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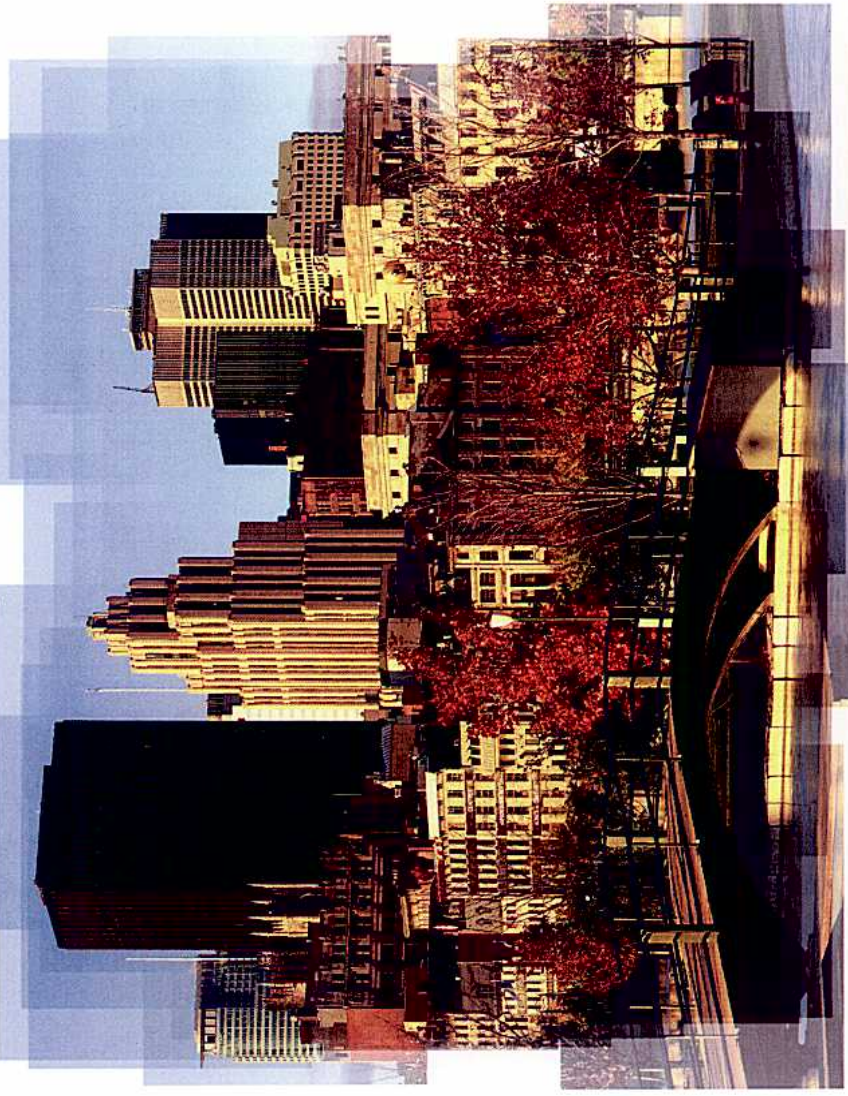
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Hosted by: Institut de recherche d'Hydro-Québec



Institut de recherche

Montréal: The city with joie de vivre



Montréal: large metropolis in the Province of Québec

Other Activities

Saturday, October 21 (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Rendezvous in Québec City

The many historic sites led UNESCO to name Québec City a world heritage site in 1985. The capital of Québec, it is the only fortified city left in North America. Founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain, it was the first permanent European settlement in New France. The site is a natural fortress, dominating the St. Lawrence River. The city has a distinctly European look and feel with quite remarkable architecture. Lunch is included in a well-known and charming restaurant, Le Cochon d'Inde, that is typical of Old Québec. It serves European style specialties. All attendees and companions are welcome (fee for transportation and lunch).



Wednesday, October 25

Evening Social Event: It's in our nature!

Are you ready for a real adventure? Then come to the Biodôme de Montréal, a one-of-a-kind nature museum. The Biodôme contains four of the most beautiful ecosystems found in the Americas all under one roof. Experience the Tropical Forest, Laurentian Forest, St. Lawrence Marine Ecosystem, and Arctic and Antarctic Polar Worlds, while learning about the plants and small animals that each ecosystem contains.



The next stop in the adventure – a gastronomic one – is the magnificent **Restaurant Hélène de Champlain**. Located on enchanting Île Sainte-Hélène, the restaurant offers French cuisine renowned for the quality of the dishes served in a lavish decor. Come experience the magic of this fabulous restaurant which earned a four-star rating from the Guide Debeur.



Companions Tours

Monday and Tuesday companions tours to be determined.

Montréal: where passion abounds!

Welcome to Montréal

Montréal has everything a big city can offer. But Montréal is also a one-of-a-kind multicultural city that blends its French accent with that of over 80 other ethnic communities and charms visitors with its Euro-American ambiance. Montréal is also innovative and invigorating, offering a whirlwind of cultural creations, both traditional and modern. Its downtown bustles with life at the foot of its mountain, while history is rooted in the old quarters near the river. The city beckons you to discover its fashionable boutiques and famed cuisine, over 30 km (18 miles) of indoor pedestrian walkways, and its lively casino. Montréal is truly an experience: old world charm, French *joie de vivre* (enjoy life!) and a modern style all its own. Let yourself be transported into the very heart of the Montréal experience! Looking for nightlife, fun, fine food and culture? Montréal has them all!

Hotel Information

Delta Centre-Ville Hotel

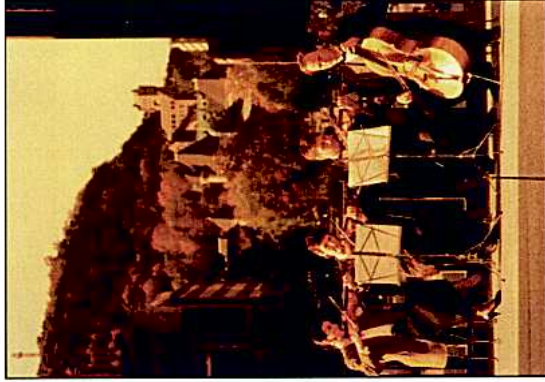
777 University Street
Montréal, Qc, Canada H3C 3Z7
Web site: www.deltahotels.com

The Delta Centre-Ville is located in the heart of downtown Montréal, at the crossroads of Old Montréal and the new business district, Le Quartier international. Close to the Bell Centre, home of the Montréal Canadiens, and the Casino. Steps away from museums, trendy restaurants and attractions. The metro (subway) and underground city can be accessed by the hotel.

Call 1-800-268-1133 or 514-879-1370 and specify the Group Name as: IEEE Transformers, room rate: CAN\$189.00/night (single or double occupancy), or fax your reservation to this number: 514-879-1831. Within the fax, include your e-mail address for reservation confirmation from hotel.

Hotel reservation deadline: September 29, 2006

After September 29, 2006, room availability and rate will be subject to change.



Technical Tours and Presentation

Sunday, October 22 (9:00 a.m. – noon)

The Institut de recherche d'Hydro-Québec is offering a tour of its high-voltage, mechanical, thermomechanical and robotics testing facilities. Just before visiting our laboratories, you will be given a brief presentation of the Institute, during which you will learn about what goes on at this world-renowned electricity research centre. A lunch will be served. Everyone is invited.



Monday, October 23 (7:00 pm)

Specialty industry visit – Bell Helicopter manufacturing plant

Bell Helicopter is the world's leading manufacturer of commercial helicopters. Its Mirabel plant houses over 1900 employees involved in the manufacturing of Bell's commercial aircrafts. The plant includes the entire manufacturing process, which would be of interest to IEEE-PES engineers. Attendance is limited, small fee for transportation.

Bell 412 ▶



Tuesday, October 24 (6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

ABB Inc. is offering a tour of its large power transformer manufacturing facility in Varennes (just outside Montréal). Dinner is included, during which a short presentation of the history and the capabilities of the Varennes factory will be given. A technical tour will follow. By invitation only.



Thursday, October 26, 1:00 p.m.

Tour of the AREVA high-voltage switchgear factory, where high-voltage breakers, disconnect switches and post insulators are manufactured. By invitation only.

Tuesday Luncheon – Guest speaker from Bombardier Inc.

Our guest speaker will talk about Joseph-Armand Bombardier.

Bombardier: the man, the genius, the legend

A fascinating individual, brilliant inventor and remarkable businessman, Joseph-Armand Bombardier marked an entire era of Québec history and revolutionized snow transportation. An outstanding mechanic, Joseph-Armand Bombardier developed an impressive number of specialized vehicles for travel over snow and all types of terrain. This visionary genius laid the foundation for Bombardier Inc., a diversified multinational company that specializes in aeronautics and mass transit.

