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**ASQ Edmonton Mission:**

ASQ Canada Edmonton Section adds value to ASQ membership and promotes quality in Northern Alberta through facilitating local access to information and education on quality principles, practices and experience, and by providing opportunities to share ideas and learning.



**Message from the Chair**

Doina Varzaru

Chair Edmonton Section 014

Dear ASQ Members,

This spring started out by being a busy and exciting time for ASQ Edmonton Section; we had a number of member leaders' meetings, the dinner event in April and the first quarter financial report! Coming soon, on June 4th we will have our annual social event, the barbecue we organize jointly with AACE this year! The details of location and time will be in this newsletter, please make sure you RSVP on time and bring your family along for some outdoor fun!

Usually, this would be the event to mark the beginning of our summer break, however this year we will have activities organized during the summer months.

On that note, I would like to announce the ISO 9001:2015 Workshop on July 18, activity organized for the benefit of our members and by popular demand; ASQ Edmonton will be subsidizing the cost of this workshop in order to offer an accessible price for our members, so please make sure you sign up sooner rather than later in order to take advantage of this offer.

I am looking forward to seeing you there!

In the meantime, do not forget to check the resources and benefits made available by ASQ through your membership: access your monthly ASQ gift, take advantage of the free or discounted material available to you as a member, enroll in our study groups and mentoring program to access for free the immense pool of knowledge and expertise available within our certified membership.

And I believe a special THANK YOU! and a big round of applause is in order for our team of volunteer leaders, who worked so hard and put in so much of their time of effort to make all this possible, and to make sure our section is offering the best possible value to their members!

Have a great quality summer!

Doina Varzaru,  
CMQ/OE, CQA, PMP, RMP  
ASQ Edmonton Section Chair

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**Upcoming Events**

1. June 4<sup>th</sup> ASQ Edmonton Social Event – Spring Barbecue with AACE (see below for details)
2. July 18<sup>th</sup> ASQ Edmonton Full-Day Workshop – “Upgrading to the New ISO 9001:2015”
3. September 21<sup>st</sup> ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting
4. November 16<sup>st</sup> ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting

## Quote of the month

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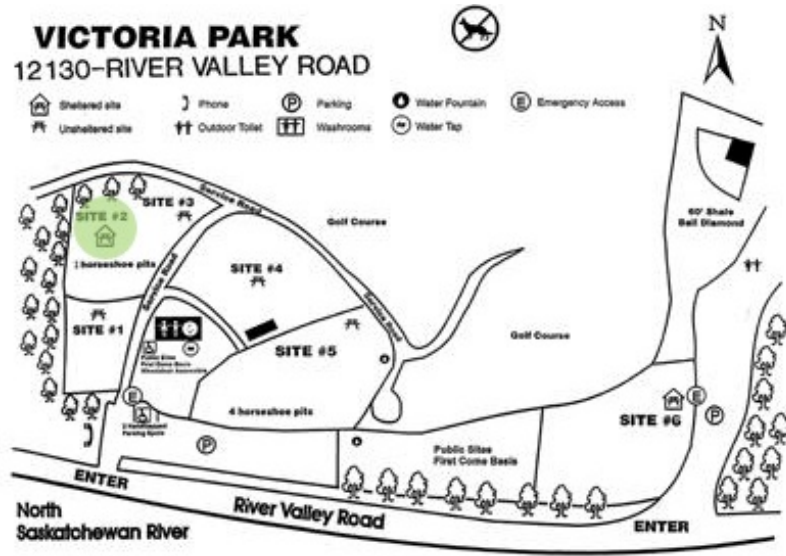
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## ASQ Edmonton June Barbecue with AACE

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, at Victoria Park, Site #2



ASQ and AACE Members and family members: \$Free, Non-Members: \$10, Non-Member Families \$20  
Please RSVP by June 1<sup>st</sup> by filling out the online form: <https://form.jotform.com/61316919066257>

## Full-Day Workshop – “Upgrading to the New ISO 9001:2015”

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at Woodvale Golf Course, Lunch Provided.

ASQ Members: \$50, Student ASQ Members: \$Free.

Non-Members: \$175, Student Non-Members: \$20.

Please RSVP by July 10<sup>th</sup> to Program Chair, Regine Seibert, at [Program@asqedmonton.org](mailto:Program@asqedmonton.org)



Denis Devos is a professional engineer with a long career in Quality Assurance. He is a Fellow of the ASQ and is a recognized expert in the application of the ISO 9001 and TS 16949 Standards. Denis was the developer of the Risk is the Compass risk-based audit model in 2001. Over the past 15 years, Denis has been working throughout Canada and the United States leading clients through organizational design, technical training, and internal audit. He practices in many industries, provides training and internal audit services, and coaches his clients in Lean Thinking. Denis is the Vice Chair Global for the ASQ Quality Management Division and is a regular contributor to conferences at the Audit Division, Management Division, and the World Conference.

The most significant impact to Quality Management Systems in the last 15 years is the release of the Fifth Edition of ISO 9001, and the most important new concept is Risk Based Thinking. This presentation will demonstrate that Risk Based Thinking is intuitive, and that all of us already have an eye for risk. Quantitative models such as Risk Matrices and FMEA will be touched upon, along with a more simple qualitative approach that is very easy to use in small cross-functional teams. This presentation is a must-see for anyone who will be upgrading their Quality Management System.

This one-day course is designed to give practitioners an overview of the changes in ISO 9001:2015 and conduct workshops to reinforce the learning around the four key new concepts.

- Understanding the Organization and its Context
- Understanding the Needs and Expectations of Interested Parties
- Risk Based Thinking and Identifying Risks and Opportunities.

Topics also include the new high level structure that has renumbered familiar requirements, documented information, the new focused on outsourced services, and the new emphasis on performance measurements and results. The session is essential for anyone involved in process management at any level of the organization. It is applicable to any organization including education, government, healthcare, manufacturing and service.

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## ASQ Edmonton Receives 2015 Silver Performance Award



The ASQ Performance Awards & Recognition (PAR) committee is pleased to announce that the Edmonton Section, 410 has received the Silver Performance Award for 2015.

This level was achieved by meeting the good standing requirements as well as meeting or exceeding the Member Leader Engagement and Member Value metrics.

Thanks for all of the hard work leadership team provided to the section members in the past year, as well as ASQ as a whole.



Congratulations to everyone at the Edmonton Section, 410 for your achievements. We are proud of your service to ASQ, and continue to look forward to what is ahead from your members.

## ASQ Edmonton Hosts Special Guest

ASQ Edmonton Section was pleased to have special guest **Dan Zrymiak, ASQ Fellow & Regional Director, Region 4 (Canada)** in attendance at our April Dinner Meeting to convey welcome and congratulations to the Edmonton Section for attaining the Silver Award of Performance for 2015.

## Congratulations to Stephen Hall

Congratulations to Stephen for being selected as the Mentorship Chair for ASQ Canada (Region 4)!!

## Updated Website

ASQ Edmonton has updated our website with a more friendly look and feel. Please visit and share with us your thoughts. We welcome your feedback.

## Members Contribution Section

This is a new initiative in which we're trying to highlight our section members' contributions. Please send us your contribution to the society so we can review it then publish it in our future newsletters.

## Opportunity to volunteer as a member leader

There are numerous opportunities to participate and champion the initiatives planned for this year. We invite you to contact the leadership team and express your desire to contribute your time and skills.

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## ASQ Canada Mentorship Program

Everyone can benefit from having a mentor - someone to talk to about issues and questions. Having a mentor is like having a guide who has travelled the road before you. Within ASQ the most immediate benefit from mentoring is in help to prepare for an exam. This links the Study Groups with experienced members who have already passed a particular exam. For example, after successfully completing the CMQ/OE exam, I am willing to help others prepare for that exam. Having signed up to write the CQE exam in June, I would appreciate belonging to a study group and having a mentor who has already passed this exam. Someday I will write the ASQ Black Belt, so having a mentor guide me through the project pre-requisite would be helpful.

Since we now live in a digital age, with ready access to email, Skype and other video conferencing tools, it is entirely possible to be a mentor or have a mentor at a distance. All you need is willingness. For those interested in either being a mentor or in having a mentor, please contact me and I will make the introductions. After that it is up to the individuals to follow up make the most of the relationship. Further details to follow as we roll out these concepts to the rest of Canada.

Those interested in joining a study group to prepare for the June exams, please contact me. The NAIT Library has nearly all ASQ recommended study materials, plus meeting rooms, and internet access.

Stephen Hall

## Advancement to Senior Membership

ASQ's loyal and longtime members serve as the backbone of the Society. Senior and Fellow memberships and associated benefits are available to current members who meet the membership criteria.

There are 3 main Benefits to advancing to Senior Membership:

1. Additional section or forum membership at no cost
2. Additional journal or ASQ publication at no cost
3. Seniority in rank and will be eligible for fellow membership

For more information visit:

<http://asq.org/public/membership/senior-member-application.pdf>

## Upcoming ASQ Certification and Training Resources

<http://asq.org/cert/dates>

Certification	Date / Place of Exam	Application Deadline
<a href="#">Certified Quality Inspector (CQI)</a>	October 1, 2016 ASQ Edmonton	August 12, 2016 Application Deadline
<a href="#">Certified Quality Technician (CQT)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Manager of Quality (CMQ/OE)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified HACCP Auditor (CHA)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Biomedical Auditor (CBA)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Six-Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Six-Sigma Yellow Belt (CSSYB)</a>		

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### ASQ Training Resources

To support quality professionals worldwide in preparing for their certification exams and day to day quality improvement activities, ASQ makes available various and methodologies at its on-line Knowledge Center at <http://asq.org/knowledge-center/index.html>. Also, ASQ provides on-site and web-based training on various quality topics and certifications at <http://asq.org/learninginstitute/index.html>. You can also order simulated ASQ Exams & Questions at (<http://cert.asq.org/certification/control/prepare>).