

Interim Meeting 2017, August 10th - 12th

It was FIDEM Canada's pleasure to welcome FIDEM executive members Delegates and their partners to Ottawa in August. The event was attended by President, Philip Attwood, Great Britain, General Secretary, Marie Astrid Pelsdonk, Netherlands, Treasurer, Ana Pereira, Portugal, Executive member, Consultative Committee member Cory Gilliland and her Husband, Tommy Gilliland, USA, Executive members Tapio Suominen and his wife Riitta Suominen, Finland and James Malone-Beach and his wife Leany Malone-Beach, USA, Delegate, Tetsuji Seta and Vice delegate Toshiaki Yamada, Japan, Delegate, Marie Joao Gaiato, Portugal. The Canadian members who participated were Delegate Lynden Beesley and her husband

Henry Beesley, Vice Delegate, Susan Taylor and her husband Doug Taylor and Member Matt Bowen and his wife Paula Bowen who also represented the Royal Canadian Mint.

For the Start of the Interim Meeting On Thursday 10th August Susan and Doug Taylor generously hosted a Mingle and Medal Reception at their home on behalf of FIDEM Canada. This was attended by all of the FIDEM representatives from around the world as well as invited guests who are friends of FIDEM and who are liaising and working with the XXXV FIDEM Congress Steering Committee to produce a world class FIDEM Congress in Ottawa in 2018.

MINGLE AND MEDAL RECEPTION



Lieutenant-Colonel Carl Gautier, Director of the Directorate of Honours and Recognition (DH&R) Canadian Forces, **Lynden Beesley**, FIDEM Delegate, Canada, **Paul Petch**, **Susan Taylor**, FIDEM Vice Delegate, Canada, **Philip Attwood**, President of FIDEM, **John Swettenham** Director, Marketing, Media and External Relations & Chief Marketing Officer Canadian Museum of Nature

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Susan Taylor receiving the AMY Award from James Malone Beech



Paul Berry, Chief Curator at the Bank of Canada Museum and “keeper of the National Currency Collection” talks shop with Philip Attwood, Keeper of Coins and Medals, British Museum



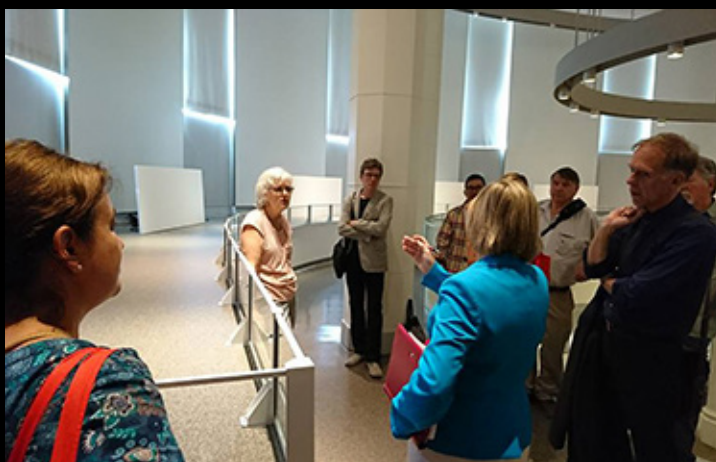
Paul Petch speaking about his receiving the Douglas Ferguson Award

Susan, Paul, Marie-Astrid Pelsdonk, FIDEM General Secretary
<https://canadiancoinnews.com/petch-receives-prestigious-j-douglas-ferguson-award>

Photos by Doug Taylor

MUSEUM TOUR

On Friday morning August 11th the FIDEM group met at the Canadian Museum of Nature for a tour. The tour was hosted Nathalie Boulet, the Supervisor of Sales at Canadian Museum of Nature. Nathalie showed us the different spaces in the museum, which will be used by the Congress including the spectacular medal exhibition space.



OLD MILL BREW PUB



After the tour everyone car-pooled over to the Old Mill Brew Pub for lunch to enjoy a traditional style Canadian lunch of Tourtiere or Bison burgers, washed down with a brew from the pub.

In the Afternoon, we were hosted to a very enjoyable boutique tour of the Royal Canadian Mint, The Interim meetings for executives and delegates were held in the Polar Bear RCM Board Room. Following the meetings at the Mint there was free time to explore the Byward Market followed by an evening of camaraderie at The Aulde Dubliner Pub in the market area.

THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT



Saturday August 12th we all met at the Houses of Parliament where we were treated to an excellent and extensive tour. We were able to go into the library and both the Commons and the Senate chambers as well as other special rooms. Our guide was extremely knowledgeable and made the tour so interesting.

The Senate



FIDEM Interim Meeting participants tour Parliament Hill, in the library

As the tour took longer than anticipated we had to take taxis to get to lunch at Bistro Boreal in the Canadian Museum of History. Following lunch we were taken on a tour to see the new special exhibition about Canada. We had hoped to walk back to the hotels from the museum but the heavens opened and it poured with rain, so we all piled into taxis back to the hotels prior to the evenings activities.

A goodbye dinner was organized for FIDEM members and partners at the Canal Ritz Restaurant. This restaurant is situated on a bend in the Rideau Canal, which is a very picturesque part of Ottawa. The dinner was hosted by FIDEM and we all had a lovely evening.



RELAXING AT THE TAYLOR'S



We look forward to welcoming the world to Ottawa in 2018 for the XXXV FIDEM Congress Celebrating “Women” and “Women in the Natural Sciences”.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynden Beesley

FIDEM Delegate Canada
FIDEM XXXV Congress Chair