

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

*The Oval, Credit Union Place Summerside*

6:00 – 8:00 pm      **Welcome Reception and Barbecue**  
*Sponsored by Skills PEI*

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

*Conference Rooms B & C – Credit Union Place*

8:00 am              **Breakfast**  
*Sponsored by Innovation PEI*

8:45 am              **Official Welcome**  
*Victoria Belbin (Chief Executive Officer, ACADA)*  
*MP Heath MacDonald (Member of Parliament, Malpeque, PEI)*

8:55 am              **Opening Prayer and Smudging Ceremony**  
*Elders Jimmy Bernard and Joe John Sanipass*  
*(Lennox Island First Nation)*

9:15 am              **Reaching New Heights in Atlantic Canada**  
*Harvey Doane (Chief Operating Officer, Maritime Launch)*

The presentation will cover the who, what, and why of Maritime Launch, the benefits to the local economy, and look at the timeline ahead.

10:00 am             **Health Break**  
*Sponsored by Holland College*

10: 15 am            **Mental Health in the Workplace, A Shared Responsibility**  
*Charlie Marr (Community Educator, Canadian Mental Health Association)*

In this informative session, we will delve into the critical topic of "Mental Health in the Workplace" and explore how it is a shared responsibility among employers, employees, and the organization as a whole. With a

focus on nurturing a supportive and mentally healthy work environment, we will discuss various strategies and best practices that can be implemented collaboratively to ensure the well-being of everyone in the workplace.

10:45 am

**Open Collaboration in a Dual Use Ecosystem**

*Patrick Edwards-Daugherty (Founder & CEO, Spiri Robotics)*

Looking at how to develop through open standards and provide open software and hardware development kits, intending specifically to support and participate in cross-pollination within our robotics corner of the defence and civilian research ecosystems.

11:15 am

**Youth Panel – “Looking Ahead, Our Future Industry Leaders”**

*Panelists: Louise Regalado (Bench Operator, StandardAero), Duy Nguyen (Graduate Student of Science in Robotics and Automation, UPEI), Izaak Dalton (Repair and Overhaul Technician, Action Aero), Darren Machado (Marketing Coordinator, AKA Energy Systems)*

12:10pm

**Greetings from the Mayor of Summerside**

*Mayor Dan Kutcher*

12:20 pm

**Lunch**

1:05 pm

**Harnessing the Power of Artificial Intelligence: From the Workplace to Outer Space**

*Arad Gharagozli (Chief Executive Officer, Scio Logica)*

In this session, Arad Gharagozli CEO of Scio Logica and GALAXIA Mission Systems will talk about the work these two companies are doing to further AI development in the workplace and in space. Scio Logica’s Nesso software personalizes large language models by training them on a companies’ own data. GALAXIA is bringing edge-computation and AI solutions to space, with the MÖBIUS platform.

1:45 pm

**Continuous Improvement to Ensure an Engaged Workforce**

*Gary Cox (Senior Associate, Barrington Consulting Group)*

In a world where continuous improvement is necessary to empower the workforce, we will explore the impact of such practice on cultivating an engaged and motivated workforce. In this dynamic session we will delve into the strategies and practices that drive ongoing growth and development within organizations, fostering a culture of innovation and enthusiasm among the workforce.

2:30 pm

**Health Break**

*Sponsored by Holland College*

3:00 pm

**Industry Panel – “Looking Back – A Celebration of Our Success”**

**Moderator:** *Brian Thompson (Former President, Vector Aerospace Engines Atlantic)* **Panelists:** *Don McDougall (Former President of Labatt’s) Sue Lefort (PEI’s First Female Red Seal Machinist), Shawn McCarvill (President, Slemon Park Corporation), Dave Trainor (Founder and President, Action Aero)*

A captivating industry panel which features distinguished experts and pioneers who have played pivotal roles in shaping the sector. During this special session, our esteemed panelists will share their personal stories, experiences, and insights, taking us through the transformative moments that have defined the course of aerospace and defence advancements. From groundbreaking technological innovations to historic missions and collaborations, we will relive the moments that have made this industry a beacon of progress and excellence.

4:15 pm

**Cyber Compliance – Protecting Your Information and Your Future**

*Brendan Dunphy (Project Manager, Sapper Labs)*

Maintaining robust cybersecurity practices to safeguard your organization’s sensitive data is imperative to protect against potential breaches. During this engaging session, we will guide you through the latest cybersecurity regulations, best practices, and risk mitigation strategies.

- 5:00 pm **Program Concludes**
- 6:00 pm **Reception – Refreshments and Hors Oeuvres**  
*The Oval – Credit Union Place*
- 6:50 pm **Greetings from the Province of PEI**  
*The Honorable Gilles Arsenault (Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Trade)*
- 7:00 pm **Signature Lobster and Steak Dinner**
- 8:00 pm **Keynote Address**  
*Cpl Avery Arsenault (Aviation Systems Technician, Canadian Armed Forces)*

## Thursday, August 10

### *Site Tours sponsored by Slemon Park*

- 7:30 am **Delegates on their own for Breakfast**  
*Five Eleven West Restaurant, Credit Union Place*
- 8:20 am **Delegates depart Credit Union Place by car for travel to Slemon Park**
- 8:45 am **Delegates meet at StandardAero**  
*800 Aerospace Blvd., Slemon Park*
- 9:00 am **Delegates in groups move to StandardAero and MDS Coating for Tours**
- 10:15 am **Delegates cross over from StandardAero and MDS Coating for Second Tour**
- 10:30 am **Second tour begins**
- 11:45 am **Delegates Move to Slemon Park Corporation for lunch and presentation**
- 12:00 pm **Lunch and Presentation by Slemon Park Corp**  
*12 Redwood Ave., Slemon Park Anson's Restaurant, Harvard Room, Slemon Park Hotel and Conference Centre*

1:15 pm

**Conference ends, delegates depart from Slemon Park**