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Laurentian Chapter of the Society of
Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

Southern Ontario Pub Night

**“Reflections on a Career as a
Scientist in the Private Sector”**

Dr. Mike Dutton
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When: Wed Jan 16th 2019 , 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Shakespeare Arms
35 Harvard Rd., Guelph

Cost: \$2 members/\$4 non-members

Join us for an engaging talk, delicious food, cozy atmosphere
and fine brew!

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Abstract

Laurentian SETAC has a significant student and early career scientist membership. As a member at the other end of the career path, I thought I'd let the younger cohort hear about some of my experiences, first as a consultant hopping between companies to advance my prospects, then as a scientist in the mining industry, and now again as an independent consultant. I thought I might discuss some interesting projects (case studies), successes, failed job interviews, observations on bosses, extreme stress, being a road warrior, and what have you. There's much uncertainty early in one's career path. Let's have a bit of light discussion on the serious matter of taking a private sector path following your formal education.

Biography

Mike was born and raised in Winnipeg, and worked as a section man for CN before going back to school to become a “metals guy” receiving Bachelor and Master's degrees (Ecology and Zoology) from the University of Manitoba. Mike's M.Sc. research examined metal ecotoxicology in the lab and field (at ELA and near the Flin Flon smelter in northern Manitoba). Mike received his PhD from the University of Waterloo, where he studied mercury accumulation in fish. Following his PhD, Mike worked in environmental consulting at Cantox, Beak, and Golder before being hired by Inco (now Vale) as Director of Environmental and Health Science. Mike has recently retired and is doing some house building some metals-related consulting in Canada and Korea.