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To ICP Waters Task Force members

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## **Invitation to the 25<sup>th</sup> Task Force Meeting of the International Cooperative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution on Rivers and Lakes to be held in Burlington, Ontario, Canada from October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Dear colleagues,

The 25<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting of the International Cooperative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution on Rivers and Lakes (ICP Waters) will be held from October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Burlington, Ontario, Canada (west of Toronto at the end of Lake Ontario). The Task Force meeting will start on Monday at 10:00 hours and close at about 13:00 hours on Wednesday. The meeting will take place in the Travelodge Hotel Burlington on the Lake.

### **Draft agenda Task Force meeting:**

1. Introductions
2. Reports from WGE and other ICPs present at the meeting
3. Reports from the ICP Waters Programme activities 2008/2009
4. Intercalibration/intercomparison
5. Revision of the manual
6. Water chemistry – trends and status of S and N
7. Biological response
8. Dynamic modelling
9. Heavy metals and POPs
10. ICP Waters and the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD)
11. Future work
12. Other Business

We would like to invite you to present results from ongoing monitoring activities in your home country at the Task Force meeting. Relevant topics are trends in water chemistry and/or biology, heavy metals, POPs, dynamic modelling, analytical challenges, method development, EU WFD, etc.

**Tentative time schedule:**

Monday 19 October

- 10.00 – 10.30 Registration
- 10.30 – 12.00 Task Force meeting
- 12.00 – 13.30 Lunch
- 14.00 – 18.00 Task Force meeting

Tuesday 20 October

- 9.00 – 12.00 Task Force meeting
- 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch
- 13.00 – ~21.00 Excursion ending with the Task Force dinner

Wednesday 21 October

- 9.00 – 12.00 Task Force meeting
- 12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

The conference will be held in the Nelson meeting rooms at the Travelodge Hotel, and all participants can stay in this hotel.

**Accommodation:**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Travelodge Hotel Burlington on the Lake (see <http://www.travelodgeburlington.com>) for meeting participants. The room rate will be \$99.00 (plus applicable taxes for a total of \$111.87 Cdn) per night for either a single or double and includes breakfast.

Room reservations at the special group rate noted above should be made using e-mail ([reservations@travelodgeburlington.com](mailto:reservations@travelodgeburlington.com)), fax (1-905-634-4398) or by calling the hotel directly (1-905-681-0762) and quoting the group code “NIVA”. Do not use the room reservation facility that is part of the hotel’s website since in doing so, you will not get the special rate. The reservation cut-off date is September 18, and all meeting participants are strongly encouraged to make their reservations prior to that date. Reservations made after that date will be subject to room availability.

**Flights and Ground Transportation to the Hotel:**

Meeting participants will most likely fly into Pearson International Airport at Toronto, Canada’s busiest port-of-entry (see <http://www.gtaa.com/en/home/>). It is served by Air Canada and many European and U.S. airlines, and receives direct flights daily from all the major European hubs, e.g., London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, and others. Connection through major U.S. airports is also possible and may be particularly useful for those considering the unofficial post-meeting field trip to Nova Scotia (see information below).

Burlington is a small city (see <http://www.tourismburlington.com/>) located ~50 km west of Pearson Airport. Door-to-door transportation from the Airport to the Travelodge Hotel

and back can be obtained from Airways Transit (<http://www.airwaystransit.com/index.shtml>) and should be reserved once your flight arrangements have been finalized. A booking flyer will be sent to you shortly that gives all the necessary information. Note that passengers from other flights may also be on the Airways minibus so that it may make a stop or two prior to reaching the Travelodge Hotel. Other limosine and taxi services also exist if you want to search for them on the internet. You can, of course, rent a car at the airport should you wish to have personal transportation throughout your stay in Canada. The Travelodge web-site has directions for those who chose to drive.

### **The Excursion:**

An excursion into the Niagara region of southern Ontario is planned that will not involve significant hiking although there will be a brief opportunity to walk on the famous Bruce Trail (see <http://brucetrail.org/>). Normal walking footwear and attire should suffice for this day. Weather in October can be variable, however, and you should be prepared for sun or rain. Daily average maximum temperature is 15°C (an afternoon temperature in the mid-20s is not unusual) and the average minimum is 6°C. We will not return to Burlington prior to the meeting dinner.

Any excursion into Niagara can involve a stop at Niagara Falls – certainly one of the world’s great natural wonders but one that is now totally devoted to tourism. Given that many of you may have already visited Niagara Falls in the past, the excursion organizer would like to conduct a poll on whether or not to include “the Falls” in the day’s activities (majority will rule).

### **Information needed by the meeting hosts:**

Our meeting hosts, Dean Jeffries and Tom Clair, ask that you provide the following information:

- 1) Once your hotel reservation has been confirmed, please email Dean ([dean.jeffries@ec.gc.ca](mailto:dean.jeffries@ec.gc.ca)) with the details of your date of arrival, number and name(s) of travelling companion(s) and whether they will participate in the excursion, whether or not you will be using Airways Transit, etc.
- 2) Please inform Dean of dietary restrictions and food allergies.
- 3) Please inform Dean whether or not you would like to include Niagara Falls in the excursion.
- 4) Please inform Tom ([tom.clair@ec.gc.ca](mailto:tom.clair@ec.gc.ca)) whether or not you will be participating in the “unofficial post-meeting field trip” (see below).

**Unofficial post-meeting field-trip:**

After the official part of the meeting is over, we are pleased to offer an opportunity for those interested to visit Environment Canada field sites in Nova Scotia. Participants who wish to continue to Nova Scotia would leave Toronto for Halifax, Nova Scotia after the Burlington meeting ends on Wednesday. There are a number of flights on Air Canada or Westjet that leave Pearson Airport in the late afternoon or evening for Halifax. A hotel name will be given as soon as the organizers have an idea of the number of people who wish to attend.

## Tentative Agenda:

October 21, afternoon or evening: Leave Toronto for Halifax. Two nights accommodations will cost approximately \$300 Cdn.

October 22: Field trip to Kejimikujik National Park in central Nova Scotia, home of an Environment Canada lake monitoring cluster. There will be a stop in Lunenburg Nova Scotia, a small town on the Atlantic Coast which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its historical and cultural significance (see <http://www.explorelunenburg.ca/>). Travel to the site and a picnic lunch will be provided.

October 23: Day trip to the Joggins fossil cliffs located at the head of the Bay of Fundy, which has the greatest tidal range in the world. We would arrive at Joggins near lowest tide. Joggins is another UNESCO World Heritage site and was an inspiration to Charles Lyell, the father of modern geology who visited many times (see <http://jogginsfossilcliffs.net/>). Lunch and transportation will be provided. The return trip will be through the beautiful Wentworth Valley at the peak of their autumn colours.

We will return to Halifax Airport by 16:00 so that people can leave on Air Canada flights by 17:30 to Toronto or Montreal where they can catch flights back to Europe. People can stay further in Halifax for the weekend as they choose.

The Programme Centre looks forward to seeing you in Canada this October!

Yours sincerely

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