



## Scientific Program Released

ICOPHAI 2017 is less than a month away! Please visit the ICOPHAI website for the latest version of the [Scientific Program](#). We encourage you to review the program to check session assignments and the schedule.

Please note that pre-congress workshops will be held on November 5 - 6. The themes are:

- Surveillance and One Health Implementation
- Exposure and Toxicological Characteristics of Chemical Agents in the Environment

## Visa Application Deadline Update: October 15



If you plan on attending the upcoming 4th ICOPHAI in Doha, Qatar from November 7 - 9, 2017, it is critical that you immediately contact our Local Organizing Committee to request and procure a visa. While there are some countries that have Visa on Arrival or Visa Exemption agreements with Qatar, our affiliates in Doha recently revised their recommendations. **All participants should work with their office to secure a visa in advance.**

Please direct all related communication and follow-up inquiries to Sumaya Mhd.Suhaib Alzein as soon as possible for information and an official letter of invitation,

if needed, at the following email addresses: [s.zein@qu.edu.qa](mailto:s.zein@qu.edu.qa) and [ICOPHAI-2017@qu.edu.qa](mailto:ICOPHAI-2017@qu.edu.qa).

Visa inquiries received after October 15 may not be processed in time. **Note: Passport must be valid for at least six additional months beyond dates of travel in order to be eligible for a visa.**

## Early Bird Registration Rates Extended: October 15

In light of the newly advised Visa requirements, ICOPHAI early bird registration rates will be left open until October 15. Register [online](#).

**After October 15, regular registration rates apply.** If for some reason, you pay your registration fee, but are unable to secure a visa while following the outlined steps in a timely manner, your registration fee will be reimbursed.



## On-site Registration, Rules and Regulations: November 7 - 9

If you plan to register on-site in Doha, please note the following acceptable payment methods:

- Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express)
- Cash (Qatari Riyal or U.S. Dollars)

## Speaker Highlight



### Manon Racicot, PhD, Université de Montréal

Racicot will lead Plenary Session 4, "Food-borne and Water-borne Diseases"

Racicot is also an adjunct professor at the Université de Montréal and her research interests are biosecurity, compliance, food safety and risk assessment.

She completed a PhD in 2011 at the Faculté de Médecine Vétérinaire de l'Université de Montréal on the biosecurity compliance of poultry farms. Afterwards, she worked for the CFIA Animal Biosecurity Office from 2011 to 2013, and is currently a food risk analyst there. She manages the development of the risk assessment model based on food manufactures and the risk assessment model for hatcheries.

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