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August 26, 2015

A Note from Lou Hood, CanSIA Director of Member Relations & Communications



CanSIA listens to its members when it comes to communications. Last spring, we conducted a membership survey looking at our communications vehicles and satisfaction with the variety of ways in which we communicate with members and the industry at large.

Member needs and preferences were taken into account in developing a communications strategy for the association, which includes a new emphasis on value-added communications for our membership.

To that end, look for a new logo and look and feel from CanSIA in the next few months, and be sure to check out our new website coming in December. We'll be creating and hosting more of the kind of information and content we know our members expect from their industry association, including a newsfeed ticker that will track all the latest news in the solar sector, here in Canada as

well as abroad.

You may have heard, through [CanSIA's August Policy & Research Update](#), that CanSIA is introducing new Networks, which will soon replace the Caucus/Working Group model we've used for the past five years. Communications will play a large role within these networks; communications professionals from member companies will collaborate on solar energy issues identification and management. Stay tuned for more details about how the transition from Caucuses to Networks will unfold.

CanSIA looks forward to engaging with members as we roll out our communications strategy over the coming weeks and months.

Kindest Regards,

Lou
CanSIA, Director of Member Relations & Communications

Hood

To discuss your company's current or prospective membership and opportunities to participate in this year's Strategic Projects, please contact:

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Please read on for some upcoming CanSIA Member benefits and services:

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Learning Opportunities

Background Webinar on Ontario's Net Metering/Self-Consumption Program Concept Proposal

Ontario's Ministry of Energy will be holding a public webinar on **August 27, 2015** to discuss a policy proposal developed by the Ministry's Net Metering/Self-Consumption Advisory Working Group. While still in the conceptual stage, this policy proposal focuses on possible options for the eventual



transition of the microFIT Program into a net metering based approach in Ontario. CanSIA is an active member of the Ministry's Working Group and has worked to ensure that the industry perspective is taken into account in the development of the policy proposal. We will continue to participate in the Working Group as the process continues and will tie in the work of CanSIA's Distributed Generation Task Force to ensure that alignment is achieved between the two groups, where possible.

Examining and tackling the policy, regulatory, technical, and industry challenges of transitioning the microFIT Program into a net-metering based approach is a difficult task, but one that is crucial to the continued success of solar. Decisions on when and how to make this transition will have significant impacts on what the future of solar will look like in Ontario. We are pleased to say that the Ministry of Energy, the Ontario Energy Board, the IESO, LDCs, and of course CanSIA, are taking this task very seriously. Through the work of the Net Metering/Self-Consumption Advisory Working Group and CanSIA's Distributed Generation Task Force we are confident that the right people are taking on these challenges with a high level of commitment.

We encourage all members interested in the transition to net-metering to register for the Ministry's webinar in order to participate in this important process. The Ministry invitation is copied below.

[Click here to learn more and to register for the webinar.](#)

Event Discounts



Solar Power International, ranked as the largest solar trade show in North America, will be held **September 14-17, 2015 in Anaheim, CA**. From 100+ educational offerings - including learning opportunities right on the show floor - to the hundreds of exhibitors in the expo hall, showcasing new products and technology, SPI has something for everyone. [Learn more and](#)

[register.](#)

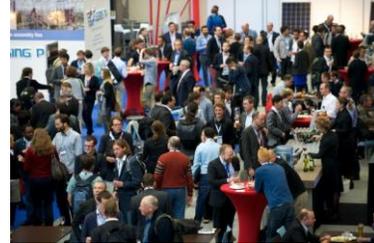
CanSIA members receive 15% off registration by entering a discount code. [Click here to get the code](#) (please note that you will be required to enter your CanSIA Member login details).

The European PV Solar Energy Conference (EU PVSEC) will take place from September 14-18, 2015 in Hamburg, Germany.

CanSIA members receive:

- 10% off Full-Week Registration
- 15% off exhibition space

[Click here to get instructions for accessing your CanSIA member discount](#) (please note that you will be required to enter your CanSIA Member login details).



ENERGYANDMINES

CanSIA is supporting and participating in the [3rd annual Energy and Mines Toronto Summit](#) which will bring together 400+ senior mining operators and global renewables professionals discuss solutions for addressing mining's power challenges and showcase the latest solar projects for mines. **CanSIA members get 20% off the registration price.**

[Click here to learn more and get the code](#) (please note that you will be required to enter your CanSIA Member login details).

Municipalities across Canada are looking to solar in their community energy planning. Join up to 350 leading municipal and community stakeholders at **QUEST2015: Getting Smart About Energy** in our Communities to build partnerships, profile best practices, and explore ongoing opportunities for advancing Smart Energy Communities in Canada. **CanSIA members get 20% off the registration price.**



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Profile Building and Business Opportunities

PV Racking CSA Standards Committee Members Wanted

CSA Group, an accredited standards development organization, is embarking on a racking standard for solar PV and is seeking members to participate on the solar PV racking standards committee. The committee will meet for the first time this September to discuss the scope of this standard, regarding whether it will focus primarily on electrical safety considerations, or also include structural aspects.



[Click here to learn more.](#)

Business Development Opportunity at Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum 2015



The Canadian Trade Commissioner Service (TCS) invites Canadian companies attending CREF2015 to take part in the Canada program on the margins of this event. Those companies not already registered for CREF2015 can take advantage of a TCS negotiated **10% discount for Canadian companies only.**

The Canada program at CREF2015 will include:

- TCS Caribbean Markets Briefing Session with presentations from Trade Commissioners and Caribbean experts
- B2B meetings with Caribbean companies/organizations
- Individual meetings with Trade Commissioners from Barbados, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Miami
- A Canadian pavilion/exhibit
- Excellent networking opportunities

[Click here to learn more.](#)

A banner for the IRES 2016 conference. It features the IRES logo (International Renewable Energy Storage Conference) on the left, the text 'CALL IS NOW OPEN!' and 'March 15 - 17, 2016, Messe Düsseldorf' in the center, and logos for WCRE and EURO SOLAR on the right.

International Renewable Energy Storage Conference **IRES** CALL IS NOW OPEN! March 15 - 17, 2016, Messe Düsseldorf WCRE EURO SOLAR

Call for Abstracts: 10th International Renewable Energy Storage Conference (IRES 2016) - CCD Messe Düsseldorf, 15-17 March 2016

The IRES conference series has become the leading place for discussion on the solutions to the pressing issues facing energy storage by drawing together one of largest gatherings of scientific and economic experts worldwide.

For its 10th anniversary IRES is publishing a Call for Abstracts for paper and poster presentations. Abstracts submissions **must be received by 16 September 2015**.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Call for Proposals for Ontario-Israel Collaboration Program (OICP)

This Ontario-Israel Call invites applicants - at least one industrial partner from Ontario and at least one industrial partner from Israel - to propose shared research projects for the development of innovative products or processes. The maximum duration of a project is 24 months. Special consideration will be given to projects in the following four areas, including clean technologies.

Deadline for Complete Applications: Monday, August 31, 2015, 12 midnight Eastern Time

[Click here to learn more.](#)

CanSIA Member Reminders

Profile your project through CanSIA's promotional materials

CanSIA is building up our archive of stock imagery of solar projects and we need the help of our Members. These images will be used in CanSIA marketing and promotional material, and will eventually be made available on our new website for use by the media and other stakeholders.

[Learn more about sharing your images with us.](#)



City of Kimberley's SunMine project

Already a CanSIA member? Ensure your company profile information is up to date. Have your bundle administrator log in at www.cansia.ca/user and click on the "Organization Profile" tab where you can view, update and save all of your company information.



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