



# TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



August 25, 2006

Dear Committee Members and Guests:

You and your companion are cordially invited to Montréal, Québec to attend the Fall 2006 Meeting of the IEEE/PES Transformers Committee during October 22-26. Hydro-Québec is the host of this meeting.

Our host hotel, the Delta Centre-Ville is located in the heart of downtown Montréal (777 University Street) at the crossroads of Old Montreal and the New Business District. The hotel is located near the Bell Centre, home of the Montréal Canadiens, as well as the Montréal Casino. The reduced group room rate is CDN\$189 for single and double occupancy. Guest rooms are reserved under the group name "IEEE Transformers Committee" and can be reserved online at: [www.deltacentreville.com/transformers](http://www.deltacentreville.com/transformers), or by calling (514) 879-1370. The room block cut-off date is September 29. After that date remaining rooms will be released to the public. It is anticipated that the meeting will again be very well attended, and that the hotel will sell-out before the cut-off date. You are therefore encouraged to make your room reservation as soon as possible.

For ground transportation, we suggest taking a taxi from the Montréal Trudeau International Airport (YUL) to the Delta Centre-Ville. A one-way trip from the airport to Downtown Montréal is approximately CDN\$35-40.

Although autumn always promises nice weather (or at least we hope so!), we recommend that you bring warm clothes. Temperatures range from an average daytime high of 11°C (51°F) to an average night-time low of 2°C (35°F). Attire for the meetings is business casual.

## **MEETING REGISTRATION**

We again have a full agenda planned for this meeting. Use the on-line registration system to register for the meeting, social events, and tours. The registration system can be accessed at [www.transformerscommittee.org](http://www.transformerscommittee.org). Register by September 22 to receive a US\$25-50 early-registration discount. Note that the cost of walk-up registration at the hotel is substantially higher.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Join us before the meeting for a **Saturday Day-trip** to our capital city, Québec City, located northeast of Montréal. You will be picked up at the hotel early in the morning for a three-hour bus trip to Québec City. Upon arrival, a guided tour will be offered to discover the beauty, history and charm of Old Québec. After lunch at one of the special restaurants of the town, you will have time to explore the boutiques, architecture and museums of this First North American City. Before returning to Montréal, we will make a stop at the famous island "Île-d'Orléans" and visit the "Domaine Steinbach". Attendance is limited so register early!

The **Sunday Evening Welcome Reception** will be held at the Delta Hotel and will begin at 6:00 pm. Come reunite with old friends and make new ones!

At the **Tuesday Speaker Luncheon** we will explore the life and successes of Joseph-Armand Bombardier, an ingenious inventor (the personal snowmobile) and entrepreneur who gave his name to Bombardier Inc., a global corporation (Aerospace, Transportation and Capital). In fact you may have flown on a commercial airplane built by the Bombardier Company! Don't miss this interesting luncheon, particularly for the drawing of a mahogany model aircraft of the famous Bombardier CL415, the firefighting amphibious aircraft that has become renowned around the world (a \$280 value).

During the **Wednesday Dinner Social**, you and your companion can visit the world-famous Montréal Biodôme, followed by dinner at the Hélène de Champlain, renowned for the quality of its French cuisine and beautiful decor.

## **COMPANION TOURS**

**Monday, October 24** -- We begin our day with a guided walking tour of the Old Montréal where you will discover Montréal history, architecture and the port of Montréal. Next is a guided bus tour, including a spectacular view of the city from the height of the Mount Royal. You will also discover the famous St-Joseph's Oratory, a major religious site, situated on the Mount Royal which draws visitors from all around the world. After lunch we will visit the Montréal Botanical Garden, one of the largest botanical garden in the world.

**Tuesday, October 25** -- We begin with a tour of the Droulers / Tsiionhiakwatha Archeological site and discover the lives of Native Americans, who populated this region in the 15th century. We will stop for a delicious lunch of French-Canadian recipes at a traditional *cabane à sucre*. A guided tour will give you an insight of the maple industry of Québec. Before returning to Montréal, we will make a stop at the micro-brewery, Saint-Antoine Abbé where you can sip samples of various local beers.

## **TECHNICAL TOURS**

On **Sunday Morning** tour Hydro-Québec's IREQ facilities (High Voltage Laboratory, Mechanical and Thermo-mechanical tests, Robotics and Network Simulation). All attendees and companions are invited, but attendance is limited so register early. On **Monday Evening** tour Bell Helicopter Plant in Mirabel. All attendees and companions are invited, but again attendance is limited. Register on-line for these two tours.

On **Tuesday Evening** visit the ABB Large Power Transformers Factory located in nearby Varennes, and on **Thursday Afternoon** visit the AREVA High Voltage Facility (breakers, disconnect switches & insulators) located in nearby La Prairie. Both of these tours are by invitation only (invitations will be mailed out August 25-30). Contact ABB or AREVA for more information.

On **Thursday Afternoon** take a trip to St. Johnsbury, Vermont to visit the EHV-Weidmann Insulation Factory. Everyone is invited to this event. Register on-line for this tour. Note: There are two tours on Thursday afternoon.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The following information comprises the "Meeting Invitation Package". This information can be found on the Committee's website ([www.transformerscommittee.org](http://www.transformerscommittee.org)).

Meeting Registration Form. Although you may "snail-mail" or fax this form with payment, on-line registration is quick and easy using a major credit card. On-line registration is available at [www.transformerscommittee.org](http://www.transformerscommittee.org).

Detailed Meeting Schedule. An updated schedule will be posted on the Committee's web-site approximately one week before the meeting.

### Information Flyers:

- Companion Tours
- Tuesday Speaker Luncheon
- Wednesday Evening Social
- "Montréal Promo Flyer", 2-pages
- Technical Tours (IREQ, Bell Helicopter, EHV-Weidmann only)
- Technical Presentations ("Water-in-Paper Activity" and "DGA Methods, Trending & Assessment")

Hydro-Québec is very pleased to host this event in Montréal. We know your visit will be enjoyable and memorable. If you require further information or assistance please contact me (Thang Hochanh) at 450-652-8505 or at [hochanh@ireq.ca](mailto:hochanh@ireq.ca). If I am not available, contact Mme Mireille Robitaille at 514-289-4770 or at [robitaille.mireille@hydro.qc.ca](mailto:robitaille.mireille@hydro.qc.ca).

We look forward to seeing you in Montréal!

***Thang and Tuyet-Le Hochanh***

Host & Hostess, Fall 2006 Meeting  
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