

# International Diatom Symposium 2016, Québec City

## Social program

Because it's important to have the opportunity to relax and to interact with colleagues in an informal setting while attending the symposium, we have organized social activities that are open to all IDS participants. These social events will take place in the evenings, following poster sessions. It will be **important to register for the different activities at the registration desk during the icebreaker reception on SUNDAY, 21 August** in order for us to be able to manage them properly. These activities are **not** included in the registration, so you will need to pay for them separately if you choose to participate. However, we have tried to keep costs to a minimum.



### Monday evening:

Venue: The Café FoU AÉLIÉS, in Pavillon Desjardins, Université Laval (where the Symposium is being held, so **no transport is involved**) has the best coffee on campus and offers a wide selection of local and international beers, as well as other kinds of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.



Activity: We will be hosting a fun, general knowledge quiz. People will team-up into groups of 5-6. Answers will be written down and compiled at the end to determine the winning team. We will order pizza and have it delivered to the Café.

Cost: 10 CAD per person (for the pizza – 2 slices; payable when you register on Sunday), and you have to pay for your own drinks.

Maximum number of participants: 70, first come, first served.

Time: Please be at the café by 7 pm, at the latest. The café closes at midnight.

### Tuesday evening: Supper on the other side of the St-Lawrence River



Venue: The Corsaire restaurant is a microbrewery located in Lévis, Québec's sister city which lies just opposite on the South Shore of the St-Lawrence River. We will ride the city bus from the University into the old harbour and then take the ferry across,

which may provide you with some superb photo opportunities (depending on the weather!). We will then have supper at the Corsaire, located beside the ferry terminal on the Lévis side. There is no pre-set menu – everyone is responsible for choosing and paying for their own meal. You can see the restaurant's menu here (in French, but it gives you an idea of the prices): <http://corsairemicro.com/bistro/> .



At the end of the night, we will cross back over with the ferry and take the bus back to the

University. You can also share taxis back to your hotels. People can return in a group, or independently at whatever time they want! We will provide you with the necessary information so that you can get back to the University or your hotel on your own, if you wish to do so.

Transport: You will need to buy bus tickets (available at the convenience store in the Desjardins Building where the conference activities take place; you can also buy a week-long pass if you plan to take the bus more than 8 times during your stay). You will also need to buy tickets for the ferry (3.55 CAD, each way, available at the ferry terminal). The last ferry leaves Lévis for Québec at 2 o'clock in the morning, leaving ample time for you to enjoy this outing.

Maximum number of participants: there is no maximum number of participants for the ferry trip. However, only 30 places could be reserved at the restaurant in advance. First come, first served.

Time: We will meet at the Pavillon Desjardins bus stop at 6:30 pm. You can return to your hotels on your own when you wish. We will provide you with the necessary information.

### **Wednesday evening: Banquet at the Aquarium**



This activity was booked at the time of registration for those who wished to take part. Unfortunately, registration is now closed for this activity as we have reached the maximum number of places.

### **Thursday evening: The Circus!**

The Québécois are world-renowned for their original approach to the ancient art of the circus (Cirque du Soleil was created here, in Québec City). We will be once again taking the bus into town as we make our way to the Agora, an open-air arena located in the old harbour. We will be seeing an incredible circus show entitled *Crépuscule: raviver les braises*, presented by Flip Fabrique, a well-known circus troupe from Québec.

Cost: The show is FREE. However, you need to buy **bus** tickets. There is also the possibility of going out for supper in the many different nearby restaurants after the show. Please take note that we will not make reservations for restaurants but we can provide you with some recommendations if you wish.

Maximum number of participants: there is no maximum number for this activity. We will provide interested parties with the necessary information to get to the venue and back.

Time: the show starts at 8 pm, but doors open 30 minutes beforehand and it is necessary to be there at that time in order to have a seat. It will therefore be necessary to leave the University immediately after the poster session. Getting there will take around 45 minutes (bus + 15-20 minute walk).

