

Hamilton Nuclear Showcase

Presented by The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries and McMaster University

June 27th, 2022 – Hamilton, Ontario. The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) and McMaster University began planning the Hamilton Nuclear Showcase in 2020, before the global pandemic, and it finally became a reality in 2022.

The Hamilton Nuclear Showcase is an event that is part of OCNI's Local Supplier Engagement Program, which celebrates the significant impact that local innovation clusters of OCNI members have had on the nuclear industry and the local economy. These events have been very successful in showing the invited MPs, MPPs, and local mayors how Ontario's investment in the revitalization of Ontario's nuclear plants is injecting positive economic impact and creating thousands of skilled and long-term jobs. We believe this program plays a major role in maintaining and expanding political knowledge and support for Ontario's nuclear life extension program.



Pictured left to right: Jane Travers (OPG), Grant Maclean (MPP Skelly's Office), Mariano Arriaga (Mohawk College), Jason Elliot (Liburdi), Stephen Veldhuis (McMaster), Clint Thomas (Bruce Power), Ron Oberth (OCNI), MP Lisa Hepfner, Walter Silva (Toshiba), Ed Veckie (Unified Engineering), Dave Tucker (McMaster), Keith Skrepnek (Laurentis Energy Partners), Justin Hannah (NRCAN), Gordon Hadaller (Stern Labs), MP Dan Muys.

The event opened with remarks from OCNI President and CEO Ron Oberth and McMaster University Assistant Vice-President of Nuclear Research, Dave Tucker. He was followed by Stephen Veldhuis, speaking about the McMaster Manufacturing Research Institute & CAMiNA. The event continued with presentations from Liburdi, Stern Labs, Toshiba, Unified Engineering, Laurentis, and Mohawk College representatives. We were also joined by Bruce Power and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) representatives Clint Thomas and Jane Travers, who provided remarks on the incredible innovations these local suppliers have demonstrated.

“By investing in an Ontario-based supply chain, Bruce Power is supporting economic growth locally and helping to bring homegrown technology to the forefront of worldwide nuclear innovation.” – Clint Thomas, Bruce Power

The final guest speakers included several elected officials within the Hamilton region, including MP Dan Muys, MP for Flamborough-Glanbrook with the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Lisa Hepfner, MP for Hamilton Mountain – Liberal Party of Ontario, Grant Maclean on behalf of Donna Skelly, MPP for Flamborough-Glanbrook - Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, and Norm Schleeahn, Director, Economic Development for the city of Hamilton. Natural Resources Director Justin Hannah also attended and provided remarks about this local cluster. All the politicians expressed excitement about creating new jobs and continuing to grow their partnership and ties to the Canadian nuclear industry.

“Canada needs the perpetually exciting innovation and ingenuity of McMaster University, and the advances in nuclear science right here in Hamilton are a great example. This is how we become a world leader in fighting climate change, creating green jobs, and advancing medical breakthroughs in devastating diseases like prostate cancer.” – Lisa Hepfner, MP Hamilton Mountain

The event concluded with Ron Oberth giving remarks of gratitude for the speakers and appreciation that the showcase had finally come to fruition. Ron expressed, *“special thanks to OCNI’s Rachel Roberts and the McMaster Team for their detailed planning and execution of this event that showcased the remarkable nuclear engineering talent and research facilities in the Hamilton region that support Ontario’s nuclear generation and medical isotope programs and also export innovative products and services around the world.”* After the showcase event, tours of the McMaster Nuclear Reactor (MNR) were offered to learn more about safe nuclear energy practices and daily reactor operations.

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Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) is an association of more than 240 Canadian suppliers to the nuclear industry that employ 20,000 highly skilled and specialized engineers, technologists, and trades people. OCNI companies design reactors, manufacture major equipment and components and provide engineering services and support to CANDU nuclear power plants in Canada as well as to CANDU and Light Water Reactor (LWR) plants in offshore markets.

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