanen', written in a cursive style.

Sari Sairanen
National Health, Safety & Environment Director

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cc: Jerry Dias, Lana Payne, Assistants, Sarah Hamilton, Port Elgin Child Care Centre, Representatives, Regional Council WC
Standing Committees, H&S Coordinators