



Interim Meeting 2017 Ottawa

Dear members of the Executive and Consultative Committees, Honorary Members, delegates and vice delegates.

The organisers of the XXXV Congress would like to invite you to attend the interim meeting in Ottawa, Canada, in August 2017 from 10th to the 13th. Ottawa is the capital of Canada. It is in the province of Ontario and is situated on the Ottawa River. At Ottawa's heart are the Houses of Parliament surrounded by many other interesting buildings and sculptures. In 2017 Canada will be celebrating its 150th birthday so Ottawa should be at its best for your visit.

Program (Please note the times are only preliminary and could change).

Thursday 10th August. Arrival day

At 18.00 pm There will be a welcome reception at the home of Susan and Doug Taylor hosted by FIDEM Canada members. Food, wine, coffee, and tea will be served. Members should take a taxi to the Taylor's home.

Friday 11th August

In the morning there will be a tour of the Canadian Museum of Nature. Those wishing to walk will start at 9:00 am from Les Suites Hotel and it will take about 30 minutes to get to the museum via the Rideau Canal route. Those not wishing to walk to the museum can take a taxi to meet there by 9.45.

9.45. A tour of the museum will be led by Nathalie Boulet who will show members the facilities to be used by the Congress. After the tour we will all take taxis to the Old Mill Brew Pub for Lunch. \$4.00 each approximately

11.30. Lunch will cost members \$40.00 and will include 2 courses, a wine or beer and gratuity. A vegetarian option will be offered.

After lunch it is a 32 minute walk along the Ottawa River, with wonderful views of many of the special sights of Ottawa, to the Royal Canadian Mint. A good way to work off the pub lunch otherwise one can take taxi.

14. 00-14.30 There will be a Greeting and a Boutique Tour of the RCM.

This will be followed by the Interim meetings in the RCM Board Room.

14: 30-15: 30 Interim meeting for the executive and consultative members

15: 30-16: 00 Coffee break for all members

16: 00-17: 00 Interim meeting executives and delegates.

In the evening there is free time for exploring the Byward Market area or shopping in the Rideau Centre which is close and will be open to 9pm.

The Aulde Dubliner pub nearby has a reserved area for FIDEM members to relax and unwind and eat from 18.30pm should they wish.

Saturday August 12th

10.00-11.30 A tour of the Houses of Parliament has been booked. It is important that everyone should meet at the Houses of Parliament fifteen minutes prior to the tour as we have to go through security. This tour is free.

12.00--13. 45 Lunch. We will walk from the Houses of Parliament across the Alexandra Bridge into Quebec to have lunch at Bistro Boreal in the Canadian Museum of Nature. It has a lovely lunch menu and space has been reserved for our group. You are on your own to pay for this.

14.00-15.00 A tour has been booked at the Museum of History to see the new special exhibition about Canada. This exhibition has been specially mounted because in 2017 Canada is celebrating its 150th Birthday. The entry fee and tour will cost \$16. Of course after the tour you are free to enjoy the rest of the museum or return to your hotel and put your feet up and get ready for the evenings festivities.

18.30 - 20.30 Dinner for members and partners. It will be held at the Canal Ritz Restaurant. Starting at 6.30 pm we will be able to enjoy the table d'hote menu with a glass of wine or beer courtesy of FIDEM. Members should take a taxi there.

4th Day Sunday We will be sad to say goodbye to you but should you wish us to organize a day trip this is possible. Let us know when you send back the participation form.

With best wishes from the Canadian Team

Accommodations / Hotels

Hotels in Ottawa for the FIDEM meeting

You are free to book your own hotels however FIDEM Canada has reserved rooms for members. One block of rooms are at a hotel called Les Suites Hotel * and the other accommodations are at the Rideau Residence** of the University of Ottawa. Both of these accommodations have reasonable summer rates and are near to each other. They are both situated in the trendy Byward Market area of Ottawa.

Les Suites Hotel

Situated downtown near to the Rideau Centre at 130 Besserer Street, Ottawa, Canada K1N 9M9. The Hotel offers Premier 1 bedroom suites at \$179.00per night with1- 2 person occupancy. Premier 2 bedroom suites are \$279.00 per night. 1-4 person occupancy. Each suite has a small kitchen, bathroom and sitting room. The hotel has an indoor pool and 24 hour gym. The Presse Café offers breakfast or a casual glass of wine. Wifi is complimentary throughout the hotel. Members requiring accommodation are asked to contact the hotel before **Friday, June 30 2017**. Please use the code **FIDEM17**
1-800-267-1989 (US, Canada) 1-613-232-2000 (International)



Rideau Residence**

The University of Ottawa student residence is a converted Hotel. The address is 290 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5Y2. It too is near the Rideau Centre. The double rooms are very comfortable and Wifi is complimentary. There are many eating places nearby for breakfast. Please use Promo code - FIDEM2017 – It is now live and ready for online use. Guests can book from August 10 - 13 and will be able to do so until **Monday, June 12 2017** to benefit from the discounted group rate of \$110.00. Réservation de groupe | Group Reservations Résidences de l'Université d'Ottawa | University of Ottawa Residences
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