Dear Colleagues,

We write today with news of the Annual Meeting in Montreal November 17-20, 2021. The good news is that we will be meeting in a wonderful four-star hotel near Old Town Montreal, Le Westin Montreal. We learned last week that the Doubletree by Hilton in Montreal is closed due to a serious labor dispute and they do not expect to re-open in time for our meeting. We are grateful to the staff at both the Doubletree and the Westin in working with us to make the move. How does this impact you?

**Meeting Registration:** Your registration with ASA to attend the meeting is not impacted.

**Lodging Reservation – ASA Conference Link:** The Doubletree is transferring all the existing lodging reservations made via the ASA conference link to the Westin. You will have to present your credit card and photo ID when you check in, as you normally would. If you need to cancel, please do so at least 72 hours before your scheduled arrival to avoid penalties. The Westin is honoring the same rates (219 CDN single or double) that we had at the Doubletree. If you have a Marriott-Bonvoy-Westin membership, please bring that number with you to give to the clerk at check-in so you get credit. The Westin will be contacting you via email with your new confirmation number so you can double-check and cancel if you need to.

**Lodging Reservation – non-ASA Conference Link:** A few people made reservations at the Doubletree via other forms of access (e.g., the Hilton Honors program). Those reservations are NOT being transferred. You need to cancel your Doubletree reservation yourself and rebook at the Westin hotel with the link they have just provided to us (below).

**Lodging Reservation at Westin:** If you have not yet reserved a room for the conference, Westin has extended the deadline to **November 1.** If you have not previously registered at the Doubletree or if you registered with access other than the ASA conference link, please book with this access:

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1634572218391&key=GRP&app=resvlink

The hotel is only showing kings today, but is adding rooms with two beds right away, for those of you who prefer that.

**Audio-Visual:** The same company handles AV for both hotels and we will provide the same equipment planned for the Doubletree.

**Program Schedule:** We have new room assignments at the Westin comparable to those we had planned for the Doubletree. The time on the existing schedule is unchanged. We will send out the revised room assignment schedule as soon as possible.
**Ground transportation:** The express bus from the YUL airport that we have recommended will still be your best option for getting to and from the airport. We will let you know the best stop close to the Westin as soon as possible.

**COVID precautions:** These are governed by Canada and the city of Montreal. Indoor masking is required at all times, except when sitting down in a restaurant or bar. Proof of vaccination is required to enter Canada and on all domestic flights within Canada. Please keep your proof of vaccination and of your home address with you to use in the city of Montreal.

The European GreenPass is acceptable as long as you have a European address – what is required is proof of vaccination from the country or province in which you live.

For all International flights, you will need to fill out the CanArrive form where you need to upload your proof of vaccination and negative covid test. You will also need to specify your quarantine plan in case you fall ill. For this, please list the Westin Hotel, which assures us that you could extend your stay at the hotel to meet that requirement. You do not need to make an additional reservation.

If you are travelling from the EU, please have a more rather than less detailed version of the EU Green Pass which lists your information in addition to the QR code (vaccination type and date(s)) and which is written in English or French in addition to the language of the issuing country.

**Food and beverage:** The Westin is asking us to shift planned buffet meals and receptions to meals with sit-down seating and food stations, as required by the government of Quebec. We do not anticipate that this will be an inconvenience and the food will be as plentiful – perhaps more so! We do ask that you cooperate with the hotel in respecting these arrangements.

**Book displays:** You are welcome to bring books and flyers for display at the book display area on Thursday and Friday. We are not able to provide any security and must rely on you to collect any materials that need storage overnight. We cannot accept shipments to the hotel, as this is prohibitively expensive.

**Quarantine Plan:** As you know, to enter Canada they want to know what you will do if you get sick while in the country. The Westin assures us that you could extend your stay at the hotel to meet that requirement. You do not need to make an additional reservation.

We will be communicating with all registered program participants as we receive updated information. If you are interested in learning more about the hotel, please check their web site: [https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yulle-le-westin-montreal/](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yulle-le-westin-montreal/)

We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks in Montreal!

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