



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND 69<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE**

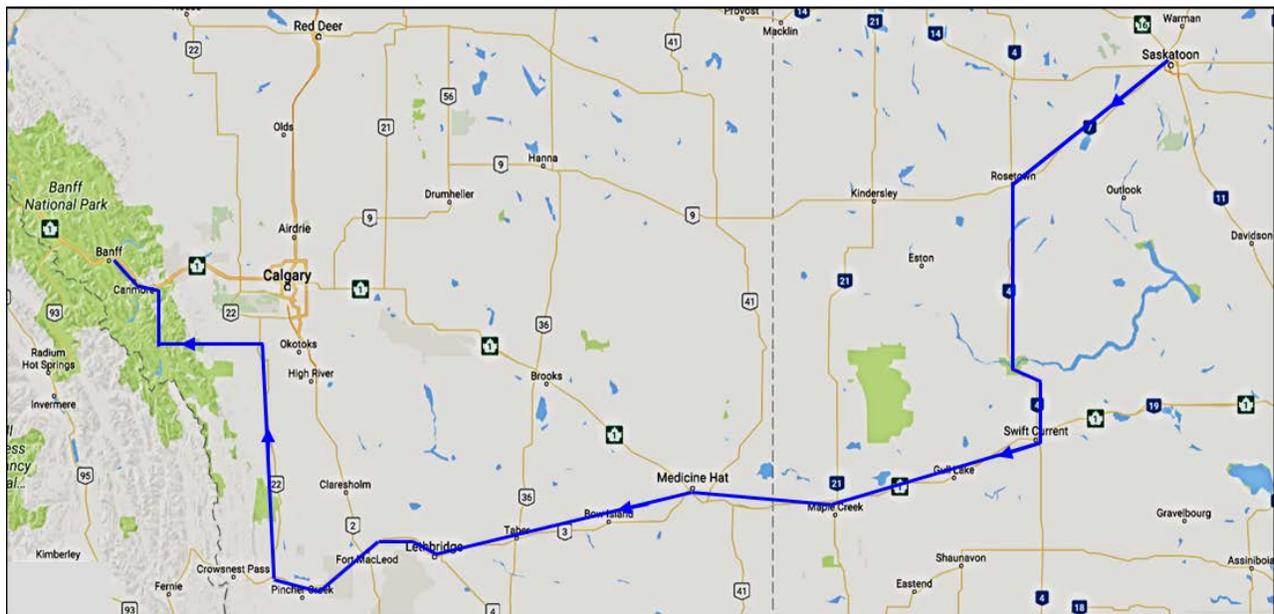
**12-17 August 2018 | Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada**



**Post Conference Tour (Proposed)  
August 18 – 21, 2018**

Join your colleagues to participate in a 4-day guided tour through southern Saskatchewan and Alberta, and finishing in beautiful Banff National Park, nestled in the majestic Rocky Mountains (Figure 1). Southern Alberta is home to almost 700,000 ha of irrigated land (Figure 2), which is supplied by more than 50 water storage reservoirs and 8,000 km of irrigation canals and underground pipelines. More than 50 different irrigated crops are grown by producers using state-of-the-art irrigation systems. Many of these crops are processed in southern Alberta and shipped to national and international markets.

Participants will get a chance to talk directly with irrigation experts and irrigation producers regarding irrigation water management, diversified crop production, and the value-added processing of the irrigated crops. Delegates will be able to fly to their home countries from the Calgary International Airport, which has direct flights to destinations in Europe and Asia.



**Figure 1. Post Conference Tour Route.**

**Detailed Travel Itinerary**

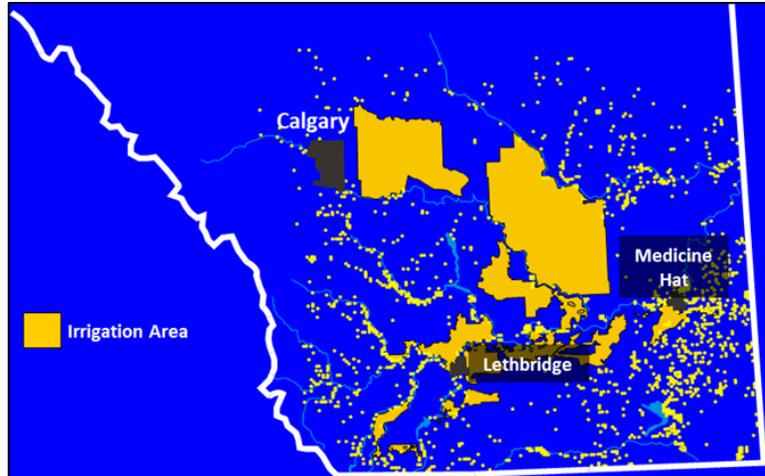
**Day 1 – Saturday, August 18**

- 0800 – 1400: Travel from Saskatoon to Medicine Hat, Alberta
  - Includes refreshment break and picnic lunch on the way
- 1400 – 1500: Travel to **Quattro Ventures Farm Corporation, Bow Island**
- 1500 – 1630: Meet the owners and tour the farm.

- Irrigated production of essential oils, sugar beets, dry beans, seed canola, peas, and other crops.
- Refreshment break included.
- 1630 – 1730: Return to Medicine Hat.
  - Overnight in Medicine Hat.

**Day 2 – Sunday, August 19**

- 0800 – 0930: Travel to **Perry’s Potato Farm, Chin.**
- 9:30 - 1030: Meet the owners and tour of potato processing facility.
  - 1,500 hectares of precision irrigated land.
  - Grows potatoes, sunflowers, green peas, seed canola and other crops.
  - Refreshment break included at this site.
- 1030 – 1100 – **Travel to Stafford Reservoir, Coaldale.**
  - This is a multipurpose water storage reservoir used for irrigation and recreation.
- 1100 – 1300 – Meet with Irrigation District representatives at Stafford Reservoir.
  - Examine the importance of off-stream reservoirs for irrigation, recreation and wildlife habitat in southern Alberta.
  - Present overview of reservoir monitoring program to prevent infestations of invasive mussels.
  - Discuss steps to prevent and control invasive mussel infestation into the irrigation reservoirs.
  - Lunch will be included.
- 1300 – 1330 – Travel to **Malloy Drainage Project, Coaldale**
- 1330 – 1430 - Tour project area
  - Discuss tri-party negotiations, planning, financing and project development
  - Review storm water conveyance, sediment entrapment and storage options using complex wetlands and community use areas.
  - Inspect newly constructed infrastructure and discuss operating plans.
- 1430 – 1500 – **Travel to the Agriculture Centre in Lethbridge.**



**Figure 2. Irrigation in southern Alberta**



**Irrigated Mint**



**Irrigated Potatoes**



**Irrigated Seed Canola**



**Irrigated Corn**

- This is the location of the largest active agricultural research station in Canada.
- 1500 – 1630 – Tour of Irrigation Demonstration Farm.
  - Precision irrigation systems research.
  - Specialty crop demonstration and testing.
  - Refreshments provided.
- 1630 – 1645 – Travel to Lethbridge hotel.
  - Overnight in Lethbridge

**Day 3 – Monday, August 20**

- 0800 – 0900: Travel to **Oldman Dam and Reservoir.**
  - This is an on-stream water storage reservoir, which is owned and operated by the Government of Alberta.
- 0900 – 1015: Tour Oldman Dam and Reservoir.
  - Meet with Dam operations staff from Alberta Environment and Parks.
  - Discuss the multi-use purposes of the dam and reservoir.
  - Refreshment break included.
- 1015 – 1130: Travel to **Bar U Ranch National Historic Site.**
- 1130 – 1300: Tour the Bar U Ranch headquarters.
  - One of the first large corporate ranches in western Canada.
  - From 1882 to 1950 was one of the foremost ranching operations in Canada.
  - Lunch included.
- 1300 – 1600: Travel to **Lake Louise, in Banff National Park.**
  - Travel through Kananaskis Provincial Park, and Banff National Park.
  - See wildlife, including Mountain Sheep, Bears, Coyotes, etc.
  - Refreshment break included.
- 1645 – 1745: Spend some free time exploring the sites at Lake Louise.
- 1745 – 1830: Travel back to Banff.
  - Overnight in Banff.

**Day 4 – Tuesday, August 21**

- 0800 – 0930: Travel to the Calgary International Airport.
  - Drop off delegates wishing to fly home via Calgary.
  - This airport has many direct connections to both Europe and Asia.
- 1000 – 1500: Continue travel to Saskatoon.
  - Return remaining delegates back to Saskatoon.
  - Stops will be made for refreshment breaks and lunch.



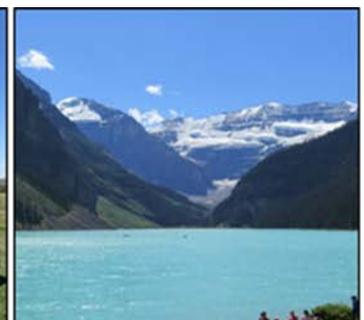
Potato Processing



Oldman Dam and Reservoir



Bar U Historical Ranch



Lake Louise, Banff National Park