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## AVC Lobster Science Centre to host Lobster Science Workshop

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*(Charlottetown, PE):* The Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC) Lobster Science Centre will host a Lobster Science Workshop in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, from July 28-30 at the Delta Prince Edward.

The workshop is designed to bring together fishermen, processors, dealers and others involved in the lobster industry. Government representatives, scientists and researchers will also participate in the workshop aimed at sharing information and developing capacity to build the Canadian lobster industry.

“The unique environment created by the AVC Lobster Science Centre provides a vehicle for all stakeholders to work shoulder to shoulder, to capture opportunities and to enhance the economic return from the Canadian lobster resource for the benefit of all Canadians,” says Mr. Alan Baker, Chairman of the AVC Lobster Science Centre Management Council. “This workshop promises to be a great forum for all sectors of the industry to meet and discuss concerns and issues that are relevant to all of us.”

Three main sessions are scheduled throughout the workshop: environmental sciences, fishery management, and a session on lobster health research projects currently being conducted at the AVC Lobster Science Centre. During each session, renowned biologists and researchers from the Maritimes and Maine will discuss topics of relevance to the lobster industry.

“Renowned researchers and scientists will be making presentations related to the lobster industry, and industry partners will also be presenting their side of the lobster science equation throughout the workshop,” says Dr. Rick Cawthorn, Director and Senior Scientist of the AVC Lobster Science Centre, and Chair of the Lobster Science Workshop. “By bringing industry partners together at the same table, the workshop will enable us to work more closely to identify opportunities and build a stronger lobster industry.”

An open-floor discussion will follow the afternoon session on Thursday, July 29, allowing participants to contribute to the workshop and help identify important issues. At the conclusion of the day, a dinner will be held with Dr. James Stewart, Scientist Emeritus, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as the keynote speaker.

The Atlantic Veterinary College is committed to excellence in teaching, research and service. For more information on the AVC Lobster Science Centre, please visit [www.lobsterscience.ca](http://www.lobsterscience.ca).

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