

## **CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION TIPS**

Dear Participants,

I am providing the following information for you related to the conference.

1. Upon arrival, you should call the Aeroport Taxi and Limousine service at 416, 255, 2211. The standard flat rate to the conference hotel, the Courtyard Marriott, 475 Yonge Street is \$44 CDN. If you use the usual airport taxi at the queue, the cost is \$50 CDN standard rate. Please note that the taxis do not charge for additional passengers; so up to four passengers with luggage can ride for the same price. The website for this taxi service is [www.aeroporttaxi.com](http://www.aeroporttaxi.com) and you can make reservations online.
2. There are two places to do money exchanges at the airport; one is downstairs just as you leave customs; the other one is upstairs by the outside exit. Choose the one upstairs, but exchange just enough for the taxi. The hotel and banks give you better rates and do not charge any fees.
3. For those staying in the conference hotel, the Courtyard Marriott, the following items are pertinent.
  - a) A Full hot breakfast comes with the hotel fee.
  - b) Each room is equipped with free internet access; you only need to have a laptop.
  - c) There is free computer and printing access in the Business Centre of the hotel
4. Luxury coach buses will take all the participants staying at the Courtyard Marriott to the conference at York University. Buses leave the hotel at 7:30 each morning. Please check the program for the time and process of buses returning to the hotel and other venues. Each morning, provided there is funding, there will be two taxi mini-vans leaving the hotel at 10:00 AM to York University; this service is provided for "stragglers."
5. There is a computer room set aside especially for conference participants at the conference venue, the Schulich Business Centre. The room is S235 (on the 2nd floor). This room is available each day, except the 18th, Friday, when we will use the 3rd floor lab, S335. The rooms will be open and the computers set for use. No code words are needed. No drinks or food are allowed in the computer rooms.
6. Please examine your conference packets thoroughly to make sure you have all the maps, program, and other materials essential to the conference.
7. The York bookstore will have books on display and for sale throughout the conference in the "marketplace" area of the Schulich. In addition, a full display of scholarship related to the short story genre will be displayed at the York University Bookstore in the York Lanes mall, less than a five-minute walk from Schulich.
8. Each room used for presentations or readings is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including overhead projectors, computer access, and screens. All you need to bring is a CD or thumb-drive. Plug it in and begin. The office of the technical staff is close at hand, should there be any problems

9. "Bring Your Passport!" American citizens now need their passport to go to and from Canada.
  
10. Even though your cell phones from abroad will work in Canada, it is good to check with your service provider about special international rates for limited usage. AT&T, for example has one that for \$5.99 a month (cancellable at any time) they will give you a special international rate of 59 cents a minute. Thanks. It may be too late for some, but many will have passports and will simply forget them.

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