

CSLA is committed to minimizing the waste, water, energy consumption, and air emissions at the Congress by making environmental considerations and evaluating the environmental impact at all stages of planning.

Our Environmental Objectives

1. We will recognize that a Congress of this size has traditionally had a serious impact on the environment. We will be environmentally sensitive and aware.
2. To actively engage all participants to assist in reducing the environmentally harmful impact of the conference, while still maintaining valuable education and networking opportunities.
3. **Reduction:** Waste produced by conference organizers and attendees will be minimized where possible.
4. **Reuse:** Encourage the reuse of products where possible.
5. **Recycle:** Ensure that conference facilities recycle as much material as possible.
6. We will work with event suppliers to ensure that the environmental impacts associated with the services and products they provide are minimized, and opportunities for promoting positive social and economic development are maximized.
7. We will measure the results of our environmental strategy to provide a benchmark for future events.

What the Conference Organizers are Doing

General

We practice "Green" office procedures including:

- Copy and print double-sided in order to save paper.
- Reuse paper that has been used on one side only for memos, drafts and taking notes.
- Recycle waste paper.
- Use stationary and envelopes containing a high percentage of recycled materials.
- Share the same original copy of reports as much as possible.
- Recycle bottles, cans, corrugated cardboard and newspapers.

Conference Promotion/Registration

- Reduce paper usage as much as possible through the use of the web and e-mail for promotion of the Congress
- Minimize hard copy registrations with the use of electronic registration.
- Reuse envelopes for delegate registration materials.
- Use re-usable/multi-use name badge holders.

Food, Beverage and Catering Services

- Eliminate the use of bottled water at refreshment breaks and offer re-fillable bottles and water stations.
- We will serve locally produced, seasonal food & beverage products where possible.
- Leftover food will be composted.

Transportation

- The hotel is right in the heart of Downtown Toronto and near public transit.

What Delegates Can Do

- Consider car-pooling to the Congress from local destinations.
- Use appropriate recycling bins located through out the facility (readily available and clearly marked).
- Let registration staff know if you are not able to attend some meal functions to avoid left-overs.
- Take advantage of hotel linen re-use programs
- Turn hotel lights off and close drapes when not in your room
- Recycle or refuse morning newspaper delivery
- Make suggestions to us on other ways you would like to help.

What Exhibitors Can Do

- Consider the use of public transportation or car-pooling to the Congress from either the airport or local destinations.
- Take advantage of hotel linen re-use programs
- Turn hotel lights off and close drapes when you are not in your room
- Use recycled or consumable products as giveaways when possible
- Do not use give away items made from endangered or threatened species.
- Select decorations and display materials that can be re-used or consider donating these items to a local school or charity for use in craft projects.
- Bring only what you need for the event and return un-used items for future shows.
- Print collateral materials on double-sided, post-consumer recycled paper.
- Use on-site recycling facilities for paper, cardboard, metals, glass, plastics and wood.
- Re-use packing boxes and supplies where possible.
- Share your environmental strategies with us!