

Ohio Aquaculture Association

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Dear Aquatic Producer and Supporter:

The Ohio Aquaculture Association (OAA) is pleased to announce the 2015 Annual Ohio Aquaculture Conference. The focus of this conference is ***"Integrating Research with Real-World Experiences"*** so that attendees return home with information of immediate value to their current or proposed aquaculture business.

Our line-up of speakers includes industry experts from across the nation with a special presentation and half-day session on aquaponics presented by ***world-renowned aquaponics specialist Charlie Shultz*** from the Aquaculture Center of Excellence, Lethbridge College, AB, Canada.

Details are as follows:

**2015 Ohio Aquaculture Association Annual Conference
Saturday & Sunday, January 31 & February 1
Quest Conference Center
8405 Pulsar Place (near I-71 & Polaris Pkwy.)
Columbus, OH 43240**

The objectives of the conference are:

- To provide relevant information immediately applicable for culture operations to positively enhance the economic bottomline of such operations.
- To provide networking opportunities between industry, OAA, agencies, and academia to strengthen cooperation and advance Ohio aquaculture.
- To connect industry to the wide array of vendors available to support their culture operations.

To accomplish these objectives, the conference steering committee has put together six sessions and associated topic presentations covering a wide variety of subjects of interest to Ohio culturists. The conference also includes an industry trade show, meals and banquet included in your registration, and plenty of networking opportunities.

Enclosed you'll find a detailed schedule of the conference events and a registration form that includes the opportunity to add your OAA membership dues. As you can see by the fee schedule, all OAA members as of January 11, 2015 will receive a substantial discount to the conference so be sure your registration is in by that date.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This letter serves as the official notice of the 2015 OAA Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, January 31, following the afternoon sessions.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2015 OAA Annual Conference!



Join today!

Help support OAA's mission and begin enjoying membership benefits like:

- Discounts to OAA workshops and events
- Subscription to the OAA Quarterly Newsletter
- A voice in state government
- Complimentary copy of OAA Annual Magazine
- Participation in membership directory
- Networking opportunities
- Regional representation through the North Central Regional Aquaculture Center (NCRAC)

Our Mission

The Ohio Aquaculture Association actively supports and promotes the culture of aquatic species by participation of individuals, partnerships, and corporations who have an interest in aquaculture, by interacting with state and federal agencies/legislatures charged with regulating aquatic culture, and by educating the public on the culture of aquatic species.

Membership Types

Active	\$50	Any individual, partnership, association or corporation engaged in the practice of aquaculture, who derives a portion of his/her income from the aquaculture industry and who supports the purposes and objectives of the OAA. Active members have voting rights.
Associate	\$35	Any interested individual, partnership, or corporation who supports the purposes and objectives of the OAA. Associate members do not have voting rights.
Student	\$20	Any individual that is attending a full-time accredited university, public or private, who supports the purposes and objectives of the OAA. Student members do not have voting rights.
Sustaining	\$125	Institutions or organizations interested in the advancement of the OAA and its goals. Sustaining members shall have all of the rights and privileges of other members except that of holding office. Sustaining members shall have one (1) vote cast by a duly authorized delegate.

What we're about

The OAA is the trade association for Ohio's fish farming industry. Our membership is comprised of farmers, educators and industry specialists across the state and beyond.

Since 1991, the OAA has worked to protect and strengthen Ohio's aquaculture industry through education, advocacy and partnerships with state and national organizations promoting common interests. Governed by a volunteer board of directors, we strive to address current topics, trends and opportunities.

The Association also brings great value to its members through resources, education and support vital to their business. This includes hosting an annual conference and trade show, day-long educational workshops, a robust website, informative publications and discounts to OAA events.

You can be as active as your time, interests and talents allows, or simply become a proud member knowing you are supporting our efforts. Either way, we cannot advance aquaculture in Ohio if we all do not come together and celebrate successes, generate excitement about opportunities that might lie ahead, and together overcome hurdles that challenge us all.



Our Vision

The Ohio Aquaculture Association envisions a future aquaculture industry that contributes significantly to Ohio's demand for aquatic products, is based on a diversity of aquatic species and culture systems, and is conducted in a manner that protects and sustains our valuable natural resources.

Membership in the OAA supports the growth and sustainability of Ohio's aquaculture industry.

Ohio Aquaculture Association 2015 Annual Conference Agenda

Saturday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Registration, Trade Show & Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Welcome

9:00 a.m. Sessions 1 and 2

Session 1: **Getting Started in Aquaculture?**

Getting Started Fish Nutrition 101
Species & Systems Marketing Basics

Session 2: **Aquaculture BMP's**

Fish Harvesting / Holding Fish Health
Pond Culture RAS Management

12:00 p.m.: Lunch/Trade Show

1:30 p.m. Sessions 3 & 4

Session 3: **Business Planning**

Business Plans Market Assessment
Financing Aquaculture Marketing Yourself

Session 4: **Regulatory Considerations**

Federal Regulations Fish Health in Ohio
Fish-eating Birds Healthy Water Ohio

4:30 p.m.:

Special Presentation
"Truths & Myths of Aquaponics"
Charlie Shultz
Aquaculture Center of Excellence
Lethbridge College, AB, Canada

5:00 p.m. OAA Annual Membership Meeting

5:30 p.m. Reception/Trade Show/Ohio Wine Tasting

6:30 p.m. OAA Annual Banquet

Key Note Speaker
"Opportunities, Challenges, & Needs for
Successful North Central US Aquaculture"
Dr. Chris Weeks
North Central Regional Aquaculture Center

Sunday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Registration, Trade Show & Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Sessions 5 & 6

Session 5: **Aquaponics Primer**

Issues & Concerns Real World Experiences
Certified Organic KYSU/OSU Aquaponics

Session 6: **General Aquaculture**

Pond Oxygen Dynamics Koi & Hybrids
Harmful Algal Blooms Prawn Feeding Strategies

1:00 p.m. Conference concludes

Aquaculture Trade Show

Don't miss one of the largest industry trade shows in this area going on throughout the conference. Meet the vendors and learn about the latest aquaculture technology and products available.

Saturday afternoon's Ohio wine tasting is being held in cooperation with the Ohio Grape Industries Committee



A block of rooms has been reserved for \$99/night at:

Four Points by Sheraton
8505 Pulsar Place (next to the Quest)
Columbus, OH
(614) 844-5888

Contact the hotel directly by **January 16, 2015** and mention code AQ30A to receive the discounted rate.

**2015 Ohio Aquaculture Association
January 31—February 1
Conference Registration Form**

Please print:

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Spouse/Guest Attending _____

Conference registration includes a light breakfast both days, Saturday lunch and banquet.

Please indicate the sessions
you plan to attend:

<input type="checkbox"/> Session 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Session 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Session 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 6

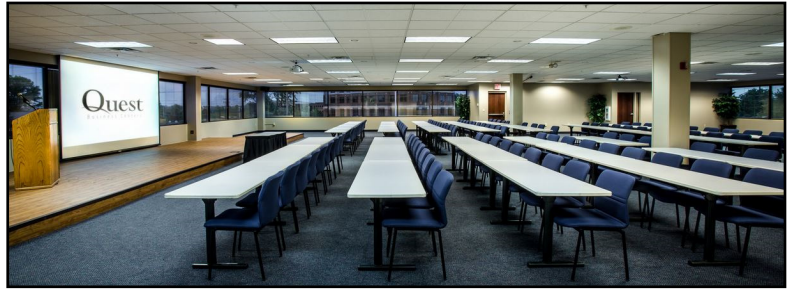
	Before 1/10/15*	After 1/10/15
OAA Member Conference	__ \$75	__ \$100
OAA Spouse/Guest Conference	__ \$75	__ \$100
Non-OAA Member Conference	__ \$125	__ \$150
Non-OAA Spouse/Guest Conference	__ \$125	__ \$150
Please add my OAA Active Membership	__ \$50	__ \$50
Please add my OAA Associate Membership	__ \$35	__ \$35
Please add my OAA Sustaining Membership	__ \$125	__ \$125
Please add my OAA Student Membership	__ \$20	__ \$20
Total Remitted	\$ _____	\$ _____

****Must be RECEIVED by
January 10, 2015***

Please note any special accommodations you may need during the conference:

Mail completed form and make checks or money orders payable to:

Ohio Aquaculture Association
c/o Julie Moose
7529 Lismore Drive
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Phone & Fax: 614-604-8823



Directions

Quest is located in the Polaris District at the north end of Columbus.

- From Cleveland: From I-71 take exit #121 at Gemini Place. Turn Left onto Gemini Place and continue onto Orion Place. Travel One Mile and Turn Right onto Pulsar Place.
- From Cincinnati: From I-71 Take Exit #121 at Gemini Place and turn right on Polaris Parkway, make immediate right onto Pulsar Place.
- From Dayton or Zanesville: From I-71 Take I-270 North to I-71 North and Follow Directions from Cincinnati.

Cross Streets - Polaris Parkway and Orion / Worthington Road

<http://www.quest-centers.com>

Quest Conference Center

8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240

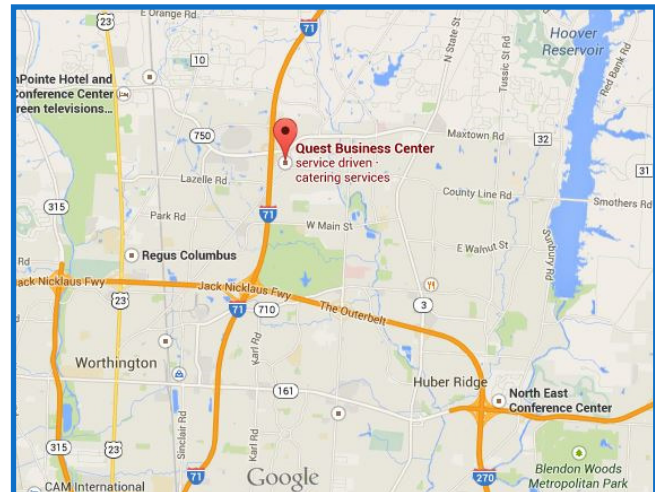
The Quest Conference Center is a state-of-the-art conference center located just east of I-71 on Polaris Parkway northeast of Columbus.

Four Points by Sheraton Hotel

8505 Pulsar Place, Columbus, OH 43240

Located next to the Quest Conference Center, *The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel* is a full-service hotel offering a wide variety of guest amenities.

A block of rooms are available at the reduced rate of \$99/night for conference attendees if reserved by **January 16, 2015**. Contact the hotel at 614-844-5888 and mention Ohio Aquaculture Conference code AQ30A to receive the special rate.



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