



QUEBEC
2008

**A Strong Industry
Serving Society**

FIDIC 2008 CONFERENCE

Québec 7-10 September

International Federation of Consulting Engineers
Association of Canadian Engineering Companies
Association of Consulting Engineers Québec



REGISTRATION AND PROGRAMME



www.fidic2008.org





A Strong Industry, Serving Society

Safe drinking water, secure transportation, reliable communications and efficient energy are the backbone of our global economy. The International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) 2008 Québec conference will challenge consulting engineers to build a stronger industry that can serve society even more effectively. The focus will be on the role of engineers in influencing decision-makers and opinion-leaders while delivering quality services to meet global needs.

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FIDIC 2008 Québec conference "A Strong Industry Serving Society", pulls together the themes of these last two FIDIC conferences.

The 2008 conference takes place in Québec City, the capital of Canada's Québec province, in the city's mythic Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel. The only walled city north of Mexico and an UNESCO world heritage treasure, Québec City has a proud history blending French and English influences with a distinctive character, in a setting beyond compare that is blessed by exceptional natural surroundings. With breathtaking architecture, beautiful streets and fortifications unique in North America, Quebec recounts a fabulous story of history and culture.

Québec City also celebrates its 400th birthday in 2008 – a momentous occasion with year-round celebrations that bring an added, and unforgettable, dimension to the FIDIC 2008 Québec.

The conference starts with a Welcome Reception in the Musée National des Beaux-Arts on Sunday evening, 7 September 2008. The business programme begins with an Opening Ceremony and a plenary session on Monday, 8 September 2008, in the Palais Montcalm theatre in the heart of Québec City. Under "Influencing Society" – the theme for the day – speakers representing society-at-large will speak on the needs of society and the contribution that engineers can make. For the Monday local colour night, participants will be taken for a cruise on the beautiful St Laurence river, that will include a buffet dinner and lively entertainment.

"Delivering Quality" is the theme for the second day, Tuesday, 9 September. Leaders of the consulting engineering industry's client groups will describe their expectations and their vision for working as partners with consulting engineers. The business programme ends with the Young Professionals Future Leaders Workshop that has become a feature of FIDIC conferences.

"Building Strong Organizations", the theme for the third day, Wednesday, 10 September, is at the heart of the industry's call for action. It will be addressed by sessions focussing on how the industry can organize itself to meet both the needs of society and the expectation of clients.

The FIDIC General Assembly Meeting is held on Wednesday afternoon, and the closing gala banquet in the city's Convention Center on Wednesday evening will feature Québec's fine cuisine and amazing circus acts.

Throughout the conference there is a lively and entertaining series of optional events and tours, and a full programme is offered for accompanying persons.

FIDIC and the local hosts, the Association of Canadian Engineering Companies and the Association of Consulting Engineers Québec, look forward to welcoming you in beautiful Québec City for FIDIC 2008.

John Boyd, *FIDIC President*
Leon Botham, *ACEC Chair of the Board*
Michel Lalonde, *AICQ Chair of the Board*

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Young Professionals Activities

FIDIC 2008 Young Professionals Management Training Programme (YPMTP) working sessions

Friday – Sunday, 5 – 7 Sep. 2008; Clarendon Hotel

Networking Get Together

Sunday, 7 Sep. 2008

Future Leaders Workshop

Tuesday, 9 Sep. 2008; Frontenac

Organized by the FIDIC 2008 YPMTP

Site Visit

Tuesday, 9 Sep. 2008

Young Professionals Forum

Wednesday, 10 Sep. 2008; Frontenac

Young Professionals Forum Meeting and General Assembly

FIDIC Meetings

FIDIC Member Association Directors & Secretaries Meeting
Saturday, 6 Sep. 2008: 09.00 – 17.00; Frontenac

FIDIC Member Association officers dinner
Saturday, 6 Sep. 2008: 19.00 – 23.00; Le Parlementaire

FIDIC Member Association Presidents Meeting
Sunday, 7 Sep. 2008: 14.00 – 17.00; Frontenac

FIDIC Regional Groups Reports
Monday, 8 Sep. 2008: 16.00 – 17.15; Frontenac

FIDIC General Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, 10 Sep. 2008: 16.00 – 17.30; Frontenac

FIDIC Young Professionals Forum Meeting
Wednesday, 10 Sep. 2008: 16.00 – 17.30; Frontenac

FIDIC Regional Groups Board Meetings

- ASPAC: Asia-Pacific

- GAMA: Africa

Consult www.fidic.org/conference/2008/diary

FIDIC Committee and Task Force Meetings

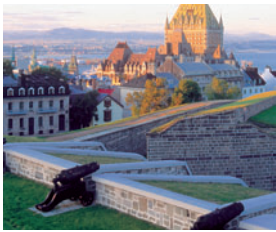
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Future FIDIC Conferences

2009 London: 7 – 11 Sep-
2010 New Delhi: 12 – 16 Sep.
2011 Tunis: Sep.

Useful websites

Conference: www.fidic2008.org
Québec tourism: www.quebecregion.com
Quebec government: www.bonjourquebec.com



A Strong Industry, Serving Society

Sunday 7 September 2008

12.00 – 17.00 Registration, Château Frontenac
13.30 – 16.30 Optional City Tour, leaves from Château Frontenac
19.15 – 21.30 Welcome Reception, Beaux-Arts Museum

Influencing decisions while delivering quality services

Now is the time for the consulting engineering industry. Never has the need for wise engineering decisions been greater: globalisation calls for massive systems to transport people, resources and goods; society's quest for knowledge drives the acquisition, analysis, dissemination and storage of information; energy needs are growing.

At the same time – often as a consequence of these changes – there is a severe disruption in nature's balances, a significant loss of wildlife habitat and diversity, and social upheaval.

Engineering reconciles science and technology with society's needs. Yet engineers are often not present when decisions are made. This status quo must change; for engineers to truly serve society they must lead as well as implement. They must become "trusted advisors" to society.

If the industry is to act as a trusted advisor to society, it must first understand the necessary roles and attributes. FIDIC 2008 Québec aims to help consulting engineers better understand their role, and to explore what FIDIC can do to secure the industry's leadership.

Participants will be challenged not only to recognize and explore the issues but also to recommend specific actions to be undertaken by FIDIC and its members in order to "build a strong industry serving society". Beginning with a plenary session, each day of the conference will focus on a sub-theme.

Monday 8 September 2008 – Influencing Society

Coffee: 10.00 - 10.30 & 15.30 - 16.00; Lunch: 12.30 - 14.00

08.30 – 10.00 Opening Ceremony, Palais Montcalm

Hon. Gary Lunn, *Federal Minister of Natural Resources*
Hon. Jean Charest, *Premier of Québec (invited)*

Prominent experts will analyse social, economic and environmental issues, with a moderated plenary session to further explore the main aspects, notably the consulting engineering industry's awareness of society's needs and how to it can respond to today's major challenges.

10.30 – 12.00 Plenary Session 1, Palais Montcalm
Opinion Leaders

Pierre-Marc Johnson, *Former Premier of Québec*
John Ralston Saul, *Canada*

14.00 – 15.30 Seminars, Château Frontenac
- Our role in the global community
- Environmental stewardship & sustainability
- Setting an example: Ethics and Integrity

16.00 – 17.15 Regional Reports, Château Frontenac

18.30 – 21.30 Evening Dinner Cruise

Tuesday 9 September 2008 – Delivering Quality

Coffee: 10.30 - 11.00 & 15.30 - 16.00; Lunch: 12.30 - 14.00

The consulting engineering industry's client community will illustrate how relationships with clients ultimately determine quality. A moderated plenary session will first demonstrate engineering as an investment in financial and environmental sustainability, acknowledge communication as a core competency, and highlight the benefits of risk management. Seminars followed by discussion workshops will explore how quality can be achieved, with recommendations on how FIDIC can help the industry deliver high quality outcomes.

09.00 – 10.30 Plenary Session 2, Château Frontenac
Clients Views

Chris Newcomb, *ACEC*
Thierry Vandal, *Hydro Québec*
Jean Simmon, *RTZ, Canada*
Omar Maani, *Mayor of Amman, Jordan*
Young Joo Chye, *PUB, Singapore*

11.00 – 12.30 Seminars, Château Frontenac
- Communication: a core competence
- Procurement and sustainability
- Does risk transfer threaten quality?

14.00 – 15.30 Discussion Workshops, Château Frontenac

16.00 – 17.00 YPMTF Future Leaders Workshop, Château Frontenac

Conference Theme

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Wednesday 10 September 2007 – Building Strong Organizations

Coffee: 10.30 - 11.00 & 15.30 - 16.00; Lunch: 12.00 - 14.00

09.00 – 10.30 Plenary Session 3, Château Frontenac
Industry Leaders

Pablo Bueno Tomás, *TYPSA, Spain*
Rick Firlotte, *Golder Associates, Canada*
Pierre Shoiry, *GENIVAR, Canada*
Martin Nielsen, *Scott Wilson, UK*
John Dionisio, *AECOM, Canada*

Consulting engineering industry leaders will reflect on the industry's ability and capacity to both influence society and deliver quality. Ensuing sessions will foster discussion on the industry's need to be profitable and sustainable; its need to invest in human capital through succession planning; the role that society can play in supporting this vital industry; and the importance of advocacy on major issues.

11.00 – 12.30 Seminars, Château Frontenac
- Advocacy: a voice for the industry
- Planning success through succession planning
- Business strategies for a changing market

14.00 – 15.30 Conference Report, Château Frontenac
Influencing society, delivering quality and building strong organizations

16.00 – 17.30 Young Professionals Forum, Château Frontenac

Open meeting and General Assembly

16.00 – 17.30 FIDIC General Assembly Meeting, Château Frontenac

16.00 – 17.30 Gala Dinner, Convention Center

Thursday 11 September 2007

Coffee: 10.30 - 11.00; Lunch: 12.00 - 14.00

FIDIC Design-Build-Operate Contract Training Seminar

An international training seminar

09.00 – 17.00 Château Frontenac

Optional extra for conference participants

Speakers Axel Jaeger, *Germany*
Michael Mortimer-Hawkins, *UK*





Participant

Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr, etc.) _____

Given name (for badge) _____

Family name _____

Organization (if any) _____

Position in organization _____

Address _____

Country _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Dietary requirements _____

Fax to FIDIC: +41 22 799 49 01

Prices, in Euro, are for bookings at the early and normal rates before and after 15 July 2008, respectively. For registrations after 5 September 2008, please add 10% to all prices. Registrations for the full conference, for one-day and for the FIDIC DBO Contract Seminar (Thursday, 11 September 2008) are accepted up to the conference. Bookings for optional events, tours and extra tickets are only accepted if they accompany a registration for the full conference, for one day or for the FIDIC DBO Contract Seminar; payment must be settled by 15 August 2008. Payment for the conference and one-day registrations can be settled up until the conference. Payment is by credit card. Payment by bank transfer will only be accepted for exceptional cases (please contact FIDIC).

Discount

Please indicate if discount sought, and send form to FIDIC.

Young Professionals 33% discount
35 years of age or less; proof required

LDC discount
Official delegates of qualifying Member Associations

Accompanying person/s	Welcome, Opening, Gala, Dinner Cruise, Accompanying Person's Package	Price, Euro	Number	Euro
Title, given & family name	_____	450/450	1	_____
Title, given & family name	_____	450/450	1	_____
Title, given & family name	_____	450/450	1	_____

Conference registration

Full conference	Welcome, Opening, Dinner Cruise, Gala, programme, refreshments, lunches	1250/1350	1	_____
OR One-day registrations	Programme, refreshments, lunch			
	Monday, 8 Sep.	500/500	1	_____
	Tuesday, 9 Sep.	500/500	1	_____
	Wednesday, 10 Sep.	500/500	1	_____
OR FIDIC DBO Seminar	Thursday 11 Sep.; programme, refreshments, lunch	300/300	1	_____

Optional tours and events

Saturday 6 Sep.	Presidents Dinner (FIDIC Member Association officers only)	50/50	_____	_____
Sunday 7 Sep.	Afternoon Tour Québec	30/30	_____	_____
	Welcome Reception extra ticket Beaux-Arts Museum	125/125	_____	_____
Monday 8 Sep.	Opening Ceremony extra ticket Palais Montcalm	35/35	_____	_____
	Mid-Day Tour Orléans Island	65/65	_____	_____
	Local Colour Night extra ticket Dinner Cruise	105/105	_____	_____
Tuesday 9 Sep.	Morning Tour Cooking Class	50/50	_____	_____
	Afternoon Tour Domaine Maizerets	35/35	_____	_____
Wednesday 10 Sep.	Morning Tour Beaupré Coast	50/50	_____	_____
	Gala Dinner extra ticket Convention Centre	125/125	_____	_____
Thursday 11 Sep.	Day Tour Whale Watching	135/135	_____	_____
	FIDIC DBO Contract Seminar Château Frontenac	200/200	_____	_____

Total: _____

Payment by Credit Card

Payment generally by credit card in Euro.

Card number: _____

Expiry date (mm/yy): _____

Card address: _____

Cardholder name: _____

I authorise to be deducted from this card the amount: _____ Euro

Signature _____

Payment by Bank Transfer

Payment by bank transfer or by cheque may be accepted in exceptional circumstances, by contacting FIDIC before arranging payment.

For FIDIC-authorized payment by bank transfer, or by cheque, the full amount must be paid, plus Euro 20 for bank charges. Extraordinary bank charges arising from special handling will be invoiced separately.

Make payable in Euro in full, with no charges, to FIDIC 2008 Québec, Account No. 0243-296.180.62C, UBS, Place St. Francois 16, CH-1003 Lausanne, Switzerland. Clearing number: 0243; IBAN: CH63 0024 3243 2961 8062C; BIC: UBSWCHZH80A.



Participant

Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr, etc.) _____

First name (for badge) _____

Family name _____

Organization (if any) _____

Position in organization _____

Address _____

Country _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Arrival date & flight number _____

Departure date & flight number _____

Fax to hotel (see below)

This booking form is only valid for participants at the FIDIC 2008 Québec Conference (7 – 10 September 2008). The completed form with payment details should be faxed to the hotel of the participant's choice. For information, contact the hotels directly. For additional information, contact ACEC, 130 Albert Street, Suite 616, Ottawa K1P 5G4, Canada (tel: +1-613-236 05 69; fax: +1-613-236 61 93; info@acec.ca; www.acec.ca) that is responsible for coordinating hotel bookings in the conference hotels.

All rates include taxes (7.5% PST; 5% GST; 3% Tourism Tax). The only hotel with a promotion rate that includes a (buffet) breakfast is the Fairmont. To benefit from any conference promotion rates, payment for a one-night deposit must be received by the hotel not later than the dates given below for each hotel. This deposit will be at the rate confirmed by the hotel upon making the booking. Subject to availability, this rate will be given by the conference rates given below and will include taxes. The one-night deposit guarantee is refunded if the booking is cancelled before a date specified for each hotel. Please give information in full, one form for each conference participant.

		Persons	CAD\$	Nights	Amount
Fairmont Le Château Frontenac**** venue _____					
1, rue des Carrières, Québec G1R 4P5	Fairmont Queen Single	1	365	_____	_____
Tel: +1-418-692 38 61; fax: +1-418-691 21 43	Fairmont Queen Double	2	365	_____	_____
agentres@fairmont.com; www.fairmont.com/frontenac	Deluxe Old Québec Single	1	415	_____	_____
Quote promotion code "GRFID08". Rates until 3 August 2008.	Fairmont King Double Double	2	440	_____	_____
	Deluxe River-view Single	1	565	_____	_____
	Deluxe River-view Double	2	565	_____	_____
Hôtel Château Laurier**** 1.5 km from venue _____					
1220, place George V Ouest, Québec, G1R 5B8	Superior Single Room	1	229	_____	_____
Tel: +1 418 522 81 08; fax: +1 418 648 99 29	Superior Double Room	2	229	_____	_____
laurier@vieuxquebec.com; www.hotelchateaulaurier.com					
Quote promotion code "189922". Rates until 24 July 2008.					
Hôtel Loews Le Concorde **** 2 km from venue _____					
1225, course de general-De Montcalm, Québec G1R 4W6	Superior Single Room	1	239	_____	_____
Tel: +1 418 647 22 22; fax: +1-418-643 52 56	Superior Double room	2	239	_____	_____
llchreservations@loewshotel.com; www.loewshotels.com					
Quote reservation code: "FID709". Rates until 3 August 2008.					
Hôtel Clarendon *** 0.5 km from venue _____					
57, rue Ste-Anne, Québec G1R 3X4	Superior Single Room	1	189	_____	_____
Tel: 1-418-692 24 80; fax: +1-418-692 46 52	Superior Double Room	2	189	_____	_____
reservations@hotelclarendon.com; www.clarendonhotel.com					
Quote promotion code: "#FIDIC". Rates until 7 August 2008.					

Payment by credit card: I authorise this card to be deducted one night's guarantee.

Card number: _____ Expiry date: _____

Visa
 AmEx
 Eurocard/MasterCard

Cardholder name: _____

Card address: _____

Signature: _____

Payment by bank draft/bank cheque: for hotels accepting payment by bank transfer, please ask the hotel for bank account information. The amount to be paid will normally be the full amount for the booking.

I will arrange transfer of the following amount (in \$CDN): _____

Bank draft/bank cheque number: _____

Issuing bank: _____

Payment by bank transfer: for hotels accepting payment by bank transfer, please ask the hotel for bank transfer information. The amount to be paid will normally be the full amount for the booking.

I will arrange transfer of the following amount (in \$CDN): _____

The rates are for single occupancy (one person) or double occupancy (two persons in the same room); some hotels can accept a third person in the room for an additional charge. Check-in is generally at 13.00 – 14.00 and check-out at 12.00. The organizers do not guarantee that the rates given above are the most advantageous available.

The amount corresponding to the deposit guarantee will be debited from the credit card used to reserve the accommodation at a certain time before arrival. This may be at 16.00 on the date of arrival, or in some cases up to two days before arrival. Participants are asked to check with the hotel for the exact cancellation date that applies. If the reservation is cancelled before the cancellation time, any deposit will be refunded. If the deposit is not paid or guaranteed before this time, the reservation will be cancelled. The rate used will be the rate confirmed on making the booking (given by the conference rates listed above).

Settlement at the hotel on departure is normally by cash or credit card. In the event of a no-show, a cancellation fee equivalent to the one-night deposit to guarantee the reservation at the rate confirmed on making the booking is payable if the cancellation is made after a date specified by each hotel. The number of rooms at the conference rates is limited, so please book early. For changes to a reservation after 7 August 2008, the cancellation fee may apply.

Visa Invitation Form

FIDIC 2008 Québec



Title (Mr, Mrs, Dr, etc.) _____

First name _____

Family name _____

Home address _____

Country _____

Passport number _____

Date of birth _____

Contact email _____

Contact fax number _____

Contact postal address _____

Organization name (if any) _____

Position (if any) _____

Intended date of arrival _____

Intended date of departure _____

Likely hotel in Québec _____

How will accommodation be paid? _____

How will living expenses be paid? _____

Fax completed form to ACEC: +1-613-236 61 93

Please send a completed Visa Invitation Form, one for each participant and accompanying person/s, to ACEC, 130 Albert Street, Suite 616, Ottawa K1P 5G4, Canada (tel: +1-613-236 05 69; fax: +1-613-236 61 93; info@acec.ca; www.acec.ca).

Canadian visa offices outside Canada are listed at www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/missions.asp

To apply for a Temporary Resident Visa, participants travelling to FIDIC 2008 Québec may need a letter of invitation from ACEC, the Canadian host association. To facilitate applications, participants needing an official invitation letter should send a completed Visa Invitation Form, to ACEC.

Citizens of countries listed at www.canadavisa.com/canadian-immigration-visitor-visa-exemptions.html do not require visas; those who are citizens of countries listed at www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp require a visa.

ACEC will send a visa invitation letter (printed on ACEC letterhead with a handwritten signature) by courier express or registered mail, with a copy by fax, and a scanned copy by email. So please give your email address, fax number and a postal address for contacts.

Some visa offices may tell the applicant that the visa application letter must be notarized by a Notary Public. If this is the case, the applicant is asked to contact ACEC. A new letter will be sent that has been notarised.

Venue: the conference venue is the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac (1, rue des Carrières; tel: +1-418-692 38 61; fax: +1-418-691 21 43). Set high on a bluff near the Parliament Buildings, overlooking the St. Lawrence River and above the historic lower town, the hotel permits easy walking access to Québec City's main sites. Conference events taking place elsewhere are: Welcome Reception (Beaux-Arts Museum); Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session (Palais Montcalm); Local Colour Night (dinner cruise boat leaves from the port beneath the Château Frontenac); Gala Dinner (Convention Center). The Presidents Dinner on Saturday, 6 September 2008 in Le Parlementaire (National Assembly Restaurant), reserved for FIDIC Member Association officers, is a short walk from the Château Fronenac.

Registration: online registration with payment by credit card is available from 15 April 2008 until the start of the conference at the conference website, www.fidic2008.org. Registration at the reduced "early bird" rate ends on 15 July 2008. For offline registration, registration forms must be received by 5 September 2008. All payments must be settled by the start of the conference or access may be denied. Registration in the FIDIC 2008 Conference Secretariat: 09.00 – 18.00 on Sunday, 7 September; 09.00 – 18.00 on Monday, 8 September and Tuesday, 9 September; 08.00 – 12.00 on Wednesday, 10 September. Payment by bank transfer may be accepted, upon request, in special cases. Bookings and payment for optional events and tours, and for extra tickets to conference events, must be settled by 15 August 2008. The cut-off dates for hotel reservations, subject to availability, made at the conference rates are listed in the hotel reservation form. Conference badges should be worn at all times during conference events and the business programme.

Discounts: participants aged 35 years or less who work for a member firm of a FIDIC Member Association can register for the full conference with a 33% Young Professionals discount. Proof of age must be sent to FIDIC with the offline registration form or separately for online registration. There is also a discount on the full-conference fee for participants from FIDIC Member Association member firms based in Less Developed Countries (LDC). The number of participants that qualify from a given country is equal to the number of FIDIC General Assembly Meeting delegates. To obtain the LDC discount, the participant's national Member Association must be asked to notify FIDIC. For online registration, if a discount is applied for, the only method available for payment is "later by credit card": when FIDIC receives the registration it will send an invoice for payment.

Confirmation: registration is valid if all fees are paid in advance. The organizers will acknowledge the receipt and confirmation of conference registrations by fax or email. Requests for event bookings will be handled on a first come, first served basis. While every effort will be made to keep to the published programme, the organizers reserve the right to change times and venues. Tours and events are based on a minimum of participants and may be either merged with an equivalent tour or cancelled. Late registration of participants, accompanying persons and exhibitors is possible after the 5 September 2008, via FIDIC, and at the conference venue on Sunday – Wednesday, 7 – 10 September 2008. The prices will be the same as those indicated for after 15 July 2008, plus a 10% service charge. Tickets for optional events and for events include in the Full Conference and Accompanying Persons Programmes can only be purchased with full conference, one-day or the FIDIC DBO Contract Seminar (11 September 2008) registrations. The availability of places for the social programme and Accompanying Persons Programme is not guaranteed.

Cancellations and registration change: partial or full cancellations of registrations received in writing before 15 July 2008 by mail or fax will be refunded less an administration fee (pro rata, based on Euro 100 for a full conference registration) if payment is also received by this date. Payments and cancellations received between 15 July 2008 and 15 August 2008 will be entitled to a 50% refund. No refunds are available for payments received after 15 August 2008. Refunds will be processed after the conference.

Hotels: Château Frontenac is in easy walking distance of the three other conference hotels (Château Laurier; Loews Le Concorde; Clarendon). There will be no bus transfers from these hotels and the conference venue. For most events included in the conference programme (Welcome Reception; Opening Ceremony; Gala Dinner), buses will leave from the Château Frontenac, Château Laurier and Loews Le Concorde hotels. Buses for optional events and tours will leave from the Château Frontenac, except for the Monday mid-day tour that leaves from the Palais Montcalm.

Hotel accommodation: bookings at the conference rates directly with the conference hotels. A deposit guarantee will be debited from the credit card used to reserve the accommodation at a certain time before arrival. This may be at 16.00 on the date of arrival, or in some cases up to two days before arrival. Participants should check with the hotel for the exact cancellation date that applies. If the reservation is cancelled before the cancellation time, any deposit will be refunded. If the deposit is not paid or guaranteed before this time, the reservation will be cancelled. Settlement at the hotel on departure is normally by cash or credit card. In the event of a no-show, a cancellation fee equivalent to the one-night deposit to guarantee the reservation at the rate confirmed on making the booking is payable if the cancellation is made after a date specified by each hotel. For changes to a reservation after 7 August 2008, a cancellation fee may apply.

Climate and clothing: the conference is held at the end of the Québec summer with temperatures of 8 – 25 °C. Participants should have warm clothing for evening events. Formal dress is not required for the conference business programme. For excursions and tours, casual wear is advised, and for the Gala Dinner, evening dress is preferable.

Language: the two official languages in Canada are English and French, and general services are available in both

languages, even in Québec where the official language is French. Businesses and hotels give service in both official languages.

Internet facilities and message board: at the Château Frontenac, Internet facilities will be available on 8 – 10 September 2008. A message board will be available outside the ballroom. Participants should check the board regularly to receive and post messages.

Currency exchange: the legal tender in Canada is the Canadian dollar (CAD\$). Bank notes are available in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 dollars, and coins in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 25 cents, and 1 and 2 dollars. The Canadian dollar is generally on par with the American dollar. Traveller's cheques are usually accepted in large hotels, some restaurants and major stores. Otherwise, they must be cashed at an exchange office or bank. Foreign currency can be exchanged at exchange offices, banks and hotels. There are numerous exchange offices in Canada's main cities. Airports also offer exchange services.

Credit and charge cards: major credit cards are accepted everywhere, namely Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Banking: banking hours vary, but banks are generally open from 09.00 to 17.00, Monday to Friday. One can withdraw cash from most automatic teller machines at any time.

Shopping: shops, shopping centres and most businesses are generally open from 10.00 to 18.00. Monday to Wednesday, from 10.00 to 21.00 on Thursdays and Fridays, and from 10.00 to 17.00 on Saturdays and Sundays. Some establishments open earlier and close later, notably pharmacies and grocery stores. A few shopping centres are open every weeknight until 21.00. Tax-free shopping is available at most major Canadian airport.

Airport: Situated alongside the major highway network, the Château Frontenac is less than 30 minutes from Québec City's Jean-Lesage International Airport which accommodates regional, national and international flights (see www.aerportdequebec.com). One must take a taxi or limousine to travel to and from the airport, or rent a car. The taxi fare from the city centre is CAD\$ 30.

Travel to Québec City: the city's strategic location in the north-eastern part of North America puts it within easy reach of the major business centres. By plane, it is 90 minutes from New York City, Boston and Toronto; Montréal is only 40 minutes away. By car, bus or train, the city is less than three hours from Montréal. The train station, Gare du Palais, is less than 20 minutes from the Château Frontenac. Travellers arriving in Québec City from transborder and international destinations should consult:
- www.cra-adrc.gc.ca (Customs);
- www.cic.gc.ca (Immigration)

Public transport: most attractions are within easy walking distance from the conference hotel. Taxis and buses are the main modes of transport in Québec City.

Driving in Québec: visitors holding a driver's license from their country of origin can drive in Québec for at most six months. An international driving licence is not required, although if licences are not in French or

English, it is recommended that an international licence is obtained before arriving in Canada. The minimum age for driving a car is 16 years, but some rental companies require 25 years of age.

Water, smoking and tipping: the Québec Sales Tax (QST) and the federal goods and services tax (GST) are added to the selling price of most goods and services. Several tourist regions charge a tax on accommodation (CAD\$2 – 3 per night, or 3%, before the QST and GST are added). Tipping in restaurants, bar, and taxis is customary. (generally 10 – 15% of the total bill, before taxes); tipping bellhops or porters is discretionary (typically, CAD\$1 per bag carried).

Telephones and postal services: a local call from a public telephone costs 25 cents, paid with coins or a prepaid card. International calls cost less if paid for using a pre-paid card. Foreign mobile phones may work in Québec, depending on the device and the service provider. Visitors who plan to spend several weeks in Québec can use the General Delivery service for their mail by going to the main post office of the city indicated in the mailing address.

Disclaimer and insurance: the organizers are not responsible for personal expenses incurred or loss suffered by a conference participant in connection with the event, and are not responsible for mishaps. Participants should make their own insurance arrangements, by taking out whichever insurance they consider necessary. They are advised to arrange health and travel insurance prior to arrival in Canada. For all events during the conference, the registration fees do not include provision for the insurance of participants against personal accidents, sickness, theft or property damages.

Passport, visas and health: for visas, see Visa Invitation Form above. Foreign travellers must cover their own medical expenses by taking out an insurance policy prior to departure. Pharmacies can fill prescriptions only if written by a member of the Collège des médecins du Québec. For a medical emergency, dial 911 from any telephone.

Electricity supplies: the electric supply throughout North America is 110 volts – 60 cycles. An adaptor is recommended for visitors from overseas.

Special meals: Conference lunches and coffee break items will contain no pork or lard; vegetarian food will also be served. For dietary requirements for the optional tours and events that include meals, contact the Conference Secretariat.

Further information and Secretariat: for further tourist information in Canada, the province of Québec and Québec City see:
- www.canada.travel
- www.bonjourquebec.com
- www.quebecregion.com
The Conference Secretariat will be in the Levis Room, Château Frontenac. Deliveries should be addressed to FIDIC 2008, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, 1, rue des Carrières, Québec G1R 4P5.

Accompanying Persons

Accompanying persons will be able to enjoy wide range of attractions in Québec City and Québec Province that testify to a remarkable and historic cultural heritage. All tours will leave from the conference venue, the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, except for Monday's Mid-Day Tour.

Saturday

6 September

Accompanying FIDIC Member Association officers only.

Presidents Dinner



Le Parlementaire

Sunday

7 September

Afternoon Tour

Welcome Reception



Historic and Modern Québec
Beaux-Arts Museum

Monday

8 September

Opening Ceremony

Mid-Day Tour

Local Colour Night



Palais Montcalm
Orléans Island
Dinner Cruise

Tuesday

9 September

Morning Tour

Afternoon Tour



Cooking Class
Domaine Maizerets

Wednesday

10 September

Morning Tour

Gala Dinner



Beauport Coast
Convention Center

Thursday

11 September

Day Tour



Whale Watching

Conference venue

FIDIC 2008 Québec and most conference events take place in the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac hotel (marked "1" on the map), a magnificent turn-of-the-century building in old Québec near the Parliament Buildings. With its superior meeting facilities and a distinctive European charm, the hotel – set high on a bluff overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River and above the historic lower town – permits easy walking access to many of the exceptional sites and experiences that Québec City has to offer. The three other conference hotels are within easy walking distance of the Château Frontenac. Bus transport between the hotels and the venue is not provided.



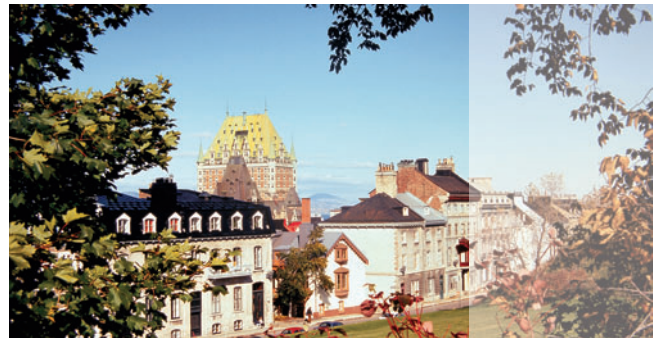


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The FIDIC 2008 Conference – the consulting engineering industry’s premier networking event – takes place in Québec City, the capital of Canada’s province of Québec. The only walled city north of Mexico and an UNESCO world heritage treasure, Québec City has a proud history, blending French and English influences, in a setting beyond compare that is blessed by exceptional natural surroundings.

In 2008, Québec City celebrates its 400th birthday – a momentous occasion with year-round celebrations that bring an added and certainly unforgettable dimension to the FIDIC 2008 Québec Conference.

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Venue

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With breathtaking architecture, pedestrian streets and fortifications unique in North America, Québec City recounts a fabulous story of history and culture. As a capital of fine dining, the city also offers haute cuisine, local specialties and all the flavours of the world in its many restaurants and bistros.

Hotels and Transport

The Fairmont Le Château Frontenac in the heart of the Québec City is less than a 30-minute drive from Québec’s Jean Lesage International Airport, only 45 minutes by air from Montreal, Canada’s principal city, and 90 minutes by air from Toronto, Canada’s business hub. Québec City from Montreal International Airport takes under three hours by car; train and bus services are available.

The five-star Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is also the FIDC Québec Conference’s main hotel. Accommodation arrangements have been made for conference participants at three other conference hotels, within easy walking distance of both the conference venue and the sites and experiences that Québec City has to offer. Early registration and booking of hotel accommodation is encouraged.

To ensure that consulting engineering further develops as a strong and viable industry which promotes innovation and optimizes quality and sustainability, FIDIC 2008 Québec will identify clear goals and actions for “A strong industry serving society”.

Organizers

FIDIC, the Fédération Internationale de Ingénieurs-Conseils, was founded in 1913. Today, it represents most of the private practice consulting engineers in the world. The federation is charged with promoting and implementing the consulting engineering industry’s strategic goals on behalf of 80 Member Associations representing over 40,000 firms with annual revenues of \$US230 billion. FIDIC member firms endorse FIDIC’s statutes and comply with FIDIC’s Code of Ethics. FIDIC organizes seminars, conferences and other events in the furtherance of its goals. FIDIC publications include information for consulting engineers, project owners and international development agencies, widely used conditions of contract, client-consultant agreements and international best-practice publications, training manuals, and guides.

ACEC, the Association of Canadian Engineering Companies, represents Canada’s private sector consulting engineering firms which constitute a strategic industry with \$US13.8 billion annual revenues that employs some 88,500 staff. Founded in 1925, ACEC members today consist of 600 independent consulting engineering companies and 11 provincial and territorial member organizations.

L’AICQ, l’Association des ingénieurs-conseils du Québec (Association of Consulting Engineers of Quebec), is an ACEC member organization in Québec representing some 70 firms with over 15,000 staff. AICQ promotes and safeguards the business and professional interests of the Québec’s consulting engineering industry. A large part of its members’ \$US3 billion per annum total revenue comes from international work.

