

SPR Toronto Site Committee Update February 2017.

The SPR Executive held a productive meeting at the University of Toronto at Victoria College the end of January. The EC had the opportunity to meet with members of the Local Organizing Committee and visit the conference site as well as the Gardiner Museum where the banquet will be held. Plans are in place to ensure that all meeting rooms will be equipped with PC laptop computers. Conference presenters, as in the past, will be encouraged to place their power point presentations on memory sticks or external hard drives.

Please check the website for travel information, in addition monthly travel updates will be sent to the SPR list serve and posted to the Travel Information link on the Conference website. These updates will provide information about sightseeing in Toronto, events happening in Toronto during the week of the conference, bar and restaurant recommendations, transportation in and around Toronto as well as travel information for those of you thinking about an extended vacation in Ontario, and venturing beyond the Toronto region.

If you are attending the conference, we would like to invite you to consider discovering the beautiful cottage country and vineyards in Ontario, either before or after the conference in June. The relatively low Canadian dollar makes it an ideal time to consider planning an extended vacation in Ontario. Additionally, 2017 is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Ontario towns large and small will be hosting special celebrations on July 1/2017.

**Vacationing in 'Cottage' Country.** Just 2-3 hours north and east from Toronto, Ontario has an extensive array of accessible lakes, with an extensive network of 'cottages' and lakeside resorts available for rental accommodation. While we will highlight a couple of our favourite 'go to' lakes and cottage towns – Georgian Bay, Muskoka, Kawartha Highlands, Algonquin Park - more information about each of these destinations, and additional vacationing options, can be accessed at [www.ontariotravel.net/Summer](http://www.ontariotravel.net/Summer).

**Visiting Ontario Vineyards.** About 2 hours southwest of Toronto by car or bus, Niagara-on-the-Lake is the premiere wine growing region of Ontario with 27 wineries located in the area and an extensive array of local bed and breakfasts, and locavore restaurants to chose from. Another up and coming region is Prince Edward County, located about 2 ½ hours east of Toronto, close to the Thousand Island tourist region. Prince Edward County also offers visitors a range of bed and breakfasts, spa facilities and dining options. Further information can be obtained at [www.ontariotravel.net/Summer](http://www.ontariotravel.net/Summer).

We will keep you posted with respect to Travel updates on the SPR listserve, and conference website, and will provide more information regarding sightseeing in and around Toronto this June. Information about accommodation options during you stay in Toronto is available on the website, as well as information with respect to travel documents required for entry into Canada and discounted airfares for travel to Toronto for the conference with Air Canada that is available for SPR members.

**We look forward to hosting you in 2017 in Toronto!**