

May Newsletter

June is fast approaching and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Toronto for SPR's 48th Annual Conference. The program offers the usual high caliber of presentations and papers that we have all come to expect from our membership and our Conference Committee has been hard at work to insure a lively and stimulating exchange of idea. As you plan your visit there are a few points to keep in mind.

Booking your accommodations online via the SPR website to receive discounts!

Please remember to book your accommodation by early May. Each hotel has a slightly different cut off date. Booking by the cut off date will insure that you not only have accommodation but also receive the conference rate. Please visit the website to see the hotels and the rates offered by each one as well as the cut off dates for SPR attendees. In terms of the distance that each hotel is from the conference venue the following provides a rough guide: the Chelsea is approximately 10 minutes on foot from the conference site, the Park Hyatt is one block away and the Sheraton is 3 short subway stops or a 15-20 minute walk. The residences at the University consisting of 3-5 bedroom apartments with shared kitchen and 1-2 bathrooms are located adjacent to the conference venue.

Transportation from the airport to downtown Toronto is quick and easy.

Most visitors take cabs or limos, which are parked immediately outside the arrivals terminal. Alternatively there is a train from the airport to downtown Union Station from where you will be able to take the subway or a cab to your hotel.

Train

<https://www.upexpress.com/>

Subway

<http://www.ttc.ca/index.jsp>

NEW Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

For those of you visiting from outside of North America, it is necessary to apply for a visa. This can be done electronically by visiting this website:

Find out more about [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#).

(<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>)

June is one of the best months to visit Toronto!

Temperatures are usually in the mid to high 20's with sunny days and some humidity. Light summer clothing will keep you comfortable, though a light covering or jacket is advisable as most buildings are air-conditioned and are cooler than the outside temperature. The weather will be good for walking and cycling.

A wonderful variety of restaurants and bars to select from!

Close to the conference venue are a number of student bars including the Madison, the Oxley and the Duke of York. There are also excellent restaurants within walking distance of the venue in Yorkville, an upscale shopping neighbourhood. Along Avenue Road, between Bloor and Davenport, due north of the venue, there are numerous restaurants with a variety of cuisines including seafood, Italian, and Japanese. A short distance west of the venue is Chinatown with a range of great restaurants, where dim sum as well as Cantonese and mandarin cuisines can be enjoyed. A more comprehensive list of restaurants in the city has been compiled by the local organizing committee and will be available in your conference packages and will be listed on the conference website.

For more information of what is happening in Toronto please visit the [Union Station Tourist Information Centre](#) listed on the website for a comprehensive list of galleries, museums, parks, festivals, theatre, sports, landmark, and tourist destinations. There is also information on how to navigate Toronto and get around the city easily.

Finally, for members who are considering venturing beyond Toronto, either before or after the conference, please click on the link <http://sprconference.com/elements/sightseeing.html> to explore a range of vacation possibilities, within 3 hours of Toronto.

We look forward to hosting you in Toronto in June!