
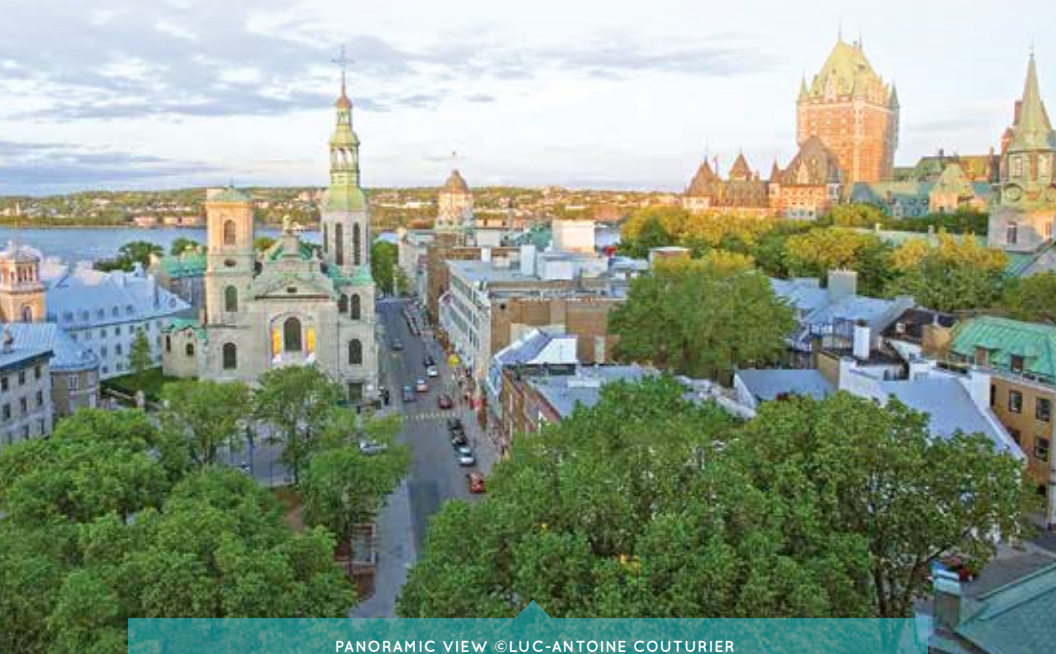
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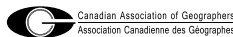
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**APPRECIATING DIFFERENCE**

2018 International Geographical Union Regional Conference  
and Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers



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# INVITATION

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Geographers and the Université Laval, North America's oldest French-language university, we are pleased to invite you to Quebec City to participate in the 2018 International Geographical Union Regional Conference to be held in Canada from August 6 to 10, 2018.

The conference theme, *Appreciating Difference*, or *Apprécier la différence*, is a Quebec expression that invites participants to consider the world as a blank canvas that we must first decide how to depict before putting down images and words. Surely, the choice of those images and words is a matter of appreciation. To appreciate is not only a question of what we find significant and of value, it is also an awareness of differences and the ability to recognize them as meaningful to a more inclusive interpretation of the diverse world in which we live. Conference topics, as well as IGU commissions and CAG study groups, will reflect on this thought-provoking theme. In addition, a wide variety of field excursions combining human and physical geography will provide participants with the opportunity to *apprécier la différence* that makes Quebec, a UNESCO World Heritage City, a place of exceptional geographic interest.

The organising committee is making all the necessary efforts to offer you a stimulating, convivial, and environmentally friendly conference. Don't miss this unique occasion to get to know the world's geographers. For further details, please visit us at our Internet site.

Bienvenue au Canada in 2018!

Matthew Hatvany  
President  
Local Organising Committee

# IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2017	Call for Session Proposals
OCTOBER 2017	Call for Papers
NOVEMBER 2017	Opening of Registration – Early Bird
MARCH 2018	Registration – Regular
MAY 2018	Notifications of acceptance to authors
JULY 2018	Registration – Late

# EXCURSIONS PLANNED

½ OR 1 DAY

- 1 “Belle Province”: Toponymic fieldtrip in vicinity of Québec City
- 2 Québec and the military, from “Gibraltar of America” to “Summit of Americas”
- 3 Wendake: Tourist destination and living environment
- 4 Local products and organic production in the Québec City area
- 5 Walking Tour of the historical heritage of Old Québec
- 6 Forests and Forestry Practices in the Quebec Hinterlands
- 7 A multitude of peatland landscapes: extraction, restoration and conservation
- 8 Map Exhibition at the Laval University Map Library
- 9 Bicycle field trip along the St. Lawrence

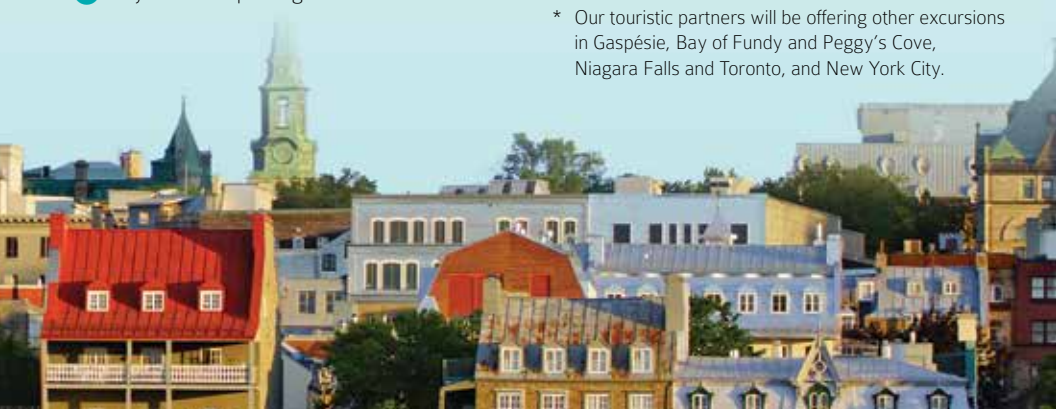
2 OR MORE DAYS \*

- 10 Boat cruise on the St. Lawrence: Gateway to North America
- 11 Sustainable Tourism in the Charlevoix Region
- 12 Maritime Quebec: An Exceptional Milieu of Nature and Culture
- 13 Discovering Northern Quebec: Arctic peoples and landscapes



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\* Our touristic partners will be offering other excursions in Gaspésie, Bay of Fundy and Peggy’s Cove, Niagara Falls and Toronto, and New York City.



# WHY QUÉBEC CITY?

- ⦿ UNESCO World Heritage City
- ⦿ Named Best Canadian Destination 2016 by *Travel + Leisure* magazine
- ⦿ Crossroad of French, English, Indigenous and many other cultures
- ⦿ Convergence of three major geological formations: the St. Lawrence Lowlands, the Appalachians and the Canadian Shield

## QUÉBEC CITY, Walking City *par excellence!*

The Convention Center is located less than 15 minutes walking from the main services and attractions.

- ⦿ **5 minutes** : 1300 hotel rooms
- ⦿ **10 minutes** : 2600 hotel rooms
- ⦿ **15 minutes** : 3500 hotel rooms



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