

newsletter

10th WORLD LEISURE CONGRESS QUEBEC 2008

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A Unique Gathering

The organising committee of the World Leisure Congress Quebec 2008 is proud to present the first edition of its electronic newsletter. This helpful tool will allow you to begin preparations for "A Unique Gathering" that will take place in October 2008.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY!

The Conseil québécois du loisir (Quebec Leisure Council), which will be hosting the World Leisure Congress, and its many partners, are happy to welcome this unprecedented event under World Leisure's stewardship. The World Leisure Congress Quebec 2008 will take place from October 6th to 10th at the Centre des congrès de Québec (Quebec Congress Centre), recently cited as the best congress centre in the world and located in the heart of Quebec City, which will be celebrating its 400th anniversary in 2008.

After 20 years of absence, the World Leisure Congress returns to North America. It sets out to create a favourable place for encounters and discussions amongst decision makers, researchers, practitioners, students and volunteers from all over the world. **Over 1,200 stakeholders from 40 different countries are expected at this international event.** A first for Quebec!

The second goal the organising committee members have set out to achieve is to create an "opening to the world" for all Quebec and Canadian stakeholders and also to promote an "opening to our world" by presenting the successes, the initiatives and the drive of Quebecers in the field of leisure.

AN UNPRECEDENTED PARTNERSHIP!

The World Leisure Congress Quebec 2008 organising committee is made up of stakeholders from various fields in leisure:



associative, municipal, governmental and institutional that work together in order to meet everyone's needs and interests in the program schedule.



Other goals of the event:

- Mobilise, revitalise and bring together the Quebec and Canadian leisure communities;
- Make 2008 the Year of leisure in Quebec;
- Leave a heritage to the new cohort of workers, volunteers and stakeholders in leisure;
- Position Quebec and the French community in the world of leisure.

10^e CONGRÈS MONDIAL DU LOISIR 10th WORLD LEISURE CONGRESS

Several important organisations have already announced their participation in the event, thus joining those from the World Leisure Organisation. Some of these organizations have chosen to integrate their event to the World Leisure Congress Quebec 2008. The confirmed partners are as follows:

- Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA);
- Association des responsables aquatiques du Québec (ARAQ) (Quebec Association of aquatic custodians);
- Association québécoise du loisir municipal (AQLM) (Quebec Association of municipal recreation);
- International Bureau of Social Tourism (BITS);
- Fédération québécoise du loisir en institution (FQLI) (Quebec Federation of institutional leisure);
 - Cégep de Rivière-du-loup
 - Cégep de Saint-Laurent
 - Cégep du Vieux-Montréal
 - Collège Dawson
 - Collège Laflèche
 - Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
- Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (Ministry of Education, Sports and Recreation);
- Réseau québécois des villes et villages en santé (Quebec network of healthy cities and towns);
- Sports Québec;
- Unités régionales de loisir et de sport du Québec (URLS) (Quebec regional units of sports and leisure).



A CONTEMPORARY THEME

The congress' main theme is: "How do communities convert leisure for their development?". The following three sub-themes also give food for thought:

- Leisure: Plurality, identity, solidarity
- Leisure: Public and private space
- Leisure: Prevention, health, well-being

This very current theme questions the manner in which communities integrate, use and configure leisure to their social, cultural and economic environment. Communities are considered here in the broad sense of the word; i.e. people linked by interests, a history and an organisation with which they identify, within which they participate and for which they show solidarity. Leisure is addressed according to the four dimensions which give it meaning: time, activities, state of mind and the experience it provides.

A REMARKABLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Every day, the Congress will begin with a big conference, followed by a panel. The afternoon will be engaged in workshops, presentations in various formats such as presentation of the results of scientific research, study cases, round tables, workshops, training sessions, and also in-kiosk presentations. Furthermore, partners from the various fields will be called upon to animate the event and therefore demonstrate to all participants the motivation behind Quebec's stakeholders in the field of leisure. Several social and protocolar activities, as well as an important commercial exhibition fair are also on the program schedule.

OCT. 6 TO 10, 2008	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
THEME	Conversion of Leisure by the Communities	Leisure: plurality, identity, solidarity	Leisure: public and private space	Leisure: prevention, health, quality of life	Closing and synthesis
A.M.	Opening ceremony and conference Panel of the continents (introduction)	Main conference Panel	Main conference Panel	Main conference Panel	Panel of the continents (conclusion) Closing ceremonies
P.M.	Scientific presentations, training sessions, study cases, workshops and other.				
EVENING	Cocktail at the Musée de la civilisation de Québec	Activity to highlight Quebec's 400 th Anniversary	Opening of the commercial fair	Closing Banquet	

PACKAGES TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

The World Leisure Congress Quebec 2008 organising committee has made accessibility one of its main values so that all fields, all workers, all students and volunteers are able to take part in this international encounter. The various packages and their respective rates are available on the Congress' web site. Close to 20 packages are offered, varying from one to five days, including student and guest packages. Making the packages available immediately allows interested parties to better plan their stay in Quebec and to ensure their participation in this unique gathering!

Online registration will be possible as of October 2007.

QUALITY ACCOMMODATIONS

The organisation offers participants accommodations in some of Quebec City's quality hotels. Most of these are located a short distance away from the Centre des congrès (congress centre) and in the historical heart of the city, which is, incidentally, on UNESCO's prestigious world heritage list. The proximity of the hotels allows delegates to get around easily, by foot, from their rooms to the activity sites, without having to worry about their vehicles or parking spaces!

It is possible to take a virtual tour of the various hotels via the Congress' web site. You will thus be able to make your room reservations in the hotel that meets your specific needs. Another efficient way to plan your stay in Quebec in 2008!

Room reservations will also be possible as of October 2007.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The form for submitting a paper for the event's program will be available at the beginning of October 2007.

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AN ECO-RESPONSIBLE EVENT

The World Leisure Congress organising committee adheres to the eco-responsibility values. It aims at integrating the environmental, social and economic dimensions to the whole of the activities with sustainable development in mind.

This event is a pilot project in connection with the development of a Quebec certification in eco-responsible practices. This certification will be produced by the Réseau québécois des femmes en environnement (Quebec women's network for environment) in cooperation with the Quebec Standards Bureau.



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