

Joint OFL/ONIWG WCB Conference & March
Honouring 100 Years of Workers' Compensation
United Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil Street, Toronto
June 1st and 2nd 2015

Day 1: Monday June 1st

Morning

11:00 Queen's Park - 32nd Annual Injured Workers Day

- Meet Queen's Park - Ottawa-Toronto ONIWG bike riders arrive
- Speakers & March to Ministry of Labour (1 block south,
- Pizza lunch @ MOL 12:15, walk to USW Hall (10 Min.)

Afternoon

1:30 Conference Welcome - USW Hall, 25 Cecil Street

2:00 Updating Meredith's Report

- Presentation by Prof. Robert Story (Labour Studies, McMaster) on his 'Meredith Hearings' - current conditions for Ontario injured workers

3:00 break

3:15 OFL H&S WCB Convention video - Rising Together

3:30 *Honouring 100 Years of Workers' Compensation*

- Orlando Buonastella (IWC), Marion Endicott (IWC), Alec Farquhar (OWA)
Gary Newhouse (Lawyer)

5:00 adjourn

Evening

Cash bar, Dinner provided

Entertainment, fundraising auction, WCB games

Day 2 Tuesday June 2nd

Morning

9:00 From Principles to Action:

Addressing the Compensation Issues of Today (Laurie Hardwick (OFL) Chair)

- Platform for Change, Marion Endicott; Appeals Modernization, Sherree Backus (UFCW), Joanne Ford (UFCW); New Benefit Policies, Peter Bird (Lawyer), Joel Schwartz (IAVGO); Health Care Demands, Jessica Ponting (IAVGO); 72 Month lock-in & Deeming, Sherree Backus (UFCW), Karl Crevar (ONIWG); Compensation for Occupational Disease, Rick Hamilton (OWA), Nancy Hutchison (OFL).

12:30 Lunch

Afternoon

1:30 Legal Challenges: Has the WSIB Abandoned its Legal Mandate?

- Injured workers chronic pain victory in the Supreme Court of Canada, John McKinnon (IWC), Using the Ontario Human Rights Code, Ivana Petricone (ARCH), Workers Compensation and Canada's Obligations for Human Rights under International Treaties, Jeffrey Hilgert (University of Montreal); Institutional Bias - Is the WSIB biased in favour of cost cutting? Laura Lunansky (IWC); Fiduciary Duty - Does the WSIB have a fiduciary duty to support injured workers due to the historic compromise, Michael Farago (Carpenters District Council); ONIWG Legal Defence Fund and crowdfunding campaign, Peter Page (ONIWG), Andrew Eyles (USW IW program)

4:30 Closing Remarks