

AETA and CETA/ACTE Joint Convention

October 17-19, 2024

[Westin Harbour Castle](#)

Toronto, ON, Canada

Wednesday, October 16		
7:00 am–5:00 pm	AETA Board of Directors Meeting	Wellington
7:30 am–11:00 am	CETA/ACTE Certification Committee Meeting	Yonge
11:00 am–5:00 pm	CETA/ACTE Board of Directors Meeting	Yonge
1:00 pm–5:00 pm	CETA/ACTE Certification Exam <i>(For initial certification)</i>	Bay
Thursday, October 17		
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open	Frontenac Foyer
8:00 am–2:00 pm	Golf Tournament – Piper’s Heath Golf Club <i>(Additional registration required)</i> Sponsored by Partner Animal Health	Meet in hotel lobby at 7:00am
8:00 am–10:00 am	AETA Certification Committee Meeting	Bay
8:00 am–12:00 pm	CETA/ACTE Certification Exam Review <i>(For applicants who wrote the exam)</i>	Yonge
10:00 am–12:00 pm	AETA Recertification Session <i>(Additional registration required)</i>	Bay
12:00 pm–5:00 pm	Exhibitor and Poster Setup	Metropolitan
9:00 am–12:00 pm or 2:00 pm–5:00 pm <i>Maximum 20 participants per session</i>	Preconference Seminar II: Small Ruminant Embryo Transfer <i>(Additional registration required)</i> Presented by Dr. Lynn Tait <i>This preconference seminar is a hands-on wet lab and will take place offsite – transportation will be provided.</i>	Toronto Royal Agricultural Fair Grounds
2:00 pm–5:00 pm	Preconference Seminar I: Back to Basics – Applying Bovine ART Fundamentals to 2024 Scenarios <i>(Additional registration required)</i> Session Chairmen: Drs. Matt Bartlett & Greg Schueller <i>Experienced bovine ET practitioners will present and discuss case studies related to in vivo and in vitro donor scheduling/collections, recipient management, and data analysis. ART physiology and its application to real-world scenarios will be emphasized.</i> <i>Small groups led by AETA and CETA Board members.</i> <i>(2-hour discussion and 1-hour presentation)</i>	Frontenac Ballroom
6:30 pm–9:30 pm	Preconference Social <i>(Additional registration required)</i> Sponsored by Vetoquinol <i>The preconference social will take place offsite and is within walking distance of the hotel. Transportation will also be provided.</i>	Hockey Hall of Fame

Friday, October 18

Audio Visual Sponsored by [Boviteq](#)

6:30 am–7:45 am	AETA Past Presidents, Board, and Committee Chairs Breakfast	Bay
6:45 am–5:00 pm	Registration Open	Frontenac Foyer
6:45 am–5:00 pm	Exhibits and Poster Session Open	Metropolitan
6:45 am–7:45 am	Breakfast Sponsored by PETS & MAI	Metropolitan
7:45 am–8:00 am	Welcome and Exhibitor/Sponsor Recognition	Frontenac
8:00 am–9:15 am	Session 1: Improving IVP ET in Dairy Herds Presented by Dr. Paul Fricke	Frontenac
9:15 am–10:15 am	Session 2: Using Color Doppler Ultrasonography to Valuate Luteal Function in Embryo Transfer Programs Presented by Dr. Pedro Fontes	Frontenac
10:15 am–11:00 am	Break and Poster Session: Visit with the exhibitors and sponsors! Sponsored by PETS & MAI	Metropolitan
11:00 am–12:00 pm	AETA Certification Session <i>A review of the EU embryo export and IETS guideline requirements and changes. Featuring a panel discussion on embryo export challenges. This session is required for AETA Certified individuals and all are welcome.</i> Chaired by Dr. Clay Breiner	Frontenac
11:00 am–12:00 pm	CETA/ACTE Session <i>A review of current updates to embryo export market regulations/certificates and an embryo export discussion on market opportunities & challenges.</i> Presentations by Dr. Anne Holmes and Jamie Wood	Pier 7&8
11:00 am–11:45 am	Student/Technician Session: OPU Demonstration and Tips and Oocyte Searching and Grading with Demonstration and Practice Opportunities Presented by Dr. Ruby Yoana Murcia Robayo	Queens Quay
11:45 am–1:00 pm	Student/Mentor Lunch <i>All students attending the conference are welcome to attend the student/mentor lunch!</i> <i>Attendees will get food from the lunch area and then gather in this room (beverages will be in the room).</i>	Bay
12:00 pm–1:00 pm	Lunch Sponsored by PETS & MAI	Metropolitan
12:00 pm–1:00 pm	AETA–CETA/ACTE Convention Committees Lunch <i>Attendees will get food from the lunch area and then gather in this room (beverages will be in the room).</i>	Yonge
1:00 pm–2:00 pm	Session 3: Paternal Impacts on Embryo Development Presented by Dr. Sofia Ortega	Frontenac
2:00 pm–3:00 pm	Session 4: MLV Vaccines and Cattle Fertility – Considerations for ET Programs Presented by Dr. Jamie Stewart	Frontenac
3:00 pm–3:45 pm	Break and Poster Session: Visit with the exhibitors and sponsors! Sponsored by PETS & MAI	Metropolitan

3:45 pm–4:00 pm	Practitioner Tip: Post Thaw Embryo Viability – IVP/IVF/Conventional/Glycerol/EG Presented by Dr. John Gibbons	Frontenac
4:00 pm–5:00 pm	Session 5: Biosecurity with Cooperator Herds: Reducing Risks for Introduction of Diseases Presented by Dr. Jamie Stewart	Frontenac
6:00 pm–7:00 pm	Social Hour Open Bar Sponsored by Reproduction Resources	Metropolitan
7:00 pm–10:00 pm	Banquet with Entertainment by Sandy Vine and The Midnights Open Bar Sponsored by Reproduction Resources	Metropolitan
Saturday, October 19		
Audio Visual Sponsored by Boviteq		
7:00 am–1:15 pm	Exhibits and Poster Session Open	Metropolitan
7:00 am–4:00 pm	Registration Open	Frontenac Foyer
7:00 am–8:00 am	Breakfast Sponsored by ABT 360 LLC	Metropolitan
8:00 am–9:30 am	AETA Business Meeting	Frontenac
8:00 am–9:30 am	CETA/ACTE Annual General Meeting	Pier 7&8
9:30 am–10:00 am	Break and Poster Session: Visit with the exhibitors and sponsors! Sponsored by Astec Bio	Metropolitan
10:00 am–11:00 am	Session 6: Preventing and Healing Work Related Injuries in Bovine Practice Presented by Scott Uhlenhake, PT	Frontenac
11:00 am–12:00 pm	Session 7: The Use of Embryos to Improve Pregnancy Rates in Lactating Cows Presented by Dr. Daniela Demetrio	Frontenac
12:00 pm–1:15 pm	Lunch Sponsored by Solvat	Metropolitan
12:00 pm–1:15 pm	CETA/ACTE New Board of Directors Meeting <i>Attendees will get food from the lunch area first.</i>	Yonge
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1:15 pm–2:15 pm	Session 8: Beyond the Embryo... Epigenetic Considerations & Circumventing Health Challenges with Colostrum in ET Calves Presented by Dr. Michael Nagorske	Frontenac
2:15 pm–3:15 pm	Session 9: Epigenetic Legacy from Parents and Assisted Reproductive Techniques: Effects on Embryos and Ensuing Animals Presented by Dr. Marc-André Sirard	Frontenac
3:15 pm–3:45 pm	Break Sponsored by Merck Animal Health	Frontenac Foyer
3:45 pm–4:00 pm	Practitioner Tip: Equine OPU – What We Know, What We're Learning Presented by Dr. Jonathan Lehouiller	Frontenac
4:00 pm–5:15 pm	Session 10: Potential Opportunities to Improve In Vitro Embryo Production Presented by Dr. Jeremy Block	Frontenac
5:15 pm–5:30 pm	Closing Remarks See you in Reno from October 16-18, 2025!	Frontenac