



International Academy of Mediators

MONTREAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Dates and Location:

August 19-21, 2021
Sofitel Montreal Golden Mile
1155 Sherbrooke St. W.
Montreal, Quebec H31 2N3
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Conference Committee:

Andrea Morrison* (Montreal QC)
Louise Otis* (Montreal QC)
Barbara Cornish (Vancouver BC)
Paul Van Osselaer (Austin TX)

*At the Scottsdale Conference, Andrea and Louise agreed to take an active role in the Montreal Conference when it was scheduled for October 2020. Given the postponement of that conference, we are reaching out to them to re-assume that role as chairs of the conference and its planning.

Working Draft of Schedule:

A working draft of the schedule for the conference will be developed in the coming months.

Theme:

The first task of the Committee will be to develop a theme for the conference in consultation with the President. The Board's views on the title are welcome. Possible themes include ones which are international or cross-cultural, taking advantage of the uniqueness of our host city.

Potential Highlights of Program:

1. *Keynote Speaker:* As with other conferences, we need to start early to line-up a prominent keynote speaker. With the connections of Andrea and Louise, we hope to identify and invite such a speaker this Spring.
2. *Program at local law school or the like.* As we have done at some other conferences, we need to explore whether there are training or other programs we could do in advance of the conference at local schools or other institutions to promote the academy goals of IAM.
3. *Plenary Programs and Workshops.* Topics for Plenary Programs (involving all attendees) and Workshops must be an early part of the planning. We should consider whether some of the programs should be in French, particularly if we get good attendance from local mediators

Publicity and Attendance:

At the conclusion of the April 24 Annual Meeting, Andrea or Louise (if they attend) will be asked to address the attendees very briefly about their beautiful city. And, of course, James Peter about the Zurich conference.

A “Save the Date” email will be sent in the coming months.

PEPP Talk:

We need to explore the topic and speaker for a PEPP talk. Suggestions welcome.

Guest Activities:

Richard and his team will do their usual excellent work on activities for our non-conference attending guests with input from Andrea and Louise.

Sponsorships:

Sponsorships are always a challenge. We will follow IAM Sponsorship Guidelines. Louise and Andrea mentioned in Scottsdale some organizations which could be targeted.

Budget:

To be developed.

