ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The program committee for the 2019 Valve Industry Leadership Forum have established the program for the Forum scheduled for March 28-29, 2019 at the Ritz-Carlton Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Members of the program committee are Kim Beise, Dowco; Kent Fowler, Emerson/ASCO; Mike Glavin, Conval; Stephane Meunier, Cowan and Matt Thiel, AUMA.

As the meeting is being held for the first time in Canada the program will have an afternoon devoted to the Canadian economy and end-user industries.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Attendance is open to senior executives responsible for managing a VMA or VRC member company and/or division of such company. We encourage our industry leaders to bring with them their management teams and emerging leaders. There will be time devoted to networking with your peers at other companies.

REGISTRATION FEES
Registration is limited to VMA/VRC Members Only.

First Registration $650
Additional Registrations $550
(from the same dues paying member)

Spouse/Guest Registration $300
The Spouse/Guest fee includes continental breakfast, morning and afternoon breaks, and hosted reception and dinner. There is also a spouse/guest activity on March 28, 2019 that is included in the registration fee.

QUESTIONS?
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Wednesday, March 27

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  VRC Board Meeting (Closed)
   Executive Boardroom

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  VMA Board Meeting (Closed)
   The Gallery

6:00 p.m.  VMA Board Reception and Dinner (Closed)
   TOCA BISTRO

Thursday, March 28

8:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
   Promenade A

All Sessions in Salon A&B

9:00 a.m.  Formal Opening

9:05 – 10:30 a.m.  Session I
   What Happens Now? Reinvent Yourself as a Leader Before Your Business Outruns You
   Dr. John Hillen, Executive in Residence and Professor of Practice in the School of Business at
   George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

   How do we develop leaders? Dr. Hillen will share his thoughts on leadership development as well as share with the audience data compiled for his book which is the title of this session. All attendees will receive a copy of his book.

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Spouse/Guest Tour – The Many Facets of the “Queen City”
   Continental Breakfast provided for registered Spouse/Guests in Promenade A @ 8:30 a.m.

   Please meet in the lobby of the Ritz Toronto at 9:15 a.m. The tour of the “Queen City” will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please be sure to dress in layers. This tour will be conducted mostly from inside the bus, but scenic stops where you will be able to get out and take pictures will also be part of the tour. Lunch is included with this tour.

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  Refreshment Break
   Promenade A

11:00 a.m. – Noon  Session II
   An Update on Tariffs and NAFTA
   Eric McClafferty, Partner, Kelley Drye & Warren, Washington, DC

   VMA legal counsel Mr. McCafferty will update attendees on the most recent tariff situation which seems to change daily. He will also address the latest developments as they relate to NAFTA.

Noon – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch
   Salon C&D
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Session III
The Canadian Economic Outlook
Craig Wright, Senior Vice President & Chief Economist, Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto
The first of three sessions addressing the Canadian market. Craig Wright of the Royal Bank of Canada will give the latest economic outlook for our northern neighbors.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Session IV
The Outlook for The Canadian Petroleum Industry
David Sword, Ontario Advisor, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Toronto
Mr. Sword will share with attendees the latest forecast for this important Canadian industry and its implications for the U.S. manufacturers.

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Refreshment Break
Promenade A

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Session V
The Chemical Industry in Canada
Bob Masterson, President & CEO, Chemistry Industry Association of Canada, Ottawa
The chemical industry is another major industry for Canada. Mr. Masterson will tell us what direction it will be taking in the next few years.

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. VMA Host Reception and Dinner (Spouses/Guests invited)
The Gallery

Friday, March 29

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Spouses/Guests invited)
Promenade A
All Sessions in Salon A&B

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Session VI
The Current Human Resources Agenda
Jessica Bushell, Director of Human Resources Partnership, A.W. Chesterton, Groveland, MA
Ms. Bushell will bring us up to date on such areas as:
• Recruiting and training
• Workforce retention
• Changing habits of millennials
• Healthcare

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break
Promenade A

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Session VII
Internet of Things for Manufacturing Companies
Steve Armstrong, Vice President Plantweb Technology, Emerson Automation Solutions, Austin, TX
Mr. Armstrong one of our industries leaders in this field, will share with attendees what they as valve manufacturers are doing in this important area of I of T.

12:00 p.m. Adjournment
March 28, 2019 / 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SPOUSE/GUEST TOUR

Finance capital, cultural center, ethnically diverse communities…Toronto is all these things as well as a source of inspiration and imagination. This tour will provide attendees with an opportunity to soak in the exciting, vibrant and cosmopolitan city. Attendees will explore the city and various neighborhoods including the CN Tower, Toronto’s iconic landmark. The tour will conclude with lunch on the Toronto waterfront complete with a view of Lake Ontario. See schedule for details.

The Many Facets of the “Queen City”

Hotel Reservations

The Ritz-Carlton Toronto
181 Wellington Street West
Toronto, ON
CANADA
T 416-585-2500

Accommodations for the 2019 Leadership Forum will be at the Ritz-Carlton Toronto. A discounted rate of $275 USD/$365 CAN is in effect for reservations until Monday, February 25, 2019. Discounted rate is effective for the dates of March 26 - 29, 2019 ONLY. Please note that rooms on the March 26 and March 29 are extremely limited.

Attendees can make reservations at the Ritz-Carlton Toronto by calling 1-866-342-6974. Please mention you are with Valve Manufacturers Association to obtain the discounted rate. If you wish to make online reservations, please go to the VMA website at www.vma.org/page/LeadershipForum2019
TRAVEL INFORMATION
Canadian law requires that all persons entering Canada carry both proof of citizenship and proof of identity. A valid U.S. passport, passport card, or NEXUS card satisfies these requirements for U.S. citizens.

New entry requirement now in effect: visa-exempt foreign nationals need an Electronic Travel Authorization to fly to or transit through Canada. Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travelers with a valid Canadian visa.

For more information about traveling to Canada, currency, what you can and cannot bring across the border, and rules and regulations regarding guns and concealed carry, please visit the Canada Border Services Agency. [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html).

AIRPORT AND TRANSPORTATION
The Pearson International Airport is 35 minutes from the Ritz-Carlton Toronto. Driving directions can be found on the Ritz-Carlton Toronto website.

Connecting Toronto Pearson International Airport with Union Station in downtown Toronto in just 25 minutes, the Union Pearson Express can be taken from the airport to Union Station, just a 10 minute walk to the Ritz-Carlton Toronto. With only two brief stops at the Bloor and Weston GO Stations, the Union Pearson Express offers travelers swift and reliable service.

A taxi from the airport will take 35 - 40 minutes to reach downtown.

For more information on travel options, please call the Ritz-Carlton Toronto at 416-585-2500.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICIES
- Cancellations received up to 30 days before the event are refundable minus a 5% administrative fee
- Cancellations received between 15 and 29 days before the event are 75% refundable
- Due to hotel and other event guarantees, cancellations received between 0 - 14 days prior to the event are non-refundable.

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Your Name: ________________________________________________________________

First Name for Badge: ______________________________________________________

Company: _______________________________________________________________
Title: ________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: ___________

Telephone: __________________________________________________________________ Email: ___________________

Spouse/Guest Name (if registering a spouse): _______________________________________ 

First Name for Badge (spouse): __________________________________________

☐ Yes! Please count me in for the spouse/guest program on Thursday, March 28, 2019. (Must be registered as spouse/guest)

☐ No, my spouse is attending the meeting, but is not interested in the spouse/guest program.

☐ I/we plan on attending the Reception & Dinner on Thursday, March 28, 2019. (Included in registration)

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☐ Spouse/Guest $300 (Please let us know if you are interested in the spouse/guest program - see above.)

FORM OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of $ ____________________ to cover the above registration(s) (Please make checks payable to VMA, reference: 2019 Valve Industry Leadership Forum)

CHARGE MY:

☐ American Express ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Expiration Date: _____________ Security Code: ___________

Card No: _______________________

Name on Card: _______________________

Signature: _______________________

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