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**HO! HO! WHOA! YOU CAN HELP THE HORSE INDUSTRY****Make an Impact on the Equine Industry!**

Industry Survey Launch - Equine Guelph has been listening to and serving the needs of the horse industry since its inception 8 years ago. We want to hear from you! Your feedback will contribute to the growth and success of your horse industry! Everyone will have a chance to be heard and make a difference shaping future programs for the equine community.

The survey will be available online on the Equine Guelph website starting February 1st 2011 and will close March 6th, 2011. Needs and priorities of the equine industry will be addressed. Results will be used for developing Equine Guelph programs specific to industry needs.

So stay tuned, sign on and have your say!



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Please forward this email to your friends who own horses so they can **sign up** for Equine Guelph's Enews and receive notification as soon as the survey is available.

For more information on the Equine Guelph industry survey,  
please contact Diane Gibbard at 519-824-4120 x 53457 or [horses@uoguelph.ca](mailto:horses@uoguelph.ca)

**Special Guest Speakers**

Equine Guelph is pleased to announce that an impressive line-up of speakers will be joining the online course called, **The Equine Industry**, a part of the online equine studies program offered by Equine Guelph.

Dr. Sandra Olsen, Curator of Anthropology of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and author of the course textbook, will be joining the course to expand upon the domestication of the horse. Dr. Olsen's work has uncovered the earliest evidence of domestication of the horse and she was also one of the creators of "The Horse" exhibit that premiered at the American Museum of Natural History and now at the Museum of Civilization in Canada.

Joining the prestigious line-up of special guests will be Dr. Jeff Thomason, hoof researcher with the University of Guelph, who will be sharing his insights on the anatomical changes of the horse (in particular the hoof) throughout its 55 million years of evolution. Mr. Derek Nelson, formerly World Affairs Analyst for Thomson News Service, will be sharing his insights on the military role of the horse and its impact on several world battles that changed the course of history forever.

"It is a great thrill for our students to have the opportunity to spend a week with Dr. Olsen and learn about this pivotal point in history, when horses were first domesticated and the subsequent effect this had on many aspects of culture and society." said Gayle Ecker, Director of Equine Guelph and course instructor. "Our group of guests for this course is top-notch and we are pleased they are willing to share their specialized knowledge with our students."

Other January courses on offer include Anatomy, Nutrition, Health and Disease Prevention, and Management of the Equine Environment, and Marketing and Communications. Check [www.equinestudiesdiploma.com](http://www.equinestudiesdiploma.com) for more information about courses and registration.

**Gifts that keep on Giving**

Research In Motion believes one good turn deserves another

RIM Corporate Philanthropy is pleased to facilitate a gift of \$500 to Equine Guelph, because of the volunteer efforts of Renata Rusiniak. Renata is one busy lady working as the Manager of Community Relations at Research In Motion but somehow she finds the time to volunteer for EquiMania! on a regular basis.

Renata's latest travels with EquiMania! include the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky and succeeding in the arduous task of organizing an auction at the Outdoor Equine Expo to raise funds for Equine Guelph's educational programs. When asked what keeps her coming back, Renata states "at one time in my career, I thought I was going to be a teacher. I ended up following a different career path but EquiMania! gives me the opportunity to engage kids in learning about horses and the equine industry. It allows me to essentially be a teacher (in a volunteer capacity) teaching about something I'm personally very passionate about.

EquiMania! continuously adds new displays which means I have the opportunity to advance my equine knowledge too. I couldn't find a better match in a volunteer opportunity and for this reason, I always look forward to my next EquiMania! adventure".

Equine Guelph thanks Renata and RIM for their support!

**Holiday Best Wishes**

The staff of Equine Guelph would like to wish all a wonderful holiday season! We hope you and loved ones, including the equine ones of course, enjoy a warm and memorable time. We appreciate your continued support as this helps us help you by providing high quality, award-winning education, training programs and funding for much needed research on horse health and well-being.

Give the horses some carrots from us!

*Gayle*  
*Jackie* *Hennieta* *Diane*

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