



BACKGROUND

Agrology is the practice of bio-resource and economics sciences to provide advice to the agriculture, agri-food and environmental resources sector and contribute to the health of society, environment and economy. The Ontario Institute of Agrologists (OIA) was established over 50 years ago and is comprised of accredited practicing professionals. Today, we operate under an amended 2013 Ontario Institute of Professional Agrologists Act of the provincial legislature. There is an Institute of Agrology in each Canadian province and a network of over 10,000 licensed professionals across Canada. Like all registered professions under a provincial Act, accredited Agrologists adhere to a Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice, and serve society through public accountability.

The mission of the OIA is to serve as an independent third party and protect the public by ensuring the competence of practitioner members in Ontario. Our members serve to build public confidence in Ontario's agriculture, environmental remediation, agri-life science, agri-business, and agri-food system.

BENEFITS OF OIA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Ontario Institute of Agrologists brings many benefits, including opportunities

- For leadership development and mentoring;
- To update technical and professional skills;
- For exposure to a wide range of industry-related issues;
- To network with peers across Ontario and Canada;
- To discuss issues with key people in the industry;
- To attend seminars and meetings;
- To develop organizational skills; and
- To raise the profile of the role of agriculture and environmental sustainability with the public

STUDENT AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

The student affiliate membership demonstrates to future employers that you are committed to taking the steps necessary to become a registered/accountable Agrology practitioner. The student affiliate membership is available to students enrolled in Ontario undergraduate degree or diploma programs within a scope of practice curriculum of study (ie. agriculture, environmental science, agri-food, and agri-business). It represents an opportunity for you to prepare for your professional career and join a network of registered member practitioners. You will receive notifications of the OIA and branch meeting opportunities and networking events. Your application fee will be waived and student membership is only \$30 per year including tax. Your application fee to become an Agrologist-In-Training is waived when you apply within 3 months following graduation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you work in agriculture, agri-food or agri-life science or plan to gain employment within agri-business; turf management; ag environment/ecology; ag engineering; food quality assurance; soil, plant or animal science then your professional body is the Ontario Institute of Agrologists. For more information contact:

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