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## Go ahead - Mark your calendar for Canada's premier green professionals event

Toronto, Ont. – Green professionals with a desire to gain knowledge, discover tools of the trade, network with colleagues and celebrate a season that enhanced Ontario's green spaces and landscapes should plan on visiting Congress, Jan. 9 – 11, 2018. The 45<sup>th</sup> edition of Canada's premier trade show and conference, owned and produced by Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association, is optimally timed. The show features more than 600 multinational vendors in over 1300 exhibits spread over eight acres at the Toronto Congress Centre, Toronto, Ont.

Congress is co-located with Fencecraft, a show-within-a-show, owned by the Canadian Fence Industry Association. Visitors can explore some of the nation's leading wholesalers and manufacturers of fence products and related services.

The foundation of a prosperous and profitable landscape business is a knowledgeable and skilled workforce. Visitors to Congress have numerous opportunities for professional development and skills training during the Congress trade show and conference. The diversity of the industry requires specific knowledge that can be found at the various sector group conferences held on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. Conferences include: The Peer to Peer Workshop, Landscape Designer Conference, and IPM Symposium.

The perennial favourite Congress Conference, runs three full days, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and is guaranteed to thrill you with new ideas, introduce you to knowledgeable peers and industry experts, provide you with information and time tested tips that, if implemented, will help your business grow. Visitors have the option of registering for a one- or three-day package that includes admission to the conference sessions, trade show and the popular Tailgate Party.

A thirst for hands-on learning and exploring innovative products will be quenched when you visit Hardscape Live, Green Live, Canada Blooms Campus, Vehicle Circle Check or the must see New Product Showcase. Get skilled at Hardscape Live where you'll take in critical installation techniques. New for Congress'18, visitors can learn how to select, plant and care for shrubs and trees, anchor elements of any landscaped space. Meet future leaders and labourers at the Canada Blooms Campus and view their handiwork in the student designed and built gardens. New products abound and you won't want to skip a visit to the centre of innovation, the New Product Showcase.

Visit LOcongress.com for details on the exhibitors, events, conference and speaker profiles.

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**Landscape Ontario's Congress** is Canada's premier green industry trade show and conference, rich in education, multinational vendors, innovative product and networking opportunities. The timely and comprehensive four-day, top-rated conference program features acclaimed experts.



**Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association** is one of the most vibrant associations of its kind, comprised of over 2,000 members, ten sector groups and nine local chapters. Its trade mission is to promote the horticulture industry in Ontario, and its public mission is to promote the joys and benefits of green spaces.

**The Canadian Fence Industry Association** is a non-profit organization representing contractors, retailers, agents, wholesalers and manufacturers of fence products and services. They are dedicated to representing high construction standards as well as a high level of ethical business behavior in a competitive market place.