

Local Arrangements for the meeting of Q11/17-Q12/17-Q13/17 in Ottawa, Canada

1. Meeting venue:

University of Ottawa
School of Information Technology and Engineering (SITE)
800 King Edward, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 6N5
(see <http://www.uottawa.ca/map/>)

2. Meeting schedule:

From 16-18 January 2008
The meeting will open at 09:30 hours on 16 January 2008.

3. Registration:

Please register in advance with Daniel Amyot (damyot@site.uottawa.ca), as to whether you will be attending in person, or will be joining the teleconference bridge. This is needed so to prepare in advance for visitors who will be physically at the location and for the number of ports required for the conference bridge.

Participant registration will begin at 9:00 hours, 16 January at the School of Information Technology and Engineering building, room 4-051 (4th floor). Meeting room to be announced.

The room for Jan. 17 and 18 will be the 5th floor Board room (5-084).

4. Access from Airport to the accommodation:

See Attachment 1.

5. Wireless LAN:

WiFi (IEEE 802.11) access and power will be available in the meeting room.

6. Electrical Appliances

Canada operates on 110 volts AC for electrical appliances.

If your appliances operate on a different voltage, please bring your own transformers.

7. Accommodations:

There are a number of hotels very close to the meeting location as listed in Attachment 2.

Attachment 1: Venue and Transportation



SITE Building, University of Ottawa
800 King Edward St., Ottawa

The [University of Ottawa](#) is a major research center in Canada, with a history of over 150 years and over 30,000 students. Both Ottawa and this university are bilingual (English-French).

The [School of Information Technology and Engineering](#) (SITE) is a joint school of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Software Engineering, and Computer Engineering. The meeting will take place in the [SITE building](#), with good computer facilities and a food court.

Language

The language for the meeting is English. Ottawa is a bilingual (English and French) and multi-cultural city.

Currency

The Canadian currency is the Canadian Dollar (see [current rates](#)).

Bank and Exchange

Traveler's checks can be cashed at numerous banks and stores (with purchases). There are numerous ATM Bank Machines in downtown Ottawa and on the University campus. Banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays in Canada. There is a foreign exchange booth at the Ottawa airport and the Rideau Shopping Center.

Electricity

The electrical voltage in Canada is 110 V, 60 cycle AC. Adapters can be found at most electrical stores nearby.

Visa

Participants requiring a visa for entry into Canada are strongly advised to apply for the appropriate visa in their own country as soon as possible. For more information, please contact the nearest Canadian Embassy or your travel agent.

Climate

January weather in Ottawa is quite nice but cold, with normal daily highs of -10C and lows of -15C. As there is much snow already this year, make sure to bring appropriate clothes and boots. More information on the current weather and forecasts in Ottawa can be obtained from the Environment Canada Web site (http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/city/pages/on-118_metric_e.html).

Tourist Information

Those wishing to plan excursions in Canada before or after the meeting can obtain maps, accommodation lists and descriptions of sites of interest from the tourism services of each Canadian province (e.g. [Ontario](#) and [Québec](#)). Please check the web site at <http://www.travelcanada.ca> for further information.

Getting to Ottawa by Air

A large international airport serves the city with numerous domestic and international flights daily. Overseas access is quite easy, either by direct flight from London, or with connections through Toronto, Montreal, Newark, New York, Chicago, Detroit or Washington.

Shuttle Bus

There is a shuttle bus every half-hour from the airport that stops at several downtown hotels. The cost for the bus is approximately \$14 (or 24\$ round-trip). See <http://www.yowshuttle.com/>

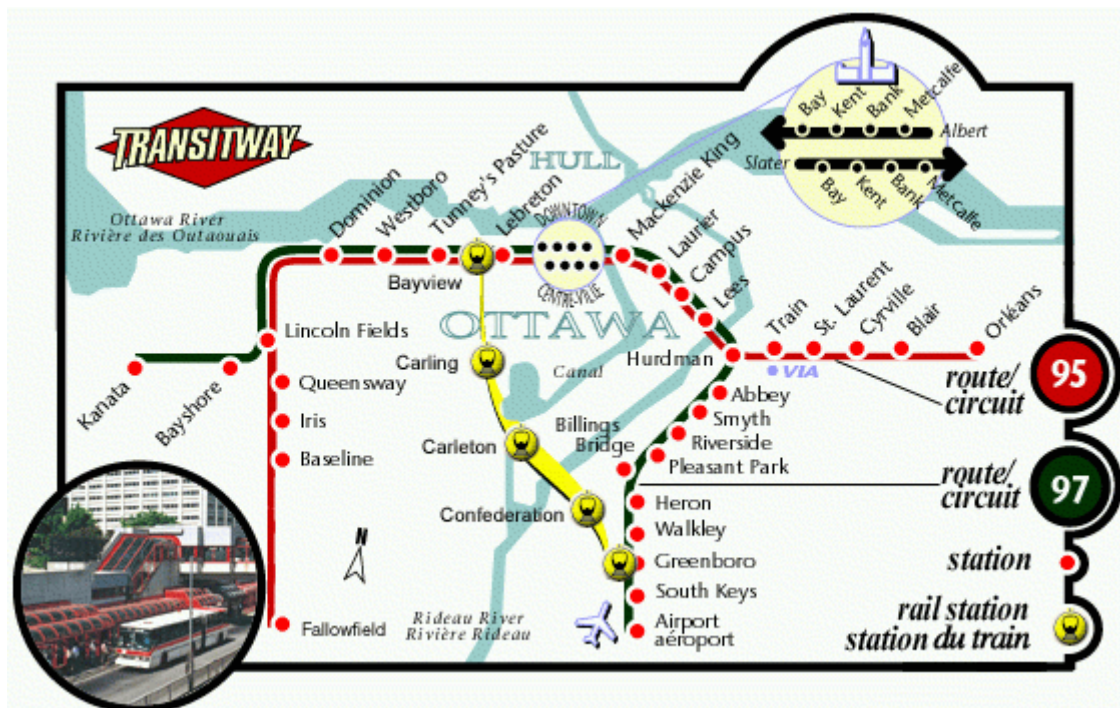
Public Transit

OCTranspo (Ottawa-Carleton Transportation) provides a regular bus service throughout the city of Ottawa including a service from the airport to downtown. Exact fare is required and change cannot be obtained from the bus driver. Tickets are available at various stores in the area. Details are available at <http://www.octranspo.com>.

The *STO* (Société de transport de l'Outaouais) provides bus service on the Québec side. Many STO bus routes end in Ottawa, at the corner of King Edward and Rideau Street (15 minutes walking distance from the SITE building). More details on the various STO routes, fares, and correspondence points with OCTranspo are available at: http://www.sto.ca/index_e.asp

Directions to the campus and hotels

- **From the airport, by taxi.** The ride costs about \$30.
- **From the airport, by bus.** From the airport, take bus 97 to the "Campus" or "Laurier" bus stops (see [uOttawa campus map](#)). From there it is a short walk to several hotels (Laurier), the residences, and the conference site (Campus - see the hotel map, *to be provided soon...*). The bus ride takes about 20 minutes. Buses run every 15 minutes during daytime. The fare is \$3.00, and you should have exact change. You can find the #97 bus schedules [here](#) (the schedule is different on weekdays, Saturday and Sunday). For your orientation, you can also consult the transitway map below.



- **From the train station, by bus.** The instructions are the same as "from the airport", except that you take bus 95 from the train station to the "Campus" or "Laurier" bus stop. The ride takes only about 10 minutes. Buses run every 15 minutes during daytime. You can find the #95 bus schedules [here](#). For your orientation, you can also consult the transitway map above.
- **By car.** From highway 417 (Queensway), take exit 118 marked "Nicholas St". Parking in Ottawa can be difficult (although pay parking is available in the sports complex in front of the SITE building), so if your hotel does not offer parking, you might want to consider using a parking garage.

Attachment 2: Hotels and Accommodations

Participants must make their own accommodation arrangements directly with the hotel of their choice.

A 11% tax (5% Provincial Sales Tax + 6 % Goods and Services Tax) is usually applicable to hotel rooms. However, participants from abroad can get such taxes reimbursed before leaving the country (see <http://www.2ontario.com/traveltips/tips22.asp> for more information on taxes in Ontario).

The following hotels are at walking distance from the SITE building.

Days Inn Downtown

<http://www.the.daysinn.com/ottawa12423>

- Phone: +1 613-789-5555
- Fax: +1 613-789-6196
- Distance: about 15 minutes
- [Map: #27](#)

Les Suites Hotel

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

- Phone: +1 613-232-2000 (international), 1-800-267-1989 (Canada and USA)
- Fax: +1 613-232-1242
- Distance: about 15 minutes
- [Map: #16](#)

Novotel

<http://www.novotel.com> (link to [Novotel Ottawa](#))

- Phone: +1 613-230-3033
- Distance: about 15 minutes
- [Map: #20](#)

Fairmont Chateau Laurier

<http://www.fairmont.com/laurier/>

- Phone: 1-800-441-1414
- Fax: +1 613-562-7030
- Distance: about 20 minutes
- [Map: #8](#)

Lord Elgin Hotel

<http://www.lordelginhotel.ca/>

- Phone: 1-800-267-4298
- Fax: +1 613-235-3223
- Distance: about 15 minutes
- [Map: #17](#)

Search engines are also available at

- <http://www.travelocity.ca/>
- http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g155004-Ottawa_Ontario-Vacations.html
- <http://www.hotels.ca/>

Map of Ottawa Hotels



Legend

- 0 SITE Building, University of Ottawa
- 4 Best Western Victoria Park
- 8 Fairmont Château Laurier
- 16 Les Suites Hotel
- 17 Lord Elgin Hotel
- 18 Courtyard Marriott
- 20 Novotel Hotel
- 25 Sheraton Ottawa
- 27 Days Inn Downtown
- 30 Westin Hotel

uOttawa Main Campus Map

