



# **ISCC/CIE Expert Symposium**

## **75 Years of the CIE Standard Colorimetric Observer**

**16 - 17 May 2006**

**National Research Council of Canada  
100 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

Organized by the  
Canadian National Committee of the CIE  
and the  
Inter-Society Color Council

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Dates**

Inter Society Colour Council annual meeting: 14-15 May 2006

ISCC/CIE Expert Symposium: 16-17 May 2006

CIE Division 1 meetings 18-19 May 2006

### **Venue**

Ottawa is located approximately 180 km (112 miles) from Montreal and 450 km (200 miles) from Toronto.

The Symposium and meetings will be held in Ottawa, Ontario at the National Research Council of Canada Sussex Drive laboratory, 100 Sussex Drive, which is about a 20 minutes walk of the downtown centre. Directions to this venue can be found at: [http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/institutes/directions/ottawa-sussex\\_e.html](http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/institutes/directions/ottawa-sussex_e.html)

A map showing the directions from 100 Sussex Drive to the Sheraton Hotel at 150 Albert Street is given below. The total estimated distance is 1.6 miles.



### **Flight Arrangements**

Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport is located approximately 15 km (9 miles) south of downtown Ottawa. It is served by air carriers from all over the world so you should have no trouble making flight arrangements. On the Internet, see <http://www.ottawa-airport.ca> for a complete listing of airlines and other information about the airport.

### **Travel Documents**

US citizens do not require a visa to enter Canada but require proof of US citizenship, such as a passport, or photo identification. On the Internet, see <http://www.travel.state.gov/travel>.

Citizens of other countries require a valid passport and may require a visa. On the Internet, see: <http://www.akcanada.com/>.

Important travelling tips can be found at: <http://www.ontariotravel.net/>

### **Currency**

The currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar. Currency may be exchanged at the airport. Major credit cards are generally accepted throughout Canada. Travelers

cheques in Canadian or American funds are widely accepted and ATM machines are conveniently located downtown.

### **Exchange Rates**

The latest Canadian currency exchange rates can be found on-line at:  
<http://www.xe.com/ucc>

The exchange rates for foreign currency as of September 2005 were:

CA\$1.00	=	US\$	.84
		Euro	.71
		UK£	.48

## **LOGISTICS**

### **Accommodation**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton, 150 Albert Street in the centre of downtown Ottawa. The Sheraton Ottawa Hotel is an upscale, modern business hotel featuring 236 spacious and elegantly appointed guest rooms. It is conveniently located close to Parliament, museums and shopping,

**You are responsible for your own reservations.** For reservations, call **Hotel Direct: 1-800-489-8333 or 1-613-238-1500.** When doing so, **please quote “ISCC/CIE”.** We have obtained the **rate of CA\$139** plus the applicable taxes (7% GST and 8% PST). All reservations must be made on a guaranteed basis with either credit card or a cash deposit equivalent to the first night's stay plus applicable taxes. Any charges or cancellations must be made prior to 6:00 pm on the scheduled date of arrival. Check-in time is after 3:00 pm; check-out time is prior to 12:00 pm.

**Reservations must be made prior to 12 April 2006.** After that date the hotel will release the remaining portion of the bedroom block for resale. The hotel will accept reservations after the aforementioned date, on a space available basis, however, guests may not benefit from the contracted rate.

The rate of CA\$139 is based on scheduled arrival and departure dates of May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Any early arrivals or stayovers will be based on space availability.

A hotel registration form is attached for your convenience.

### **Transportation**

A taxi from Ottawa International Airport to the hotel will take approximately 20 minutes, and will cost in the neighborhood of CA\$25. There is also a shuttle from the airport to the hotel. A one way charge of CA\$14. and a return cost of CA\$22. per person is applicable. There is also slower public transportation available via OC Transpo which runs from the Ottawa International Airport to downtown and the cost is a one way charge of CA\$3.00.

**Bus transportation will be provided to take attendees to and from the ISCC annual meeting and Symposium and Sheraton hotel and to the Symposium banquet (included in registration fee).**

The NRC Sussex Drive laboratory is about a 30 minute walk from the Sheraton hotel. Ottawa's Transit system (OC Transpo) [www.octranspo.com](http://www.octranspo.com) can easily provide transportation to and from the hotel and NRC (the No. 3 bus stops at the corner of Sussex and John Street). The transit system is a safe, clean, and efficient. All vehicles charge the same fare: adults \$3.00 exact cash or tickets \$1.90. You can get a better deal by purchasing in larger quantities (e.g.) sold at OC Transpo Sales and Information Centres. For locations see the OC Transpo web site. If you are switching from one bus to another a paper transfer is required. The bus schedule is generally 6:30 A.M. to midnight. The cost of a taxi to go from the hotel to NRC is about \$9.00.

**There is limited parking available at NRC Sussex and visitors require a special parking pass** (Contact Joanne Zwinkels at Tel: (613) 993-9363 to arrange for a parking pass).

### **Meals and Breaks**

Continental breakfast, refreshment breaks, and lunches are included in the ISCC annual meeting and ISCC/CIE Symposium. Only refreshment breaks are scheduled for the CIE Division 1 meetings on May 18-19th. Lunches on these days can be purchased in the NRC Cafeteria or nearby restaurants. Ottawa offers an excellent selection of restaurants, cafés and bistros with cuisine from around the world.

The welcome receptions for both the ISCC annual meeting and the ISCC/CIE Symposium will be held at the Sheraton Hotel. The ISCC Annual Awards banquet will be held on Sunday evening, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Hotel. A highlight of the Symposium is a banquet on Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> in the Riverview Salon at the spectacular Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec. Bus transportation will be provided to attend this event.

### **Tippling/Taxes**

A 10 to 15% tip is customary in restaurants and taxis, more if you feel you have received outstanding service. There is a retail provincial sales tax (PST) of 8%; there is also a 5% tax on hotel/motel rooms and a national goods and services tax of 7% (GST).

Visitors who accumulate CA\$100.00 worth of receipts for certain types of merchandise to be used outside of Ontario may apply for a retail sales tax refund. Visitors may also claim a rebate of any GST they pay on short-term accommodation and on most consumer goods to be taken out of the country within 60 days. There is no GST rebate for services such as dry cleaning, goods left in Canada, meals in restaurants, alcoholic beverages, gasoline, or certain appreciating used goods such as coins. The rebate form is available while in Canada and you can claim by mail or at a participating border duty-free shop. Rebate applications must include original receipts.

There is an absolute exemption from GST and PST on goods purchased by a non-resident if the goods are shipped directly outside of Canada. This is particularly useful for goods for which no rebate may be claimed, such as paintings, jewelry, rare books, etc.

### **Electricity**

Same as the United States - 110 volts, 60 cycles, AC.



## **FACILITIES/SUPPORT**

### **Audio Visual Support**

Standard 35mm slide, overhead projector, video facilities, and PC-based computer projection equipment will be available. We can play any type of VHS format video tape and standard audiocassette tapes. If you require any facilities for your presentation other than those mentioned, please contact Joanne Zwinkels at Tel: (613) 993-9363 and discuss your requirements.

### **Telephone, Fax, E-Mail messages**

While you are here, others may leave a message for you by phoning 613-990-0768 or by faxing to 613-941-4654, Attention: Susan Wilson. E-mail can be forwarded c/o [Joanne.zwinkels@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:Joanne.zwinkels@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca) or you may use one of our computers to make a remote login.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ON OTTAWA**

### **Overview**

Ottawa has been described as one of the most beautiful capitals in the world. Less than an hour's drive from the American border, Ottawa enjoys the attributes of a major centre for the visual and performing arts, as well as other big city attractions. Yet, it still maintains the accessibility, atmosphere and charm of a smaller city, in addition to access to spectacular park and wilderness areas located within and around the city.

The downtown core of Ottawa is fairly compact and offers visitors a wide variety of national attractions, activities and parks, many of which are readily accessible on foot. The City has over 50 museums, 50 galleries and beautiful natural outdoor attractions, such as the historic Rideau Canal, and the Gatineau Hills.

Spring is the season of rebirth and all over Ontario flowers bloom. Delight in the vibrant colours at the [Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa](http://www.tulipfestival.ca) <http://www.tulipfestival.ca>. This world-famous event will commence on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 so you might want to extend your stay in Ottawa to take in the millions of colorful tulips and festivities.

The National Research Council Sussex Drive Research Facility is located just a stone's throw away from the Prime Minister of Canada's official residence at 24 Sussex Drive. It is also located close to the heart of the City within easy walking distance of the Parliament Buildings and the historic Byward Market, Canada's oldest farmer's market, where you can find many outdoor cafés and restaurants.

### **Weather**

The weather in Ottawa is considered continental, with average temperatures in May being about 19 °C ( 66 F) for a maximum and 7 °C ( 45 F) for a minimum. Temperatures are given officially in degrees Celsius (C) with the Fahrenheit equivalent (F) often added. For an exact conversion of Celsius to Fahrenheit, multiply the Celsius temperature by 9/5 and add 32. You'll find more detailed information about Ottawa's climate, including helpful tips on what clothing to bring when you visit, by clicking here [Weather Travel Tips](#)

<http://www.ontariotravel.net/TcisCtrl?site=consumers&key1=travelTools&key2=travelTips&key3=weather&language=EN&linkType=I>. Select "Ottawa" for today's weather along with a five-day weather forecast: