



Greetings Fellow IICWG members!

IICWG 6 is fast approaching and its time to start preparing for our meeting later this fall in Ottawa. To date, we have secured a meeting venue, arranged group accommodations and developed a draft agenda outline. We are asking each of you to assist our planning by:

- 1) Confirming your attendance at IICWG 6 – just drop a short email to roger.deabreu@ec.gc.ca with a Yes, No or Maybe
- 2) Book your accommodations as soon as possible

Information regarding the venue and accommodations in Ottawa is provided below.

The standing committee (Keld Hansen and Paul Seymour) and I have prepared a very preliminary agenda for review by the membership. Some of the proposed topics are:

- 1- Day Science Workshop – Advances in ice monitoring, modeling and data assimilation
- 1- Day Technical Workshop – Interoperable Data Standards for Ice Information
- *The Next Five Years* – Challenges and Opportunities for Operational Ice Services
- IICWG *Letter of Cooperation* among Operational Ice Services
- IPY, GEO, GMES and satellite mission updates

We are asking that you review the accompanying draft agenda and forward your suggestions for topics and speakers. As the agenda develops this summer, we will be forwarding further drafts for additional comment.

Our new theme, *International Ice Services – The Next Five Years*, reflects our desire to review our first five years of collaboration, formalize our membership and chart the IICWG's next five years. Since we agreed in Hamburg in to broaden our group's perspective, we will be formally inviting international ice services who have not regularly participated within the IICWG. The Letter of Invitation is attached for your interest.

If you have any questions/feedback/suggestions regarding this years meeting, please forward them to me at roger.deabreu@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely

Roger De Abreu
Local Organizing Committee (Head) – IICWG 6
Canadian Ice Service

IICWG-6 Meeting Venue and Accommodations

IICWG-6 will be hosted this year by the North American Ice Service and held in Ottawa, Canada October 24-28. The meeting will occur at the

Former Ottawa City Hall

Bytowne Room

111 Sussex Drive (15 minutes from the Canadian Ice Service)



IICWG 6 Meeting Venue – Former Ottawa City Hall.

As for accommodations, 30 one-bedroom suites have been blocked off for attendees at

Les Suites Hotel, Ottawa

130 Besserer Street,

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9M9

Tel. (613) 232-2000 Fax. (613) 232-1242

Direct, toll-free at 1-800-267-1989

<http://www.les-suites.com/>

Les Suites is located in the heart of Ottawa's market and restaurant district. The suites include a separate bedroom, a living room and kitchen. The rate for the rooms is \$159.00 CAD per night (single occupancy) plus applicable taxes. High speed wireless internet has been arranged for all attendees and is included in the aforementioned rate. I encourage attendees to book their accommodations as soon as possible. When you call, please provide the reservation code **IICW1022** to receive this rate.

For those interested in alternative accommodations, other hotels located nearby include:

Marriott Courtyard Ottawa

350 Dalhousie Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7E9 Canada
Phone: 1 613 241 1000 Fax: 1 613 241 4804
Toll-Free: 1 800 341 2210

<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/YOWCY>

Novotel Ottawa (attached to Les Suites Hotel)

33 Nicholas Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9M7
Ph: 613-230-3033 Fax: 613-760-4765
1-800-NOVOTEL (668-6835)

<http://www.novotelottawa.com/home/novotelottawahotels.html>

See next page for a map of the venue location and recommended accommodations.

These documents and others will be available at the NSIDC hosted IICWG website

<http://nsidc.org/noaa/iicwg/meetings.html>



Relative Location of IICWG 6 in Downtown Ottawa

<http://maps.google.ca/maps?q=111+sussex+drive+ottawa&spn=0.021698,0.031956&hl=en>

For those of you unfamiliar with Ottawa, the following link is a good place to start.

http://www.canadacapital.gc.ca/index_e.asp