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Vancouver, March 25 – 27, 2015

Airports Canada 2015 will explore what airports have done—and must do in the future—to ensure that they can continue to move people and goods freely while addressing the complicated reality of today’s global landscape.

This two-day event will feature presentations by industry leaders, in-depth panels and open discussions as the Canadian airport community and stakeholders come together to plan a secure, open and sustainable way forward.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 25, 2015	
11:00 – 17:00	Registration
18:00 – 20:00	Conference Welcome Reception & Exhibit Hall Grand Opening
Thursday, March 26, 2015	
07:00 – 11:00	Registration
07:30 – 08:30	Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
08:30 – 09:15	<p>Welcome and Keynote Speaker Introduction: John Gibson, CAC Chair, President & CEO, Prince George Airport</p> <p>Dr. Walter Mérida, Director, Clean Energy Research Centre, University of British Columbia</p>
09:15 – 10:30	<p>Session # 1: The Connected World: An Aviation Outlook</p> <p><i>The airline sector should continue to do well in 2015, bolstered by lower fuel cost, new aircraft technologies and continued high demand and load factors – good news for airports. However, underlying factors such as geopolitical uncertainty, the continued rise of powerful air competition from the Middle East and high taxes and fees are still at play. This session will highlight key indicators and help provide direction for future planning.</i></p> <p>Introduction: Doug Newson, President and CEO, Charlottetown Airport</p> <p>Connectivity: The European Experience Olivier Jankovec, Director General, ACI Europe</p> <p>Outlook for Aviation Mike Tretheway, Chief Economist & Chief Strategy Officer, InterVISTAS</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

10:45 – 12:00	<p>Session # 2: Air Service Development 2015</p> <p><i>Canada's air carriers are busy, with several of the largest carrier groups implementing major changes to their business plans. More efficient aircraft and new business units are changing the game for airlines, airports and passengers in Canada, creating potential for new routes and destinations. This airline panel will examine the most recent developments in leisure and regional airline service, and provide insight on what these changes will mean for airports.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mike Seabrook, President & CEO, London International Airport</p> <p>Ed Baklor, VP Guest Services, WestJet Tarkan İnce, General Manager Canada, Turkish Airlines Jim Young, CEO, NewLeaf Airways Renee Smith-Valade, VP Customer Experience, Air Canada rouge</p>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
13:30 – 14:45	<p>Session # 3: Connecting Brand Canada with the World</p> <p><i>Canada is a globally-oriented trading nation. Tourism, business travel, exporting are all essential elements to Canada's global trading successes – and prosperity at home. This discussion will look at the how we promote Canada abroad, seeking insight from different economic perspectives to better inform the supportive role that Canada's air transport organizations play in linking Canada and Canadians with the world.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Kevin Burke, President and CEO, ACI-NA</p> <p>David Goldstein, President & CEO, Canadian Tourism Commission Robin Silvester, President & CEO, Port Metro Vancouver Eric Miller, Vice President, Policy, Innovation and Competitiveness, Canadian Council of Chief Executives Craig Richmond, President & CEO, Vancouver Airport Authority</p>
14:45 – 15:00	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Session # 4: Security Done Smartly</p> <p><i>Security doesn't start at screening – it is a 360°, 24/7 process that affects every person, vehicle or container entering the airport. While security needs are becoming more complex, new technologies, processes and training are coming online to improve the passenger experience and efficiently handle Non-Passenger Screening and cargo/baggage. Looking at the issue from 3 different perspectives: an airport screening environment, Non-Passenger Screening processes and the cybersecurity environment, this panel will provide insight into the best and most effective way to enhance security—and minimize hassles.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sam Samaddar, Airport Director, Kelowna International Airport Shawn Dagg, Chief Strategy Officer, Optosecurity Inc. Jennifer Sullivan, Director, Corporate Safety and Security, Greater Toronto Airports Authority Steve Vandenberg, Senior Managing Consultant, Security, Strategy and Risk, IBM Canada</p>

16:00 – 16:15	Opening Day Wrap-Up Daniel-Robert Gooch , President, Canadian Airports Council
18:30—21:30	Gala Reception and Dinner Evening entertainment: Herb Dixon , Sound Impressionist
Friday, March 27, 2015	
07:00 – 11:00	Registration
07:30 – 08:30	Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
08:30 – 09:15	Session # 5: CTA Review Introduction: John Gibson, CAC Chair, President & CEO, Prince George Airport The Honourable David Emerson , Chair, <i>Canada Transportation Act Review</i> , accompanied by Duncan Dee , Advisor
09:15 – 10:30	Session # 6: Towards a National Transportation Strategy <i>The Canada Transportation Act Review has highlighted the fact that Canada has no National Transportation Strategy. This session will be an open discussion on why we need a national transportation strategy and how government and industry can work together to achieve it.</i> Moderator: Gerry Bruno, Vice President, Federal Government Affairs, Vancouver Airport Authority Peter Wallis , President & CEO, Van Horne Institute Marc-André O'Rourke , Executive Director, National Airlines Council of Canada Marcus Ewert-Johns , VP, British Columbia, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters
10:30 – 10:45	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
10:45 – 12:00	Session # 7: Countdown 2015: The Political Panel <i>Ottawa is a noisy, crowded place as associations, businesses and special interest groups vie for attention and action. Our panel, consisting of some of the most experienced and seasoned politicians and policy-makers in Canada will provide insight into the unspoken dos – and don'ts – of getting to YES in Ottawa.</i> Moderator: Daniel-Robert Gooch, President, Canadian Airports Council The Honourable Monte Solberg , Principal, New West Public Affairs Susan Smith , Principal, Bluesky Strategy Group Bill Tieleman , President, West Star Communications
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch with Speaker David Solloway , President & Director, Canada Jetlines Limited Introduced by: Craig Richmond, President & CEO, Vancouver Airport Authority
13:00	Closing Remarks Daniel-Robert Gooch , President, Canadian Airports Council