



**THE FOURTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE
LAKE ERIE MILLENNIUM NETWORK
February 28 - March 2 2006**

The University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Preliminary Program Summary

Monday evening February 27th - Informal mixer

Tuesday February 28th

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks and Introduction

8:45 - 12:00 noon **Research Needs #1 & #4 - Factors regulating the trophic status of Lake Erie:** nutrients, food web components; summary findings of the *Lake Erie Trophic Status* collaborative project

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1:00 - 5:30 p.m. **Research Need #3 - Habitat Issues in the Lake Erie basin:** a habitat classification system, status of habitat zones of the Lake Erie basin; an indicator system for the L. Erie basin.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Social and contributed poster & exhibit viewing

Wednesday March 1

8:30-12:00 noon **Research Needs #2, #5, & #6 - Biological and chemical contaminants - legacy and emerging issues:** status and understanding of persistent chemicals, botulism, microcystin, invaders

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. **International Field Year for Lake Erie (IFYLE):** progress reports on processes and consequences of biophysical coupling

5:00 - 5:15 p.m. **Discussion: Perspectives on integrating findings:** thinking about next steps

5:15 - 5:30 p.m. **Ongoing and upcoming projects - new and continuing research opportunities**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Social and contributed poster & exhibit viewing

Thursday March 2

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. **Continuing trends, new directions, and next steps** - integration of findings, research needs, new management needs, new tools

9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Charge to researchers and collaborators. Final comments.

10:00-11:45 a.m. **Lake Erie Research Synthesis and Needs-** breakout discussion in groups

11:45 - 12:30 p.m. Reporting out; summary comments (Lunch provided)

12:30 p.m. Conference ends