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10th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TOXICITY ASSESSMENT



Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

August 26 to 31, 2001

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO QUEBEC CITY!

August 26 to 31, 2001

The St. Lawrence Centre of Environment Canada is pleased to invite you to the 10th International Symposium on Toxicity Assessment (ISTA), which is being held this year in Quebec City, Canada, from August 26 to 31, 2001. ISTA is an international event that brings researchers, engineers and chemists together with managers, regulators, and policy-makers to share their know-how in a spirit of co-operation. A forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge on environmental issues, this symposium offers international researchers a prime platform from which to promote their scientific discoveries and find out about the latest research developments. Experts will also be on hand to present the latest in small-scale toxicity assays, a rapidly growing field of environmental science.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SYMPOSIUM

Symposium Secretariat c/o JPD
51 Rue d'Auteuil
Quebec, Quebec G1R 4C2
CANADA

Telephone: (418) 692-6636
Fax: (418) 692-5587
E-mail: ista10@jpd.com
Symposium web site:
<http://www.qc.ec.gc.ca/csl/ista10>

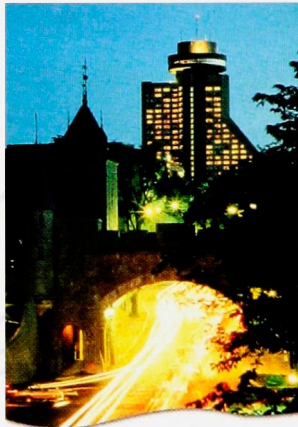
SYMPOSIUM VENUE

The Loews Le Concorde Hotel is the official site of the Symposium. This prestigious hotel is situated in proximity of many museums and restaurants,

and not far from Old Quebec. Steeped in history, Quebec City is a North American town with its heart in the Old World and its head in the New. Warm and spontaneous in nature, Quebecers are always ready for a party! They express their passion and creativity with enthusiasm, demonstrating with pride their attachment to the language and culture that make them unique.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Organizing Committee has block-booked some rooms at the Loews Le Concorde Hotel for Symposium participants at a rate of \$150 CDN for single or double occupancy (not including tax). To reserve, please fill in the attached hotel reservation form and return it directly to the Loews Le Concorde Hotel.



Loews Le Concorde
1225 Cour du General Montcalm
Quebec, Quebec G1R 4W6
CANADA

Telephone: (418) 647-2222
Fax: (418) 647-4710
Web site: <http://www.loewshotels.com>

Guests arriving after 6 p.m. are recommended to guarantee their reservations by cheque or credit card. See the attached form for more information.

DEADLINE DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 10, 2001.

After this date, rooms set aside for the Symposium and left unreserved will be freed up and offered at regular rates.

EXHIBITION

Though ISTA is not a trade show, roughly 15 spaces on the floor have been set aside for exhibition booths. These stands will be set up right outside the conference rooms, where morning and afternoon coffee breaks will be held, to guarantee high visibility to exhibitors. Companies or agencies interested in promoting their products, equipment or services are invited to address all such requests to the Symposium Organizing Committee. Space is limited so reserve today!

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St. Lawrence Centre
Environment Canada
105 McGill Street, 7th Floor
Montreal, Quebec H2Y 2E7
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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Scientific Committee invites all professionals and researchers working in the field of toxicology to present a paper relating to one of the themes of the Symposium. Let others know about your work through an oral or poster presentation. To be considered, send an abstract of your project no later than **May 22, 2001** to the Symposium Organizing Committee.

The objective, methods, results and conclusions of the work in question must be clearly explained within the body of a 250-word text written in English. Recommended font is 12-point Helvetica or Times. The abstract should conform to a 15-cm-x-15-cm format, and include: 1) the title in capital letters, 2) the initials and family names of authors, 3) affiliation, and 4) body of the abstract. The presenting

author's name should be underlined and his/her address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address indicated at the bottom of the abstract. Also indicate presentation type (poster or oral).

Abstracts should be submitted on diskette (airmail) or as an MS Word file via electronic mail.



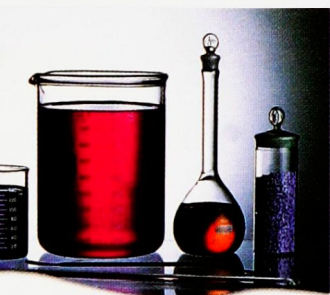
Oral presentations are limited to 20 minutes including a 5-minute question/discussion period. The equipment necessary for electronic presentations, slides or transparencies will be available on site.

Maximum **poster** size is 1 m x 1.5 m. Posters will be displayed for the duration of the Symposium in the hall adjacent to the conference room.

In keeping with a Symposium tradition and in a bid to foster friendly discussions and interaction, the event is limited to 200 people. It is thus essential to notify the Organizing Committee before May 22, 2001 of your interest in presenting a paper. Translation services (English and French) will be available on site.

PRACTICAL PRE-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOPS

The ideal opportunity to share your know-how! These workshops are intended to promote new small-scale methods for assessing environment-related effects. Aspiring presenters should note that the workshops will take place in a conference room at the Loews Le Concorde Hotel, and no laboratory materials will be available. As such, methods will necessarily



have to be explained by means of lectures, video or slide presentations, transparencies or discussion groups.

Sessions are limited to 45 minutes each. Workshop proposals should reach the Symposium Organizing Committee (ista-siet.csl@ec.gc.ca) no later than **June 15, 2001**.

The Symposium web site (<http://www.qc.ec.gc.ca/csl/ista10>) will have more details on the topics selected for the workshops after this date.

THEMES

Topics or workshop proposals should correspond to one of the themes of the Symposium. To ensure a certain coherence to the presentations, the Scientific Committee reserves the right to suggest themes other than those proposed by submitting authors, where appropriate.

The main themes of the Symposium are as follows:

- New techniques for measuring the effects of contaminants
- Miniaturized online monitoring tools

- Commercial bioanalytical kits for assessing contaminant toxicity
- Biomarkers for measuring the effects of contaminants related to topical environmental problems (e.g. endocrine disruption, immunocompetence, genotoxicity)
- Detection systems for algal and fungal toxins
- Biodegradation and bioremediation studies
- Microbioassays for aquatic and terrestrial application
- Ecotoxicological hazard and risk assessment
- Use of toxicity assays for regulatory purposes and water quality standards
- Biological contaminants: microtechniques for detection of GMOs and transgenes
- Interactions of biological and chemical contaminants
- Special session on the international WATERTOX program co-ordinated by the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

SELECTED SUBMISSIONS

The Scientific Committee will assess and judge the relevance, originality and validity of submitted proposals. The Scientific Committee will do one of three things:

- accept the proposal
- suggest a different format (e.g. poster) or modifications
- reject the submission altogether.

Decisions will be communicated by June 15, 2001, at the latest. Proposals will not be accepted definitively until aspiring presenters have paid their Symposium registration fees.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Awards of Excellence will be handed out for the best oral presentation, best poster presentation, and best oral presentation by a young scientist during the closing ceremonies.

PUBLICATIONS

The Symposium Proceedings will appear in two special issues of *Environmental Toxicology*, published by John Wiley & Sons. The first will focus exclusively on themes associated with endocrine disruption, immunocompetence and genotoxicity, whereas the second will include work related to the other themes of the Symposium. Authors wishing to have their article considered for publication in either of these special issues must submit the final text of their manuscript to the Scientific Committee upon arrival at the Symposium. All submitted manuscripts will then be approved by a peer-review process.

OVERVIEW OF SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMMING

Sunday, August 26

- Pre-symposium workshops (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- Welcoming cocktail (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.)

Monday, August 27

- Opening of symposium and start of conferences (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Poster session (4 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Theme happy hour in exhibition hall (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.)

Tuesday, August 28

- Conferences (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Poster session (4 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
- IDRC wine and cheese (5 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

Wednesday, August 29

- Day-long excursion on the St. Lawrence River (returning for supper)

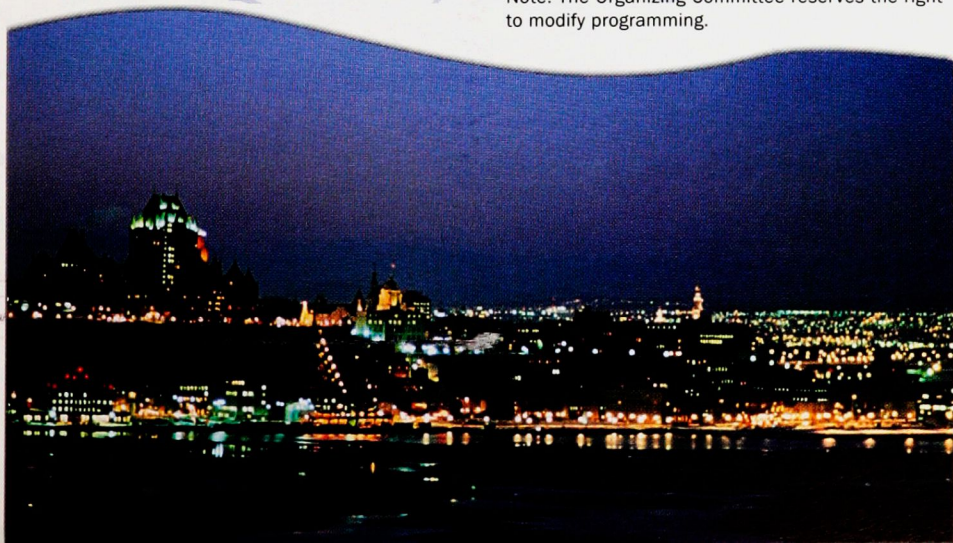
Thursday, August 30

- Conferences (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Poster session (4 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Banquet and announcement of site of ISTA 11 in 2003 (6 p.m.)

Friday, August 31

- Conferences (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
- Close of symposium and presentation of awards of excellence (4 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

Note: The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify programming.



SOCIAL AND TOURIST ACTIVITIES

The Organizing Committee is keen to ensure that visitors take away fond memories of their stay in Quebec City. Sightseeing packages will be available for those who wish to visit the region.

Complementary Symposium Activities

- Welcoming cocktail
- Happy hour ("sugar shack" theme)
- Boat tour on the St. Lawrence River
- Banquet



Please note that the complementary activities are included in the registration fees. They will also be available for guests (see registration form).

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 22, 2001

Deadline for receipt of proposed lectures and posters

June 15, 2001

Deadline for receipt of proposals for pre-symposium workshops

July 10, 2001

Deadline for symposium registration at preferential rate;

Deadline for preferential room rates for symposium participants at the Loews Le Concorde Hotel

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10th International Symposium on Toxicity Assessment

REGISTRATION

Registration fees for the 10th International Symposium on Toxicity Assessment are shown in Canadian

dollars (CDN) and include scientific activities (symposium package, plenary sessions, workshops and poster presentations), access to the exhibition, four luncheons, the welcoming cocktail, the happy hour, the boat trip on the St. Lawrence River including the mid-day meal, and the banquet. Taxes are also included (GST, PST).

REGISTRATION RATES (taxes included)

	Before July 10, 2001	After July 10, 2001
Participants	\$800	\$960
Students*	\$600	\$720
Single-day registration**	\$200	\$200
Guest***	\$490	\$560

* Proof of school enrollment is required.

** One-day registration includes the day's lectures, access to exhibition hall, refreshments, and mid-day luncheon.

*** Guest registration includes: Welcoming cocktail, theme happy hour, excursion on the St. Lawrence River, and closing banquet.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

By cheque or money order: in Canadian dollars, drawn from a Canadian bank, and made out to the order of *ISTA 10 – JPdL*.

By credit card: Master Card or Visa only. Please note that your payment will be processed under the name *JPdL Québec*.

Registrations not accompanied by payment in full will not be processed.

Participants will receive written confirmation of payment of registration fees via e-mail. Symposium packages and official receipts will be provided on site.

Please send completed registration forms to:

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51 Rue d'Auteuil
Quebec, Quebec G1R 4C2
CANADA

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Fax: (418) 692-5587
E-mail: ista10@jpdL.com

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

Requests for refunds must be made in writing and received by the Secretariat:

Before July 10, 2001

refund in full less administrative fees of \$25 CDN.

From July 10 to July 26, 2001

50% of registration fees refunded.

After July 26, 2001

Fees will not be refunded.

All refunds will be made at the end of the Symposium.

Participants who have already paid their registration fees and who wish to be replaced by a representative of the same organization must forward written notification to this effect to the Symposium Secretariat. All such requests will be accepted up until the start of the Symposium.

FORMS TO ATTACH

1. Symposium registration form
2. Hotel registration form

QUESTIONS

Would you like more information on transportation, the city of Quebec, the climate, language, exchange rate, or other activities your companion might enjoy? Check our web site at the following address:

www.qc.ec.gc.ca/csl/ista10
Or drop us a line at
siet-ista.csl@ec.gc.ca



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 51 Rue d'Auteuil, Quebec, Quebec G1R 4C2 CANADA
 Tel: (418) 692-6636. Fax: (418) 692-5587. E-mail: ista10@jpdL.com

Surname _____ First Name _____

Title _____ Organization _____

Postal Address _____ Street _____ Floor/Suite/PO. Box/Apt. _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Sex: Female Male

Occupation: Professor Researcher Professional Retired
 Administrator Student Other, specify _____

Guest: Surname _____ First Name _____

Specific needs: Participant Guest

Please specify (dietary, physical restrictions, etc.) _____

- I will attend the Symposium
- I will attend the Symposium and I intend to present a paper oral poster
- I will attend the Symposium and the pre-symposium workshops
- I will attend the Symposium and wish to present a 45-minute lecture at the pre-symposium workshops.
 I will forward my proposed demonstration to the Symposium Organizing Committee, according to the guidelines set out in the present document, before June 15, 2001.
- I will bring a guest

PAYMENT

	Before July 10, 2001	After July 10, 2001		Before July 10, 2001	After July 10, 2001
Participant	\$800	\$960	Single day	\$200	\$200
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By cheque, bank draft or money order, in Canadian funds, made out to *ISTA 10 - JPdL*.

By credit card: Master Card or VISA only.

Payments made in American funds will be processed at par with the Canadian dollar.

I authorize *JPdL* to debit the amount indicated from my account for Symposium registration.

Card number _____ Expiry date _____

Cardholder _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Total registration fee: _____ \$CDN

