

Where to go in 2019?

Two great proposals to
host our 2019 World
Conference



IASP

International Association of Science Parks
and Areas of Innovation



Edmonton, Canada



Nantes, France

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Dear member,

The time to decide who will host our 2019 World Conference is approaching, with voting taking place at this year's World Conference in Istanbul on 26th-29th September (www.iasp2017istanbul.org).

Following our call for candidatures, the potential conference destinations for 2019 are Edmonton (Canada) and Nantes (France). The IASP World Conference destinations up until then will be the following:

- 2017 Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 Isfahan, Iran

The destination for 2019 will be announced following a member vote conducted at our General Assembly in Istanbul on 28th September 2017, where the candidates will make a brief presentation of their bid prior to the voting.

The call to our General Assembly will be sent out to all members prior to the World Conference, including the document for your proxy vote if you are unable to attend our World Conference in Istanbul. As per our constitution, only Full members are allowed to vote and further information about the voting by proxy will be shared shortly.

On the following pages you can see more information about the 2 proposals (in alphabetical order by city), including content provided by each candidate.

We wish the best of luck to both members, and thank them for their work and efforts in preparing their proposals to host our World Conference in 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Ebba Lund
Chief Operations Officer

IASP World Conference 2019: **WHY EDMONTON?**



Where to go in 2019? Proposal by Edmonton RP



Edmonton is a big city with small-town values, a vibrant urban centre in the heart of wilderness, and a recognized hub of research, development and innovation.

Edmonton continuously ranks as one of Canada's youngest, fastest-growing metropolitan areas, and is known as an economic powerhouse with a can-do attitude.

Our amenities are as diverse as our people: from close encounters with bison at a national park, to surfing indoors at the world's largest indoor wave pool, to taking your taste buds on a journey to some of Canada's hottest indie eateries, there's no end of activities for visitors.

A cultural hotspot, Edmonton hosts hundreds of festivals, sports events and conferences every year, while our river valley is Canada's largest urban park with more than 160 km of pathways.

www.exploreedmonton.com

One of Canada's most diversified economies,

How to get there

Closest major airport:

Edmonton International Airport (YEG)
www.flyeia.com

Distance from the closest major airport to the conference venue:

30 km

Other modes of transport:

Edmonton is connected to Saskatchewan and B.C. via Highway 16, and to Calgary via Highway 2.

To downtown from airport: Taxi, 35 minutes; airport shuttle, 60-90 minutes

The proposed conference venue



The Shaw Conference Centre is Edmonton's premier convention complex and a world-class facility located in the heart of downtown, within walking distance of dining, entertainment, shopping and transportation.

Its position overlooking our city's spectacular North Saskatchewan River Valley provides easy access to walking and biking trails. The Fairmont Hotel Macdonald, a four-diamond luxury hotel, is a four-minute walk away.

www.shawconferencecentre.com



About Edmonton Research Park



The Edmonton Research Park (ERP), established in 1980 to attract technology-intensive operations to the City of Edmonton, administers two facilities on a 243-acre campus with 55+ companies, ranging from early-stage businesses to large-scale firms.

Operated by the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation, the ERP nurtures innovation and R&D in diverse sectors, including IT and software development, biotechnology, oil and gas, light manufacturing, nanotechnology and medical devices fields. In addition to the established infrastructure and services, the ERP also accelerates entrepreneurship by helping companies build innovation facilities, providing referrals to support and funding agencies, and fostering collaboration with partners.

www.edmontonresearchpark.com

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WHY NANTES?



As the capital of western France, and 2013 European Green Capital, Nantes is an attractive, eco-friendly and comfortably-sized city, rated among the best cities in Europe for its quality of life.



The surrounding region is a center of excellence for a large number of key industries. With 2,200 researchers and 54,000 students from all over the world, Nantes is home to a wide and renowned network of

higher education schools and institutes, all members of Atlanpole.

There are several possible venues for the welcome reception, the informal dinner and the gala dinner:

-) The Castle of the Dukes of Brittany (15th century)
-) The Convention Center
-) The “Machines de L’Ile” : a wonderfully eccentric artistic project combining Jules Verne’s stories and Nantes’ industrial history.

<http://en.nantes.fr/home.html>

How to get there

Closest major airport:

Nantes Atlantique Airport (frequent daily connections to Paris Charles De Gaulle and Schipol Amsterdam major international hubs)
www.nantes.aeroport.fr

Distance from the closest major airport to the conference venue:

15 km - 20 min by airport shuttle, coach or taxi

Other modes of transport:

TGV high speed train (2 hours to central Paris), tramway, buses and taxi in downtown Nantes.

The proposed conference venue

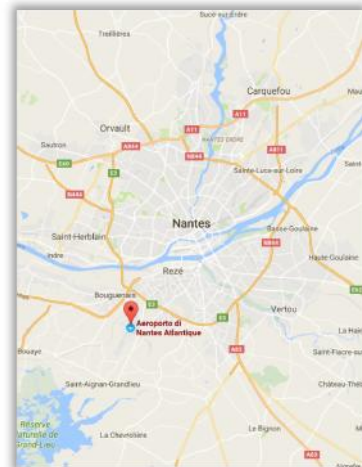


La Cité Nantes Event Center.

Located in the city center, the versatility of the facilities enables La Cité to offer customized solutions, in line with specifications and objectives of the organizer. La Cité is an eco-responsible venue.

It is within walking distance of hotels and the TGV high speed train station.

<https://lacite-nantes.com/pro-2.html>



Proposal put forward by: Atlanpole



ATLANPOLE
Land of innovation

As technopole of the Nantes University basin, Atlanpole is the driving force of the Greater Nantes Area of Innovation, comprising several STPs, incubators, accelerators, and connecting all western France’s clusters in various fields such as Digital, Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, Biotech, Agrofood, Clean Tech...

It hosts 457 resident companies, from startups and SMEs to big multinationals.

www.atlanpole.fr



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