

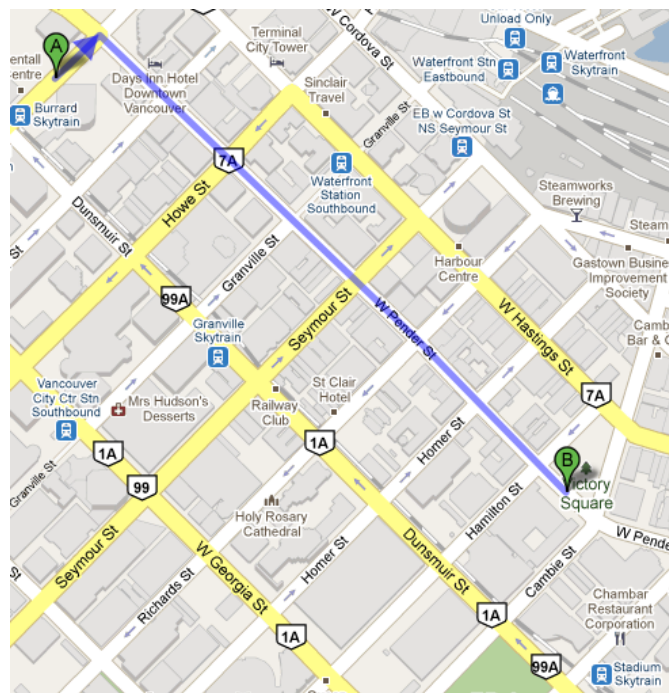
Practical info

Conference venue

The conference will be held from 10-12 September 2010 in the city campus building of the Vancouver Community College, opposite Victory Square.

Vancouver Community College
250 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, British Columbia,
Canada

It is about 10 minutes' walk from the Hyatt Regency Hotel and 1 minute's walk from the nearest Sky train station, Stadium.



Hotel

Conference participants will be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. It is about 10 minutes' walk from the conference venue at Vancouver Community College.

Hyatt Regency Vancouver
655 Burrard Street,
Vancouver, British Columbia,
Canada V6C 2R7
Tel: +1 604 683 1234
Fax: +1 604 689 3707
Website: vancouver.hyatt.com

Hotel reservation

A single room costs : C\$ 189.00

A double room costs: C\$ 189.00

Breakfast not included. You add to the room rate 10% of Provincial room's tax, 5% Goods and Services Tax and 1.5% of Destination Marketing Fee.

How to get there?

If you are flying in to the Vancouver International Airport, you can reach the hotel by:

Train: The Canada Line connects Vancouver International Airport to Downtown Vancouver in less than 30 minutes. Cost is C\$3.75 for adults and C\$2.50 for children each way. The Hyatt Regency Vancouver is located at the Burrard Street station and will require a transfer at either Granville Station or Waterfront Station. Please visit this link for more details: <http://www.yvr.ca/en/getting-to-from-yvr/public-transportation.aspx>

Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport 24-hours a day, including wheelchair accessible vans. Taxi queue areas are located at both the domestic and international arrivals terminals. Approximate cost to the Hyatt: C\$35.00. For more details, please visit here: <http://www.yvr.ca/en/getting-to-from-yvr/taxis.aspx>.

Visa

Should you require an entry visa to Canada to attend this conference, please apply for a "Temporary Resident Visa". To find out how you can apply for this visa, please surf to this link: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-how.asp>

In case of emergency

Should you encounter any difficulties arriving at your hotel or the conference venue, you can reach us at the following number:
Tel: +32 470 99 10 32

About Vancouver

Banking and Currency

Regular banking hours in Canada is 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, with extended hours including weekends at some locations and branches. Visitors who require banking services are advised to check times of operation with the institutions.

The local currency is the Canadian dollar. For up to date exchange rates consult the Bank of Canada's website:

<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/rates/exchform.html>

A number of foreign currency exchange companies operate at the airport and in the city centre. The main branches of Canadian chartered banks will exchange foreign currency as well. Several major European and foreign banks have offices in Vancouver, and will handle some foreign currencies directly.

Most banks have automatic teller machines (ATMs), which can be accessed 24 hours a day, using bank or credit cards on major international banking networks such as Cirrus, Plus and Interac.

Credit Cards

Most major credit cards are accepted, but visitors are always advised to check with the vendor before a purchase is made. Cash machines with 24 hour access are available in many convenient locations throughout Greater Vancouver.

Climate

Compared to the rest of Canada, Vancouver enjoys a moderate climate, with cool wet winters and warm dry summers.

Language

Canada has two official languages - English and French. All government offices and federally regulated industries, including airlines, are required by law to offer service in both official languages.

English is the predominant language in Vancouver but because of the mix of many multicultural groups, the city is considered multilingual on an unofficial basis. Many banks, hotels, airline offices, service institutions, shops and key tourist destinations have multi-lingual staff.

After English and Chinese, the most common mother tongue languages spoken are Punjabi, German, Italian, French, Tagalog (Filipino) and Spanish.

Smoking Laws

Each municipality in Metro Vancouver has different rules for smoking in public places such as public buildings, restaurants and pubs. Within the City of Vancouver, smoking is not permitted by

law in all indoor public spaces, including public transit, shopping malls, restaurants, pubs, nightclubs and casinos. Smoking is not permitted within six metres of an entryway, open able window or air intake of a building. Signage will be posted to indicate the applicable smoking restrictions. Please smoke in designated areas only.

Time Zone

Vancouver is in the Pacific Time Zone, UTC/GMT -8 hours.

Tipping

The standard tip in most restaurants is 15 per cent of the bill, excluding taxes. The standard tip for a taxi fare is 20 per cent of the bill.

Tourism

For more information about Vancouver and what to see and do, consult one of the Vancouver Board of Trade’s tourism sites:

<http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/>

Electricity

Outlets and voltage (110 volts) are the same as in the United States. Small appliances such as hair dryers, irons, razors, etc. can be used in Canada. For those from other countries, adapters are required for electrical appliances. The frequency of electrical current in Canada is 60 Hz.

Food & Beverages

An extensive variety of cuisine is available. Fine dining, casual or family friendly restaurants are easily accessible throughout Greater Vancouver. Alcoholic beverages in bottles are sold in special publicly operated “BC Liquor” stores. However, alcoholic beverages including beer and wine may be purchased in “Licensed Premises” establishments, such as restaurants, hotel lounges, pubs, and nightclubs. Minors are not admitted into bars. In British Columbia, minors are defined as anyone less than 19 years of age.
