



Montreal, 24 April 2017

Dear IFLA Members, Delegates and Friends!

The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA), the Association des architectes paysagistes du Québec (AAPQ) and its partner, the World Design Summit Organization (WDSO) welcomes you to Montreal, the host City of the **World Design Summit Montreal 2017**, an unprecedented international event during which practitioners, academics and other players from the design scene will get together to address a broad spectrum of issues related to the various disciplines of design. The whole of the event is planned to foster crossovers and the exchange of knowledge between disciplines. We invite **IFLA Members** to actively join the global community and come together to transcend silos through cooperation and transdisciplinary professional development, with a common focus: how can design shape a better future for all.

**The World Design Summit 2017 | WDS2017 event will take place from October 16 to 25** which include the CONGRESS, and EXHIBITION from October 16 to 20, the International SUMMIT MEETING from October 23 to 25.

We are very proud to host **the 54th International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) World Congress, in Montreal**. This year the **IFLA World Congress is organized within the World Design Summit**, and will be a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary exchange through the CONGRESS program as well as during the Social activities and Tours. IFLA activities, Student Design Competition, Student Design Charrette, Gala and Congress are integrated within the World Design Summit Program.

All event information, including hotel reservations, program information, etc, can be found here:

<http://www.csla-aapc.ca/events/2017-world-congress>



I am pleased to share the following **IFLA World Council** information with you:

**IFLA World Council dates and venue:** October 15 and 16, 2017 at the Bonaventure Hotel. The Agenda and Meeting Room information will be communicated later.

**The IFLA World Congress** October 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, 1001 Jean Paul Riopelle Pl., Montreal. The Palais des congrès de Montréal is located at the Place-d'Armes métro station. Directions at the métro exit will guide you to the main Congress venue entrance.

IFLA delegates are welcomed to Montreal and advised to arrive no later than October 14. Early arrival is also a very good option, for city touring and getting acquainted with Montreal, a city full of surprises, before Congress activities.

**Official IFLA Hotel: The Bonaventure Hotel will host the IFLA World Council.** We are very happy to announce that we have negotiated a special rate for **IFLA World Council Delegates**. The Bonaventure Hotel is a four-star hotel, ideally located at a short walking distance from the Palais des Congrès, the Congress venue, and also to Old Montreal, the Canal Lachine, and Downtown. The Bonaventure metro station is at the underground level of the Hotel. <http://hotelbonaventure.com/en>

The Hotel is part of Place Bonaventure, built in 1963–1967, by Affleck, Desbarats, Dimakopoulos, Lebensold, Sise, and later Arcop. This Brutalist complex, built in opaque ribbed concrete, spans the railway tracks leading to Central Station. Shops were located around a central square with the metro passing below, an exhibition and conference hall was placed at ground level with showrooms above, while wholesale suppliers and the Hilton hotel occupied the upper floors – including a one-hectare roof garden—making it a perfect example of Reyner Banham's megastructure concept. The Hotel's main feature, the roof Garden was built in 1965-67, and was originally designed by John Schreiber Associate Landscape Architect, Montreal; Sasaki, Dawson, DeMay Associates Inc. Landscape Architects, Watertown, Mass..

#### **Other hotels nearby:**

In case you do not wish to stay at the Bonaventure hotel, we are happy to announce that special rates were negotiated with the following Hotels for IFLA Delegates:

**The Holiday Inn Montreal Centre-Ville**, 2 min walking to the Congress Venue

*Single room 219\$ CAN dollars/night - breakfast not included*

*CODE: ZSD online booking [here](#) or at +1-514-878-9888 / +1-888-878-9888 or by email at [reservation@hicvmtl.com](mailto:reservation@hicvmtl.com)*

**Hotel Le Dauphin Downtown Montreal**, 4 min walking to the Congress Venue

*Single room 172\$ CAN dollars/night - breakfast included CODE: SOMMET MONDIAL DU DESIGN*

*Reservation at 1-888-784-3888 or 514-788-3888 or by email at [mtl@hoteldauphin.ca](mailto:mtl@hoteldauphin.ca)*

More hotels are also available on the [WDSO website](#). The Official IFLA Hotel will not be listed yet on the website to give priority to the World Council Members, so they can stay in the same hotel. We strongly recommend you book your room in advance, before May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017. After this date the rooms will be open to all Congress participants.

**How to pay:** You can book and pay your room directly on the Hotels website – please use the Hotel codes mentioned above, or follow the instructions given for each hotel.

**Congress registration code:**

**IFLA official Delegates are entitled to a reduced fee**, the early bird fee has been extended for you. If you are not registered yet, please do it before May 12, 2017, for the reduced amount of 650\$ CAN dollars. When registering please use IFLA Delegates code: **IFLA2017**

<https://billets.sommetmondialdesign.com/>

**WDS NEWS** please subscribe here: <http://worlddesignsummit.com/#subscribe>

**Visa support and other documents:** You are invited to consult the Canadian Embassy or Consulate in your Country or via a travel agency for the requirements to enter Canada. Visa-Exempt foreign nationals need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. For more information, to determine if you require a visa, please visit the Government of Canada Immigration and citizenship website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp> Once you make your registration to the Congress, you can request your visa invitation letter, if you must require it at [info@worlddesignsummit.com](mailto:info@worlddesignsummit.com)

**Landscape Architecture visits and technical tours** are organized by the CSLA and the AAPQ for Congress and post Congress tours. The tour information and reservations will be available shortly, at <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/events/2017-world-congress>

**2017** is the year of the **375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Montreal, the 50<sup>th</sup> of EXPO 67 and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation**, making it a very attractive tourist year for Montreal. So we strongly recommend booking your room, and flight in advance.

Bienvenue à Montréal, Welcome to Montreal!!!



Raquel Peñalosa, CSLA Delegate

**CSLA | Canadian Society of Landscape Architects**

Raquel Peñalosa, CSLA IFLA Delegate  
WDS Professional and Scientific Committee  
[Raquel.penalosa@bell.net](mailto:Raquel.penalosa@bell.net) [p.americas@iflaonline.org](mailto:p.americas@iflaonline.org)

Michelle Legault, CSLA Executive Director  
12 Forillon, Ottawa ON K2M 2W5  
1-866-781-9799  
[executive-director@csla-aapc.ca](mailto:executive-director@csla-aapc.ca)  
<http://www.csla-aapc.ca>

Member of IFLA  
International Federation of Landscape Architects  
<http://www.iflaonline.org>