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FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES CONSEILS
EN PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE

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CHANGE IS COMING

Artificial Intelligence and other technologies will bring both opportunities and challenges for you, your firms and your clients. Are you ready?

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Change is Inevitable

Technology continues to change our lives. Even our smart phones can predict the next words in our text messages.

Change is irresistible. The Night Watch, whether painted by Rembrandt or commanded by Jon Snow, could not keep the forces of change outside the Wall. How will artificial intelligence change your practice?

“Experts” predict that in only a few years, many of the functions that our firms do now will be done by machines operated, perhaps by our competitors, with artificial intelligence, replacing many of our employees.

For decades, we have relied on high volumes of routine work to pay the bills and keep our offices running. Machine translations, the Global Dossier and automated filings are challenging that model. What effect will AI have on patent searching, patentability and FTO opinions, and even on decision making in IP disputes? How can AI be used to revise claims to respond to asserted prior art? How will the use of AI affect inventorship and ownership of inventions?

Participate in thought-provoking discussions about these crucial issues in our working sessions with top-quality speakers, and concurrent streams devoted to the latest IP and practice-related considerations.

Travel & Visas

Delegates and guests may require a visa or electronic travel authorization. For more information please consult your travel agent or visit <https://goo.gl/kfXYNN> for more information.

A Vibrant Metropolis

Toronto has been described as “New York City run by the Swiss,” with world-class theatre, shopping and restaurants, as well as clean sidewalks and friendly inhabitants. According to the BBC, Toronto is the most culturally diverse city in the world, with 230 different nationalities calling Toronto home. It is also reputed to be the safest large metropolitan area in North America.

FICPI’s World Congress 2018 program will enable you to experience the personality of this lively and fascinating city! Toronto’s scenic lake front (on which the event hotel is located) offers stunning views, walking paths, shopping and dining opportunities. Outdoor patios, open-roofed tour buses, bike rentals, lake swimming, and Toronto’s best outdoor attractions can all be enjoyed in June’s warm weather.

Registration

Registration for the Congress includes both payment of the registration fees and reservation of hotel rooms. All registration is online, and registration fees and a deposit on the accommodation are to be paid in advance. Registration forms and hotel reservations received without payment will NOT be processed; registration forms and hotel reservations completed online, with payment by wire transfer to follow, will be processed upon receipt of the wire transfer.

To register for the World Congress 2018, please visit www.ficpi2018.org.

Registration will open on February 15, 2018.



Registration Fees

Registration Fees in Canadian dollars

Registration Fees	Delegate	Delegate's Guest (DG)	Delegate's Guest under 19
ExCo*	\$2850	\$1900	\$1200
Congress	\$3800	\$2600	\$1900

Discounts	Delegate	Delegate's Guest (DG)	Delegate's Guest under 19
Early Bird Congress registration before March 16	\$400	\$225	\$100
Combined ExCo* and Congress registration; <i>(Cannot be combined with Early Bird discount)</i>	\$400	\$225	\$100
Congress Speaker discount from full registration fees	\$200		

*By invitation only

PAYMENT

Payment must be made in Canadian dollars (CAD), by bank transfer (net of bank charges) or by credit card. Full details are available on www.ficpi2018.org.

The Congress Venue

The registration procedure and the registration fees are set out below. For more information about Toronto or the Congress, please go to: www.ficpi2018.org

Standard hotel rooms feature large workspaces, high-speed Internet access, and the legendary Westin Heavenly® Bed. A small number of upgraded rooms, either deluxe Terrace or Corner King rooms, are available at an extra cost.

FICPI has been advised that registrants can **avoid payment of a 13% Harmonized Sales Tax on hotel room charges** by including the hotel room booking in the registration process and handling payment for the hotel accommodations through the Congress organizers.

We strongly recommend that you register and submit your payment as soon as possible to ensure availability, **the deadline for hotel booking is May 3, 2018.**

HOTEL CHARGES

Hotel Fees in Canadian dollars

Guest Room for 1 or 2 people	\$265 per night
Corner King or Deluxe Terrace Room for 1 or 2 people	\$339 per night
Third or fourth guests in a room	\$30 per night each person



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CONGRESS PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Monday, June 4

09:00 - 17:30 ExCo Meeting *
09:00 - 16:00 ExCo DG Tour *

Tuesday, June 5

09:00 - 17:30 ExCo Meeting *
09:30 - 16:00 ExCo DG Tour *
19:00 - 21:00 Congress Opening Reception — Hockey Hall of Fame

Wednesday, June 6

07:00 - 08:00 Morning Jogging Session
09:00 - 17:30 Congress Sessions
09:30 - 17:00 Delegates' Guests Tour
17:00 - 18:30 First time attendees' Reception
19:00 - 21:00 President's Reception — Fermenting Cellar, Distillery District
21:00 - ... Evening at Leisure

Thursday, June 7

07:00 - 08:00 Morning Jogging Session
09:30 - 17:00 Delegates' Guests Tour
09:00 - 17:30 Congress Sessions
19:00 - 22:00 Informal Dinner — Royal Ontario Museum

Friday, June 8

07:00 - 08:00 Morning Jogging Session
09:00 - 12:30 General Assembly & Resolutions
14:00 - 17:30 ExCo Meeting *
14:00 - 17:00 Tour for Delegates and DGs**
19:00 - 00:00 World Congress Gala Dinner — Westin Harbour Castle Hotel

Saturday, June 9

08:00 - 17:00 Optional Excursions **
19:00 - ... Private functions hosted by local firms

Sunday, June 10

09:00 - 12:30 Bureau Meeting*

* by invitation only

** separate registration and payment required for optional tours

Congress Working Program

Wednesday, June 6

09:00 – 10:30 **PLENARY 1**

AI IN IP: HOW WILL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRANSFORM THE PRACTICE OF IP LAW?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the hottest areas of technology, a key element of the 4th Industrial Revolution. The Toronto area, with its academic and corporate research facilities, lies at the heart of this exciting development. Even the legal services sector has become a target for disruptive technological developments by an emerging legal-tech ecosystem.

The worldwide IP system is characterised by vast amounts of openly accessible, highly structured digital data and forms an ideal object for AI and data analytics applications.

Our speakers will explore applications that are already available in the patent and trademark fields and how these technologies could affect the practice of IP law in the not-so-distant future.

- Which tasks will be left to the human IP professional?
- What qualifications will be needed?
- Will courts be replaced by dispute resolution algorithms?

MODERATOR:

DR. ALEXANDER ESSLINGER, PARTNER
BETTEN & RESCH PATENT- UND
RECHTSANWÄLTE PartGmbH (DE)

SPEAKERS:

LOUIS-PIERRE GRAVELLE, PARTNER
ROBIC (CA)

GLORIA Q. WU, PARTNER
KANGXIN PARTNERS, P.C. (CN)

11:00 – 12:30 **PLENARY 2**

EXPANDING THE ROLE OF IP ATTORNEYS IN THE CHANGING WORLD

According to the traditional model, the acquisition of IP rights involves filing applications for registered IP rights, which become effective against third parties when they are published. But IP rights encompass a much wider array of other intangible assets such as know-how and trade secrets, the value of which depends on their secrecy. On the other hand, open source, based on unregistered knowledge made public, has become increasingly important. Stakeholders offer free licences to their registered IP rights with the goal of creating a community of users and the standardisation of their concepts.

Whatever the strategy, the end-game is the added value to an IP owner through appropriate use of its IP assets.

In this ever-changing landscape, our speakers will investigate various strategies and sources of value, identify the investor's expectations and discuss how and to what extent IP attorneys may assist their clients in this area.

MODERATOR:

DIDIER INTÈS, PARTNER
CABINET BEAU DE LOMÉNIÉ (FR)

SPEAKERS:

JAMES POOLEY
A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION (US)

PROFESSOR SHARON K. SANDEEN,
DIRECTOR, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
INSTITUTE MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL
OF LAW (US)

14:00 – 15:30 **PLENARY 3**

KEEPING AN IP PRACTICE AFLOAT: THE PERILS, THE PITFALLS, THE POSSIBILITY, AND THE PROMISE

At first glance, the essential elements of an intellectual property practice may seem to include, at most, a first person to prepare at least one document, and a second person to pay the first person for that document.

Time and experience reveal, however, that substantially more is required to enable a person skilled in the art to maintain a viable intellectual property practice. Join us for a discussion of what enables the intellectual property practice to survive and thrive. Topics will be selected from the group consisting of: traps to avoid; ethical quandaries; information technology and record keeping; privacy concerns; human resources, including the hiring and firing of professionals and staff; accounting; and more within the spirit and scope of the session.

MODERATOR:

TONI POLSON ASHTON, PARTNER
SIM IP PRACTICE (CA)

SPEAKERS:

MARIJO COATES, PARTNER
DEETH WILLIAMS WALL LLP (CA)

SUSAN J. HEAKES, DISCIPLINE COUNSEL
AND PRACTICE LEAD
THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA (CA)

DINESH N. MELWANI, PARTNER
BOOKOFF MCANDREWS PLLC (US)

LIONEL W. NEWTON CFFA, FCA
PARTNER, NEWTON ISRAELSTAM
LLP (CA)

16:00 – 17:30 **BREAKOUT 4.1**

**TREASURES IN THE ATTIC
- HOW MUCH IS THAT IP
WORTH?**

As IP rights become increasingly important in the 21st Century, so too does their valuation. In this session a panel of experts will identify the key principles involved in the financial valuation of IP rights.

The speakers will explain why these key principles are important by putting them in context and will demonstrate the benefit of a high quality IP valuation study.

MODERATOR:

ANNE LÉVY, PARTNER
BRANDON IP (FR)

SPEAKERS:

DR. MOONKYO CHUNG,
DEPUTY SENIOR DIRECTOR
KOREA TECHNOLOGY FINANCE (KR)

ELISE DELIAU, CONSULTANT
BRANDON VALORISATION (FR)

KATHARINE WOLANYK,
MANAGING DIRECTOR
BURFORD CAPITAL (US)

BREAKOUT 4.2

**IS THERE A COORDINATED
MOVE IN B+ AND
ELSEWHERE?**

Article 27 of TRIPS states that “patents shall be available and patent rights enjoyable without discrimination as to ... the field of technology...”. While all contracting parties are bound by the TRIPS Agreement, each nation, through its own statutory requirements and jurisprudence, sets limits on what it considers to be patent-eligible subject matter.

Harmonising the scope of patent-eligible subject matter amongst the contracting parties will provide greater legal certainty, promote high quality patents, provide consistent results in multiple jurisdictions and should ultimately promote innovation and competition. *But what if harmonising does discriminate as to the field of technology?*

MODERATOR:

DR. SHARON CRANE, PARTNER
ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST
& MANBECK, P.C. (US)

SPEAKERS:

DR. DANIEL ALGE, PARTNER
SONN & PARTNER (AT)

PETER HUNTSMAN, CONSULTANT
KROUZER IP (AU)

JUDGE PAUL MICHEL,
FORMER CHIEF JUDGE UNITED STATES
COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL
CIRCUIT (US)

BREAKOUT 4.3

**TRADE SECRETS: HOW
TO DEAL WITH THEM IN
PRACTICE**

“A trade secret is a valuable piece of information for an enterprise that is treated as confidential and that gives that enterprise a competitive advantage” (Source: EU Commission).

Not all commercially valuable “know how” is patentable, which sometimes makes it hard to identify, protect and deal with, and yet companies are increasingly exposed to the misappropriation of their trade secrets.

A panel of experts will explore how valuable commercial knowledge, including technical information, can be managed within a company, how it can be protected from misappropriation and how it can be leveraged for commercial gain.

MODERATOR:

LEO JESSEN, PARTNER
V.O. PATENTS & TRADEMARKS (NL)

SPEAKERS:

JAMES POOLEY
A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION (US)

JACOB ZHANG, PARTNER
LUNG TIN LAW FIRM | LUNG TIN
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AGENT LTD (CN)



Congress Working Program

Thursday, June 7

09:00 - 10:30 **PLENARY 5**

KEEPING YOUR FIRM FLOATING IN THE CLOUD

Modern software and third-party service providers may perform many of the services offered by a traditional IP firm. Modern communication tools allow an IP attorney to deliver services to clients at a distance. A stationary (and expensive) bricks-and-mortar office may not be regarded as a necessity by clients if a firm is accessible on the Internet and provides reliable high-quality work product at reasonable rates.

What is left when all this is shed are only the attorneys - which still may provide a full range of services, albeit without any physical attachments, and from anywhere in the world. Is this the IP work place of the future?

In this session, panellists will consider to whom a virtual firm may be particularly attractive, what is needed to set up a virtual law firm, how to keep it running and how to keep it whole if several attorneys located in disparate regions of the world collaborate in The Cloud under a common brand. Can IP firms stay traditional and still profit from being at least a bit virtualised?

MODERATOR:
PATRICK ERK,
GRUNDECKER (DE)

SPEAKERS:
TO BE CONFIRMED

11:00 - 12:30 **PLENARY 6**

TRADE RELATED ASPECTS OF IP

Trade agreements are having an increasing influence on the IP systems within which we work. But many IP attorneys are unfamiliar with how these complex agreements are negotiated and administered and how they can affect our daily work and our clients' IP rights.

Trade agreements have also given rise to disputes on issues such as plain packaging for cigarettes and the so-called "promise doctrine" for Canadian patents.

In this session, we will hear from the Director of IP of the World Trade Organization, a Canadian Government official and a Canadian attorney about all these issues and recent changes to Canadian and other IP laws.

MODERATOR:
ROBERT WATSON, PARTNER
MEWBURN & ELLIS LLP (GB)

SPEAKERS:
LORIS MIRELLA, DIRECTOR
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRADE POLICY
FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA (CA)

ANTONY TAUBMAN, DIRECTOR
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DIVISION
WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (CH)

KRISTIN WALL, PARTNER
NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT (CA)

14:00 - 15:30 **PLENARY 7**

OUTSOURCING IP SERVICES

Across the Globe, IP firms are continuing to experience market forces that reduce revenue. These include demands by clients for reduced rates and competition from third party service providers who offer reduced rates for national phase entry, paying maintenance fees, searching and other activities that were once the preserve of the IP practitioner.

In response to such pressures, IP firms must take steps to improve and diversify their operations so as to prevent erosion of profit margins. In this session, speakers will consider how, instead of trying to perform all IP-related tasks, IP firms might leverage the expertise or economies of scale of third party service providers to their own benefit.

Outsourcing administrative or ancillary functions may enable an IP firm to offer services at competitive rates, while offloading potential liability from low margin work and maintaining profits

MODERATOR:
PHILIP MENDES DA COSTA, PARTNER
BERESKIN & PARR (CA)

SPEAKERS:
STEPHEN BINDER, SENIOR PRIVATE
CLIENT BUSINESS ADVISOR
KJ HARRISON (FORMERLY AT GRANT
THORNTON) (CA)

PETER FINNIE, MANAGING PARTNER
GILL JENNINGS & EVERY (GB)

ESSENESE OBHAN, MANAGING PARTNER
OBHAN & ASSOCIATES (IN)

Thursday, June 7 (Continued)

16:00 – 17:30 **BREAKOUT 8.1**

“REAL STUPIDITY ALWAYS TRUMPS AI” – REGISTRABLE AND ENFORCEABLE?

Slogans are catchy. It is their catchiness that makes them such an effective weapon in the struggle for brand recognition. “*La qualité est la meilleure des recettes*” was rejected by the Boards of Appeal of EUIPO, as was “Forever faster”, but the latter was accepted in Australia, New Zealand, the US, Canada and South Africa. In this session, an expert panel will discuss how consistency can be achieved in international trade mark protection in light of this and other developments relating to the protection of slogans.

MODERATOR:

ELIA SUGRAÑES
SUGRAÑES S.L. (ES)

SPEAKERS:

ELLEN BREDDAM, HEAD OF TRADEMARKS
PLOUGMANN VINGTOFT (DK)

HO-HYUN NAHM, LEAD PARTNER
BARUN IP & LAW (KR)

SANJUKTA TOLE, PARTNER
SIM IP PRACTICE (CA)

BREAKOUT 8.2

NEED TO KNOW UPDATE ON DESIGN PROTECTION OF GUIs/ICONS AND MOTION DESIGNS

Jurisdictions across the world are facing new challenges with GUIs/Icons and Motion Design Protection as the digital revolution advances deeper into the world of Intellectual Property. How such creations can be protected through international and national IP laws was the main topic of the 2017 ID5 Annual Meeting.

In this session, a panel of experts will discuss current and future possibilities for protecting GUIs/Icons and Motion Designs.

MODERATOR:

GABRIEL DI BLASI, PARTNER
DI BLASI, PARENTE & ASSOCIADOS (BR)

SPEAKERS:

ROBERT S. KATZ, PARTNER
BANNER & WITCOFF (US)

DAVID MULS, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF THE
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE ADVICE DIVISION
IN THE BRANDS AND DESIGNS SECTOR
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ORGANIZATION (WIPO) (CH)

JUDY YEE,
ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL,
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GROUP
MICROSOFT (US)

BREAKOUT 8.3

BREAKING NEWS – ALL THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Changes affecting the protection of IP are occurring at an ever-increasing pace. Recognising that it is impossible to predict what will happen between preparing the program for the Congress and the Congress itself, this session will update delegates on the latest developments around the world right up to the day of the session.

A panel of experts will summarise the most recent critical developments in the field of IP that every practitioner should know about, explain their significance, and suggest how clients can either take advantage of them or minimise potential adverse effects.

MODERATOR:

R. DANNY HUNTINGTON, PARTNER
ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST
& MANBECK, P.C. (US)

SPEAKERS:

MARIANA MOSTARDEIRO, PARTNER
DANNEMAN SIEMSEN BIGLER
& IPANEMA MOREIRA (BR)

DR. ALEXANDER J. WYRWOLL, PARTNER
WINTER BRANDL ET AL (DE)

RITA ZHANG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
OUTBOUND DIVISION
DRAGON IP (CN)

Friday, June 8

09:00 – 10:30 **PLENARY 9**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CHAIR:

DOUGLAS N. DEETH, PRESIDENT, FICPI.
DEETH WILLIAMS WALL LLP (CA)

11:00 – 12:30

PLENARY 10 RESOLUTIONS

MODERATOR:

JULIAN CRUMP, VICE-PRESIDENT
FICPI. BERESFORD CRUMP LLP (GB)



Social Program

The 2018 World Congress will offer Delegates and Delegates Guests an exciting social program, as well as an opportunity to explore Toronto's diverse cultures through the optional excursions.

Pre-Congress ExCo Social Events

For ExCo invitees only.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

ExCo Opening Reception, Globe & Mail Centre

MONDAY, JUNE 4

ExCo Reception Dinner, Palais Royale



Congress Social Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Congress Opening Reception, Hockey Hall of Fame

Just a short walk from the hotel, in the centre of downtown Toronto, is the Hockey Hall of Fame, a treasured celebration of our sport, dedicated to Canada's great winter game, ice hockey, and its outstanding players.

Part museum and part entertainment venue, the Hockey Hall of Fame features exhibits with audiovisual and interactive multimedia presentations.

At the opening reception you will have a chance to explore the best collection of hockey artifacts in the world, as well as themed exhibits, multimedia stations, theatres, larger-than-life statues, a replica National Hockey League dressing room and have your picture taken with the Stanley Cup. Awarded since 1892, it is the oldest existing trophy to be awarded to a professional sports franchise.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

First-Time Attendees' Reception, Westin Harbour Castle Hotel President's Reception - Fermenting Cellar, Distillery District

The President's Reception, an informal and relaxing get-together, will take place at the Fermenting Cellar in the historically significant distillery district.

Following the reception, join your friends for dinner at one of Toronto's fine restaurants. Our Conference organizers will be pleased to assist with reservations; please check at the concierge desk.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7 & FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Morning Jogging Sessions

Sporty FICPI people are invited to join the two morning jogging sessions around Lake Ontario.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Reception and Dinner at the Royal Ontario Museum

The Congress's informal dinner will be held at the architecturally fascinating and culturally significant Royal Ontario Museum locally known as the ROM.

We will enter the ROM by the east doors, passing through the Rotunda, the Museum's ceremonial entrance hall, to a pre-dinner reception on Level 2, where you can enjoy drinks and appetizers while exploring the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity, the Teck Suite, and the Galleries of Dinosaurs & Mammals. Dinner will be served in the Currelly Gallery, surrounded by objects sampling the breadth of the Museum's collections. After dinner, join your friends in the FICPI Bar.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Gala Dinner - Westin Harbour Castle, Frontenac Ballroom

After a week of dining out, we will stay home for dinner. The Congress Gala dinner will be held in the Frontenac Ballroom of the Harbour Castle Hotel, a few steps across the enclosed bridge, on Queen's Quay.

Dinner will be preceded by a reception just outside the ballroom. Throughout the reception and during the meal you will be entertained by some of Toronto's favourite performers, those who entertain tens of thousands of people every day on their way to work and home again. After dinner, join your friends in the FICPI Bar.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Hosted Receptions - Selected Locations

As we did in Melbourne in 2012 and Cape Town in 2015, the Congress will end with small receptions hosted by firms having members belonging to FICPI-Canada. Located in the downtown area, the sites of the "official" private functions will be connected by shuttle buses so that you can transfer among the different locations. Further details will be communicated in the near future.



Excursions

Excursions that are marked as Delegates' Guests Tours are included in the Delegate's Guest registration fee. Excursions that are marked as Optional are not included in the registration fees of either Delegates or Delegates' Guests. Optional Excursions must be paid for at time of registration.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

OPTIONAL EXCURSION #1

Toronto hop on/off bus tour

Explore the city! Each neighbourhood of Toronto offers something different. From the bohemian Kensington Market to the affluent, high-fashion area of Yorkville. Hop on board one of our open-top buses now as we take you to Toronto's magnificent attractions.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION #2

Harbour cruise by boat

See the city from the most scenic perspective — from the water! You'll have the chance to see the beautiful skyline first-hand as we cruise along Lake Ontario on a harbour cruise, visiting many of the picturesque Toronto Islands.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

INCLUDED EXCURSION FOR EXCO DELEGATES' GUESTS Bata Shoe Museum

Yorkville Art Galleries; lunch at a Yorkville-area restaurant.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

INCLUDED EXCURSION FOR EXCO DELEGATES' GUESTS Casa Loma

Lunch at Bangkok Gardens; visit to Elmwood Spa.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

INCLUDED EXCURSION: OPTION #1

Art Gallery of Ontario with Lunch at the AGO Bistro

With a collection of more than 90,000 works of art, the Art Gallery of Ontario is among the most distinguished art museums in North America, and home to an outstanding collection of Canadian art, including one of the premier collections of work by Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven, and their contemporaries.

INCLUDED EXCURSION: OPTION #2

Rogers Centre Stadium & Steam Whistle Brewery Tour

Rogers Centre, originally and affectionally referred to as SkyDome, is a multi-purpose stadium situated just southwest of the CN Tower. The stadium was the first stadium in North America to have a functional fully retractable motorized roof.

Our one hour walking tour of the Rogers Centre is followed by a visit to the Steam Whistle Brewery, built in a former railway roundhouse, for a tour and tasting, followed by lunch with socialising and conversation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

INCLUDED EXCURSION: OPTION #1

McMichael Gallery with Lunch at the Doctor's House

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection stands alone as the only publicly funded fine art gallery in the nation that focuses on Canadian art and the Indigenous art of our country, both historical and contemporary. The permanent collection consists of over 6,400 artworks by Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven, their contemporaries, and First Nations, Métis, Inuit and contemporary artists who have contributed to the development of Canadian art.

INCLUDED EXCURSION: OPTION #2

St Lawrence Market and Historical Walking Tour

The St. Lawrence Market was named the "Best Food Market in the World" in 2012 by National Geographic Magazine. The Market features spectacular butchers, dynamic fishmongers and a collection of unbelievable bakeries. We've selected some of the best and brightest vendors to deliver the flavours of Toronto's best market.

Across 10 stops, over an array of 12 tastings including local coffee, sweet pastries, fresh fruit, hand-made mustards to one of the most well known sandwiches in the city (and so much more). Time permitting, we will visit a few unique and historical pubs, while being entertained with tales of early Toronto.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Pleasures of the Harbour

An optional tour for Congress and ExCo Delegates and Guests. Enjoy a harbour cruise, or take the ferry to the Islands, and enjoy an afternoon far from the city just across the water. Enjoy the scenic Toronto skyline, with an entertaining and informative narration.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

OPTIONAL EXCURSION #1

Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Lake and Vineyards

You will visit Niagara Falls, Ontario, world famous for its spectacular waterfalls, seen from the cliffside park with its promenade alongside the river, offering spectacular views over the Canadian and American falls.

Your excursion will include your choice from a selection of included activities, including a visit to Niagara on the Lake, visits to local wineries for a wine tasting, a bicycle tour of some of these wineries, or an in-depth visit to the falls via jet boat or the world famous Maid of the Mist. The Niagara region is gaining international recognition as 'must visit' wine destination, with more than 50 wineries dotted along the shores of Lake Ontario. You may choose to make a stop at the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION #2

Dundurn Castle and Royal Botanical Gardens

Dundurn Castle is a historic neoclassical mansion on York Boulevard in Hamilton, Ontario, completed in 1835, and famous all over the country for its grand entertainments. The rooms have been restored to the year 1855 when its owner Sir Allan Napier MacNab, 1st Baronet, was at the height of his career. Costumed interpreters guide visitors through the home, illustrating daily life from the 1850s.

Nearby, the Royal Botanical Gardens are located at the western tip of Lake Ontario. Four distinct formal gardens are contained with 1,100 hectares of nature reserve, nestled in the slopes of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve.

For each Optional Excursion, a minimum number of participants is required. Please indicate your choice on the Registration Form. The itineraries of the tours may vary slightly for logistical reasons.

Deposit and Payment

Delegates must complete the accommodation booking & credit card authorisation form as part of the online registration process.

The conference organisers will reserve your hotel accommodation upon receipt of your deposit. On registration, the registration fees and 30% of the hotel charge will be charged to your credit card or will be payable by wire transfer. The balance will be charged to your credit card a few days before your scheduled check-in. You will pay for any incidentals, such as room service, bar bills, etc. on check-out from the hotel.

A signed authorisation for the hotel to charge your credit card in case of no-show or late cancellation is also required; without this signed authorisation provided along with your registration form, your accommodation CANNOT be guaranteed.

Cancellation Policy

All requests for cancellation of registrations or accommodations must be submitted to the conference organiser by email.

For cancellations received by April 3, 2016, your registration fees and hotel room deposit will be refunded in full, subject to a CAD \$300 handling charge.

For cancellations received between April 4 and May 1, 50% of your registration fees will be refunded; your hotel deposit will NOT be refunded.

For cancellations received after May 1, 2018, and in case of no-show on the scheduled arrival date, or an early departure, there will be no refund of the registration fees and you will be charged for the entire cost of the accommodation you have booked.

Please note that FICPI cannot be held responsible for cancellation of your attendance at the ExCo or Congress for personal reasons, and no exceptions to the refund policies set forth herein will be made. It is therefore recommended to check your personal travel insurance in case you need to cancel your attendance at the meeting for any unforeseeable reason.



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