



42nd annual meeting

Société Québécoise pour l'Étude Biologique du Comportement

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with pleasure that we invite you to participate in the 42nd meeting of the Société Québécoise pour l'Étude Biologique du Comportement (SQÉBC). The year 2017 will forever mark the first time in history that the annual meeting of SQÉBC will be held west of the Québec border! Come to the University of Ottawa from November 3-5 and take part in this historic congress that will be themed "Behaviour in Nature". We have developed an exciting program that includes world-class guest speakers, a science writing workshop, and a special "Georg Baron" conference.

Details of the conference are now available on the SQÉBC website. Here you will find information on guest speakers, instructions for submitting posters and oral presentations, and accommodation details. Rooms are available at a discounted rate for conference attendees at the Days Inn Hotel, located close to campus. To get the discounted rate, reservations must be made before **October 3rd**. Book early to enjoy!

INVITED SPEAKERS



Nadia Aubin-Horth
Université Laval

<http://www.ibis.ulaval.ca/?pg=nadiaAubinHorth>



Niels Dingemanse
Max Planck Institute for Ornithology

<http://www.behavioural-ecology.bio.lmu.de/index.html>



Simon Reader
McGill University

<http://biology.mcgill.ca/faculty/reader/>



David Stephens
University of Minnesota

<https://cbs.umn.edu/contacts/david-w-stephens>

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Oral presentations from SQÉBC members will take place after invited talks, on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Posters will be displayed from noon on Saturday until the end of the congress. Given the high number of presentations submitted in the previous years, it was decided to again limit oral presentations to those who are at an advanced stage of their research, allowing presentation of results. Thus, we ask those who have just begun their research projects to opt for a poster presentation. We will also try to minimize the number of concurrent sessions to maximize the audience for each presentation.

The deadline for submitting an abstract for an oral presentation or poster is **October 15th**. Please note that there is a **limited number of places for the oral presentations** that will be allocated on a first-registered, first-served basis. Sign up sooner than later! Abstracts for oral presentations and posters should be sent by email to: sqebc2017@uottawa.ca.

BANQUET

The banquet will be held at the university on Saturday evening from 19:00. We will use the services of a caterer who will offer us a meal including a meat (chicken with dijon apples) and a vegetarian option (tofu coconut milk curry). The cost of the banquet will be **\$50** tax included.

REGISTRATION

We invite anyone who wants to attend the SQÉBC conference to visit the society's website at: <http://www.sqebc.uqam.ca/congres/congres.html>

You will find the necessary information for on-line registration; payment will be made by Interac email transfer to sqebc2017@uottawa.ca (answer to security question: sqebc).

After making your transfer, send an email to sqebc2017@uottawa.ca with the following information:

- Your name and, if necessary, your name as it appears on your email transfer (i.e. the name associated with your email)
- Your participant category, please note that prices include tax:
 - Bachelor or College Student (undergraduate) **\$25**
 - Graduate student (masters, doctorate) or Postdoc **\$45**
 - Professors, researchers, research professionals or other status **\$140**

- If applicable, your choice of meal for the Saturday evening banquet (chicken or vegetarian); Please also indicate any food allergies or intolerance.

Please note: Persons wishing to cancel their conference or banquet registration must do so by October 23rd, after which the fees will no longer be refundable. The registration fee automatically includes SQÉBC membership for the year.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

- Submission of abstracts by email to sqebc2017@uottawa.ca
- You must first specify the type of presentation you want to submit: oral or poster
- The abstract should be sent in Word format. Use **exactly** the format as shown in the example below to facilitate the production of the digital program:

Title. SQÉBC MOVES TO ONTARIO

Authors. Tremblay, S¹. (first author's email) & S. Dion¹

Affiliations. ¹Université du Québec à Ottawa

Text of the abstract. The text should not exceed 1000 characters excluding spaces (approximately 150 words). The abstract must be a single paragraph.

Keywords. 3 to 5 keywords directly related to the subject of your research.

The program will be available in digital format a few days before the conference. No printed program will be distributed to participants to limit our environmental footprint. Cancellation of a presentation can be made by contacting us at sqebc2017@uottawa.ca.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTERS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

The posters must be a maximum of 100 cm (height) x 100 cm (width) otherwise they may protrude from assigned panels. The posters can be installed from Saturday morning. The official poster session will be held on Saturday afternoon.

The speakers have **12 minutes** to present, 2 minutes to answer audience questions, and 1 minute will be used to change rooms. Presentations must be submitted to the registration desk on Friday evening, or at the latest on Saturday morning at the coffee break (on a USB stick). PowerPoint formats (.pptx or .ppt) or PDF will be accepted. Please save your presentations as follows: DAY_NAME_INITIALS.ppt (example: 4NOV_Darwin_D.ppt). You will be informed of the date of your presentation when the detailed schedule of the symposium is published a few days prior to the event. Note that it is the presenter's responsibility to ensure the proper functioning of their presentations.

The SQÉBC brings together francophone and anglophone researchers and students. In order to facilitate exchanges between participants, we ask you to continue the bilingual tradition of the SQÉBC and prepare your slides in the other language; i.e. the slides text should be in English for a presentation in French and vice versa.

ACCOMMODATION

We have a preferential rate with a hotel near the University of Ottawa (about a 15 minute walk from the congress). The negotiated price includes a double room, i.e. same rate regardless of whether you are 1 or 2 people + \$10 per additional person, up to 4 people per room. Reservations for the discounted room rate ends on **October 3rd**! Make your reservations quickly by contacting the Days Inn by phone:

Days Inn Downtown Ottawa

Address: 319 Rideau Street, Ottawa, ON K1N 5Y4

Price: \$95 per room per night for 1 or 2 people + \$10 for a 3rd person + \$10 for a 4th person (plus tax & fees: 13% HST, 3.39% DMF)

Group name to indicate when booking: SQEBC

Telephone: (613) 789-5555

Other accommodation options include:

Les Suites Hotel

Address: 130 Besserer Street, Ottawa ON K1N 9M9

Price: Premiere one-bedroom suites: \$179.00/night (1-2 people), Premiere two-bedroom suites: \$299.00/night (1-4 people) by September 22nd.

Group name to indicate when booking: SQEBC17

Telephone: (800) 267-1989

For smaller budgets (note that the organizational committee of the congress did not secure any rooms at discounted prices in these establishments):

Jail hostel: <http://www.hihostels.ca/en/destinations/ontario/hi-ottawa>

Barefoot hostel: <http://www.barefoothostel.com/>

Ottawa Backpackers Inn: <http://ottawahostel.com/>

McGee's Inn: <http://www.mcgeesinn.ca>

PROGRAM

More information will be provided by e-mail (via the Triton list), the SQÉBC website, and the event's Facebook page in the coming weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 3rd: deadline for preferential rate at the Days Inn Downtown Ottawa
- October 15th: deadline to submit an abstract for a poster or oral presentation (you must have first paid for registration)
- October 23rd: deadline for refunds
- November 3rd-5th: We are waiting for you in Ottawa!