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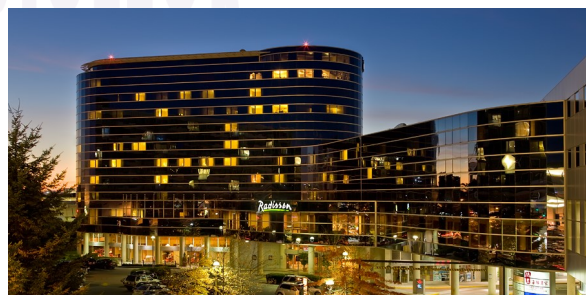


The 38th IIABC Annual Convention and Tradeshow

It's Getting Closer !!!

The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport
8181 Cambie Rd, Richmond, BC V6X 3X9

Why should I go you ask??



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1. Amazing New Specialty Courses This Year

- **Electrical Code & Standards Low Energy Course:** Excellent prep course for those preparing to write their **BC Safety Authority FSR-LO exam**. *FSR-LO certification is needed to obtain IIABC CIC-Commercial status and must be obtained through the BC Safety Authority.
- **Pump Course:** Provides an overview of water sources and types of pumps typically used for irrigation. Ever been frustrated by a pump? Show them who's boss once and for all!
- **Electrical Troubleshooting:** A convention favorite for 3 years in a row...hurry this one fills up fast!

2. IIABC Tradeshow

- Tuesday, November 28th & Wednesday the 29th come and see the latest and greatest products from the irrigation industry's leaders.
- Free admission and tons of great prizes just waiting to be won.

3. Blue Ecology – A workshop on interweaving First Nations cultural knowledge and Western Science. Moving Towards “Sustainable Watershed Systems, Through Asset Management”

- This workshop is a must see, brought to you by the **Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC** and co-hosted by the **IIABC**.

4. The Social Scene! - Bored of our usual pub nights? Us too!

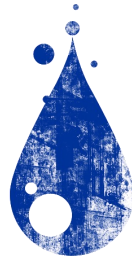


- **Tuesday, November 28th– IIABC Tradeshow** **TAILGATE PARTY** Join us for free booze and free eats after class. Have a bevy, snack and win some crazy prizes...all on us!

- **Wednesday, November 29th–** **Rock'N Bowl Beerfest** Stuck over night for a 2-day course? Come drink some beer and bowl with your classmates and win more prizes! Free shuttle leaves from the Radisson at 6PM.



Upcoming Industry Events



IIABC 38th Annual Convention & Tradeshow

November 28th - December 1st, 2017

The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport
Richmond, BC

For more info, please visit:

www.irrigationbc.com

Building SustainABLE Communities: Innovation Through Collaboration

Nov 21-24, 2017

Kelowna, BC

For more info, please visit:

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IA 2017 Irrigation Show & Education Conference

November 6– 10, 2017

Orlando, Florida

For more info, please visit:

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Individual Certification Fees and CEU's are Here

With almost 1000 certified individuals, how we managed the Certification Program in the past does not work well moving forward. The Certification Board is concerned that while we have many individuals seeking certification, many are not doing much to maintain their credentials once certification has been achieved. This is not sustainable and does not foster credibility when the program is looked at from outsiders. Every other certifying organization has implemented Continuing Education Units (CEU's). It is the only way to verify that certified individuals make an attempt to keep up with changes in their industry.

As well, tracking certifications has become cumbersome, mainly because we put the onus on the company to provide us with the names of their employees that are certified. Quite often an employee will have left and moved to another company, or leave the industry entirely and the office will not have been able to update the files. The Certification Board has now put the onus on the individual to maintain their certification status with annual certification fees, as discussed in previous communications.

The Certification Fee will help to offset the following costs being absorbed by the IIABC.

- ◆ Scanning all certification files
- ◆ Developing and maintaining an online CEU system
- ◆ Hiring an additional staff member (if needed) to ensure CEU's have been entered and the Certification Fee has been paid

The Certification Board hopes that the membership will understand the need to move the program forward and take these steps to ensure the integrity, compliance and professionalism of our program. Members can certainly contact members of the Certification Board or the Board of Directors on the direction being taken.

For questions about the certification fee payment process please contact molly@irrigationbc.com

Keep Your Certifications Valid– You worked Hard for Them!

Certification Fee Payment Instructions

Note: Employee annual certification fees are the individual's responsibility to pay. A company **may** or **may not** choose to pay these fees for their certified staff. **Only one annual certification fee is applicable per person and shall be applied to the highest certification held.**

Technician Fee = \$25 includes all CIT-1, CIT-2, CIT-Ag and CIS certifications.

Designer Fee = \$50 includes all CID/Turf Residential, CID/Turf Commercial, CID/Landscape Drip, CID/Ag-Sprinkler and CID/Ag-Trickle.

Step 1: Company Coordinators login to your IIABC account. If you are unsure of your login info 99% of the time your username will be the email address you provided the IIABC on your membership application form. Hit "forgot login" on the left and reset password info will be sent to you via email. If your email address does not work as your username contact the office at #604-287-8222. **Note: Only the company coordinator login can manage/edit employees and pay their certification fees in the system. If administration is responsible for this payment process, login info must be obtained from the company coordinator.**

Step 2: Click on [Renewal Page](#)

Step 3: TO MANAGE/VEIW AND PAY EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION FEES.

CLICK ON: [Cert Fees](#) Here you have the [Manage Employees](#) option. You can add and remove employees to ensure the IIABC has your current employee list. After adding and removing employees you will click [Employee Update Complete](#)

Step 4: Once you have updated all certified employees, click on [Pay Employee Certification Fees](#)

Step 5: Click on the [Active Employees](#) tab. Here you have the option to select each employee you wish to pay for, once finished click [Pay Cert Fees for selected employees](#)

Step 6: This will direct you to our payment page where you can fill out your billing information and select your payment method.

Step 7: A receipt will be sent to you via email that will clearly state which employee's certification fees have been paid for your records.

IMPORTANT

YOU WILL NEED TO INFORM EMPLOYEES THAT CERTIFICATION FEE INVOICES WILL BE SENT TO THEIR PERSONAL EMAILS IF THEY DO NOT REGULARLY THEIR CHECK EMAIL.

PAPER COPIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION FEE PAYMENT PROCESS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO YOUR PAPER MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE PACKAGE INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE PHOTOCOPY INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES PAYING THEIR OWN FEES THAT MAY BE UNCLEAR ON THE PROCESS.

For all certification fee questions please contact molly@irrigationbc.com

The Irrigation Irritation CHALLENGE



Email your most frustrating irrigation issue along with how you have solved it and enter to WIN a free course of your choice at this year's IIABC 38th Annual Convention and Tradeshow in Richmond! Entries will be shared in the next newsletter.

- ⇒ Entries must be in by November 1st, 2017
- ⇒ Email must have the subject line "Irrigation Irritation Challenge"
- ⇒ Courses with pre-requisites must have mandatory pre-requisite
- ⇒ Exam fee not included

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Dave Peach Award Presented to Karen Van der Gulik



Rob Meines (left), Karen Van der Gulik (centre) and Kirby Ell, IIABC BOD President 2016.

At last years 37th Annual Convention and Tradeshow, Karen Van der Gulik was presented the Dave Peach Award.

In Dave Peach's honour this award is for honesty, integrity and genuine non-partisan advancement of our Association's goals: to foster and promote the interest and welfare of the members of the IIABC, to exchange information and ideas, to promote guidelines and standards, to encourage co-operation and to encourage a public appreciation and interest in irrigation and water management.

Karen has been working with the IIABC for over 20 long years. She has watched the association grow from a hand full of members to the thriving association it is today. The associations success is in large part due to her tireless efforts throughout the years. If you ever called the IIABC office with a question or issue, it was Karen you spoke with who happily walked you through a solution.

While stepping down as Executive Administrator in April of 2016, Karen still has an active role in the association as the IIABC bookkeeper.

Congratulations Karen!

If you know someone you believe is deserving of the Dave Peach Award please email your 2017 nomination to : kim@irrigationbc.com

Call For Board of Directors Nominations!

Do you know someone tough enough to be on the board?

Know someone who always has an opinion?

Nominate them!

This year we have two positions on the IIABC Board of Directors that we are excepting nominations for:

- ◆ **President Elect**
- ◆ **2 Year Director Deadline for Nominations: November 10th, 2017**



After the date of November 10th, once all your nominations are in, there will be an email sent of the slate of Nominees and information on whether an election is needed. ***Note that new nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the meeting unless there is no one on the slate prior to the AGM.***

**IRRIGATION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF BC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 30, 2017
4:30pm-5:30pm**

The Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport
8181 Cambie Road, Richmond, BC

A Few Things to Note for This Year's Convention

1. Specialty Courses

Low Energy Electrical Code Course - This 2-day course is suitable for those preparing for the BCSA Field Safety Representative (FSR), class Low Energy (LO) exam.

Pump Course - This one day course will provide an overview of water sources and types of pumps typically used for Irrigation.

Electrical Troubleshooting - Covers battery operated timers, D.C. solenoids and solar units, A.C. transformers, phasing and other advanced methods of troubleshooting.

2. Design Courses Only Available Once a Year!

Fundamentals of Irrigation Design - This excellent one-day course will cover the basics of turf and landscape irrigation design and application.

Landscape Drip Design - This one-day course will provide basic information for anyone designing and operating drip and micro systems for landscape.

Advanced Turf Irrigation Design - This one-day workshop focuses on advanced irrigation design and management principles.

3. Contractor Business Course Available Once a Year! - With the 2017 changes to the Certified Irrigation Contractor (CIC) program many companies are now eligible for that status once an employee within the company takes and passes the Contractor Business Exam.

4. Certified Irrigation Design (CID) Exam Opportunity - Study up!!

5. The Social Scene

Tradeshow Tailgate Party! - Stay after class on Tuesday for a free bevy and some good eats at our first EVER IIABC Tradeshow Tailgate Party. Have a drink and win some prizes!!

Rock'N Bowl Beerfest! - Stay after class Wednesday night and take a free shuttle to our Rock N'Bowl Beerfest. Relax after a day of learning with some good times and more prizes!!





IRRIGATION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF BC CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM 2017

Name _____

Company: _____

Company Mailing Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Personal Email: _____

Course or Event	MEMBER PRICE		NON-MEMBER		COST
	Early Bird Price	After Nov. 3rd	Early Bird Price	After Nov. 3rd	
Tuesday November 28th, 2017					
BLUE ECOLOGY WORKSHOP	125	175	175	225	
CIT-LEVEL 1 COURSE (FIRST OFFERING)	220	255	265	305	
* CIT-LEVEL 1 EXAM	100	100	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	
ELECTRICAL TROUBLESHOOTING COURSE	275	315	330	380	
FUNDAMENTALS OF DESIGN COURSE	220	255	265	305	
BUSINESS CONTRACTOR COURSE	220	255	265	305	
Wednesday November 29th, 2017					
CIT-LEVEL ONE COURSE (SECOND OFFERING)	220	255	265	305	
*CIT-LEVEL ONE EXAM	100	100	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	
CIT-LEVEL TWO COURSE-DAY 1	310	355	370	425	
*CIT-LEVEL TWO EXAM	100	100	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	
LANDSCAPE DRIP	220	255	265	305	
LO FSR-LOW VOLTAGE EXAM PREP COURSE DAY 1	440	475	485	535	
IIABC ANNUAL AGM MEETING 4:30pm-5:30pm PLEASE CHECK BOX IF ATTENDING	Free	Free	Free	Free	
Thursday November 30th, 2017					
ADVANCED IRRIGATION DESIGN COURSE	\$ 220	\$ 255	\$ 265	\$ 305	
PUMP COURSE	\$220	\$255	\$265	\$305	
<i>Entry to the Tradeshow is free to all. Soliciting and/or distribution of literature by those other than paid exhibitors in the tradeshow is strictly prohibited. Those participating in this behavior will be asked to leave.</i>				Subtotal	
GST # 86285 6739 RT0001				Add 5 % GST	
				Total Cost:	

Registration fees are non-refundable after Nov.11th, 2016. Course substitutions are excepted. Earlier cancellations are subject to a \$40 processing fee. The IIABC reserves the right to cancel a course or event at any time, in which case registrants will receive a full refund of the course or event registration fee. Payment options: Visa, MasterCard, Cheque (Cheques are accepted only up to 2 weeks before the convention & not accepted for new membership payments.)

Card# _____ Expiry Date: _____/_____/_____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Make cheques payable to Irrigation Industry Association of BC. Phone: 604-287-8222 Fax: 604-287-8224 Email: kim@irrigationbc.com
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NEW COMPANY MEMBERS

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Port Coquitlam, BC
Contact: Jeff Blair

Garcia Irrigation Systems
Victoria, BC
Contact: Isney Garcia

ITMBC Enterprises Inc.
West Vancouver, BC
Contact: Hossein Maleki Alava

Turf-Tek Enterprises Ltd.
NanOOSE Bay, BC
Contact: Darren Jupe

Urban Appeal Landscaping Ltd.
Kamloops, BC
Contact: April Johnson

Van Isle Bricklok Surfacing
Victoria, BC
Contact: Harold Bloomenthal

Van Duynhoven Garden Services Ltd.
Burnaby, BC
Contact: Jack Van Duynhoven

NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Paula Christenson
Maple Ridge, BC

Cambi Cook
Kamloops, BC

Robin Fighter
Kelowna, BC

Clark Kerr
Nanaimo, BC

Lane Koch
New Westminster, BC

2018 IIABC Dues Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that your annual IIABC membership fees are due on or before January 1, 2018.

Fees must be paid on time to ensure your memberships remain valid. Doing so also helps the association keep overhead administration costs to a minimum. Invoices are in this package. Don't forget to remind employees to check their emails for individual certification fee invoices!

