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Training

SOWMA hosted a session of the Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training Program in North Battleford in March. The session was well attended, with 25 participants. Now that installation season is upon us, the next session offered will be deferred until early winter.

The association would like to offer site and soils evaluation field days and system installation training this season. The association is interested in hearing from members who have sites that may be available to use as field training sites.

If you have sites available and are interested in working with the association on an installation training day or a site and soils field day, please contact the SOWMA office.

Convention

The convention and trade show, held on March 15, was well appreciated by those who managed to make their way through the blizzard to attend. SOWMA was pleased to host a dozen exhibitor booths which was an increase over the previous year. The association is fortunate to have supplier members who are very supportive of this annual event.

The information presented at the event was well received by the participants and some of the presentations have now been posted online at www.sowma.ca.

Your Association in Action

Representatives from SOWMA participate in a variety of activities that address or impact onsite wastewater issues. Last fall, SOWMA provided information sessions on onsite wastewater to the Provincial Health Managers of Saskatchewan in Regina. This was followed up with a presentation at the CIPHI conference in early winter.

On March 11, SOWMA hosted an information booth at the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities trade show in Saskatoon.

Participating in these events brings our industry into focus for these key stakeholder groups.

Membership Technical Discussion Forum Now Available Online

WCOWMA and its affiliated provincial chapters have launched a forum to allow members to discuss technical issues and provide information to one another on onsite wastewater issues. The forum is an open discussion format, however it is monitored and participants are asked to refrain from soliciting to their fellow members.

How to Use the Forum

To get started:

You will need your username and password to access the forum. Most members should have one, but if you don't, or you can't remember it, please contact the SOWMA office so we can set one up. To set up a new account, we will require your email address.

Once you have your username and password, go to www.wcowma.com. In the upper right hand corner, enter your username and password, then click "forum login". You can now click on the words "WCOWMA Forums" in the upper right hand menu bar, or use the link within the drop-down menu under "Members".

You now have access to all of the WCOWMA forums, including the SOWMA forum. Currently, there are 5 forums; one for each province as well as a link to view the forum Terms & Conditions. Select your provincial forum (or check out what's going on in another province) by clicking on the title of the forum you wish to enter.

From here you can see, at a glance, all of the topics that have been created so far. Join in on a topic already created by clicking on its title, or create your own topic toward the bottom of the page. Simply enter a title in the "Topic Title" block, and then start writing in the text block below; once you are done you can click on the "Submit" button.

To join a topic simply click on the topic link, read the posts, and feel free to comment towards the bottom of the page. Please keep in mind that by using the forum you agree to the Terms and Conditions, which can be found on the main page of the forum. Your first comment will need to be approved by a moderator, so it may take a little while for it to show up. Please be patient.

If you have any trouble, we are always happy to help. Please contact the forum administrator at reports@wcowma.com.

Upcoming Events

Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training

Days 1—3	November 27, 28 & 29, 2013	Saskatoon
Days 4—6	December 11, 12 & 13, 2013	Saskatoon

Site & Soils Evaluation Field Day

July 26, 2013—Delisle, SK
September 13, 2013—Weyburn, SK

Save the date!

Next Convention and Trade Show

Saskatoon

March 14 & 15, 2014