

INNOV'ACER Event: A Hub Of Innovation And Knowledge Sharing

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The Centre ACER and the International Maple Syrup Institute (IMSI) were proud to host the INNOV'ACER event, a major gathering for the maple industry that took place from June 4 to 6, 2025, in Orford, Quebec.

This significant event focused on innovation, offering a rich and diverse program that captured the interest of attendees. It provided a unique opportunity to discover innovative research projects conducted by Centre ACER and its partners, and to attend inspiring presentations by renowned researchers from Quebec and the United States.

Centre ACER held its annual general meeting on the morning of Wednesday, June 4, while IMSI held its own on the afternoon of Thursday, June 5. IMSI also facilitated open discussions on high-priority topics for the industry.

INNOV'ACER proved to be much more than a meeting—it was a space for idea exchange, networking, and collaboration, all aimed at advancing the maple industry and exploring new perspectives.

Event Highlights:

The event featured a series of conferences designed to provide attendees with valuable knowledge and practical

insights. The sessions were organized as follows:

Session #1 – June 4: Centre ACER et al. included presentations on projects conducted by Centre ACER or in collaboration with other research institutions.

Session #2 – June 5: focused on climate change and insect invasions, with university experts presenting on various aspects of these challenges.

Session #3 – June 6: organized by IMSI, addressed topics such as carbon footprint and sugarbush management for climate resilience.

Keynote Speakers:

The event welcomed distinguished speakers from various universities and research centers active in maple research, including:

- Centre ACER, Quebec, Canada
- Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC), Quebec, Canada
- Laval University, Quebec, Canada
- Concordia University, Quebec, Canada
- Sherbrooke University, Quebec, Canada
- Cornell University, New York, USA
- University of Vermont, Vermont, USA
- Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Quebec, Canada
- University of Michigan, Michigan, USA
- University of Maine, Maine, USA

Conferences were offered in both French and English, with simultaneous translation. <https://www.centreacer.qc.ca/Uploads/%C3%89v%C3%A8nements/I>

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Networking Opportunities:

In addition to the conferences, INNOV'ACER offered numerous networking opportunities, allowing participants to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and build new partnerships.

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