

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### General Information and Deadlines:

The main contact person within the OECD Secretariat is **Vanessa Shadoian-Gersing** ([Vanessa.Shadoian-Gersing@oecd.org](mailto:Vanessa.Shadoian-Gersing@oecd.org)), assisted by Isabel Garcia ([Isabel.Garcia@oecd.org](mailto:Isabel.Garcia@oecd.org)). Delegates should contact the Secretariat to register (there is no registration fee) by **16 September 2011**.

Reserving accommodation and travel is the responsibility of delegates. For information on how to reserve, please see below.

Participants who wish to stay in Banff after the ILE conference are warmly invited to register at preferential rates for the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Leadership Forum* continuing immediately afterwards and also being held at the Banff Conference Centre. Sir Ken Robinson, the inspiring speaker on creativity and innovation, will address participants on October 12<sup>th</sup> in concluding the ILE conference and in opening the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Leadership Forum. Registration for the Forum is through [www.21centurylearning.ca](http://www.21centurylearning.ca)

Delegates who stay in Banff after the ILE conference but do not plan to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Forum may participate in school visits organised by the Canadian Rockies Public Schools for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Further information will be made available on [www.oecd.org/edu/learningenvironments/banff](http://www.oecd.org/edu/learningenvironments/banff)

### Accommodation:

Reserving accommodation and travel is the responsibility of delegates. We have a block booking at the Banff Conference Centre. Delegates should book their room directly with the Banff Conference Centre **no later than 16 September 2011** by emailing [reservations@banffcentre.ca](mailto:reservations@banffcentre.ca) or + 1-800-884-7574, mentioning the code 'OEC1110. If there are any difficulties for a delegate in meeting this deadline, please contact the OECD Secretariat without delay.

The Banff Centre offers the following Special Conference Package daily rates during the dates of the conference. Please note that the guestroom rates can be extended to cover the periods that are +/- three days from Monday, October 10, 2011 and/or after Thursday, October 13, 2011, subject to guestroom availability. This offer would allow guests to stay on at the Banff Centre for the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Leadership Forum*.

<u>2011 Special Conference Daily Package Rates</u>		
<u>Bedroom Type</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double (per person)</u>
<b>Superior-Professional Development Centre-per night</b>	<b>C\$ 125.00</b>	<b>C\$ 62.50</b>
<b>Standard-Lloyd Hall—per night</b>	<b>C\$115.00</b>	<b>C\$57.50</b>
<b>Service Charge-per delegate, per night</b>	<b>C\$7.00</b>	<b>C\$7.00</b>
<b>Conference Meal Package Quote (includes as mentioned above only)-Per delegate, per</b>	<b>C\$286.45</b>	<b>C\$286.45</b>

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The Special Conference Package includes accommodation, wireless internet access in bedrooms, and delegate use of the Sally Borden Recreation Facility. The Conference Meal Package in the box above includes:

- 2 x Vistas Breakfast (On October 11 and 12)
- 2 x Vistas Lunch (On October 11 and 12)
- 3 x Vistas Dinner (on October 10,11 and 12 )
- Continuous refreshment services from October 10 (PM), to October 12 (AM/PM) and
- Delegate use of the Sally Borden Recreation Facility.
- Please mention any special dietary requirements when reserving your conference meal package.

To give delegates an idea of the advantageous rates, for a four-night stay from Sunday, 9 October to 13 October, the total cost-including lodging, wireless internet access in bedrooms, use of the recreational facility, and meals (for the duration of the conference only, see above)-would be only C\$814.45 (~600 €) plus tax for the Superior room or C\$774.45 (~565€) plus tax.

The above rates are quoted in *Canadian dollars* and are net, non-commissionable and exclusive of all taxes. Triple and quadruple accommodation is available at an additional cost of \$20.00 per person, per day, **subject to guestroom availability.**

For more information on the Banff Conference Centre, please see:  
[http://www.banffcentre.ca/conferences/visitor/guest\\_services.asp](http://www.banffcentre.ca/conferences/visitor/guest_services.asp) or  
<http://www.banffcentre.ca/>

The Banff Centre  
 Tel: 1.877.760.4595 or 403.762.6485 · Fax: 403.762.6202 · Reservations 1.800.884.7574  
 Box 1020, 107 Tunnel Mountain Drive, Banff, Alberta, Canada T1L 1H5  
 E-mail: [conferences@banffcentre.ca](mailto:conferences@banffcentre.ca) · [www.banffcentre.ca](http://www.banffcentre.ca)

### **Travel Information :**

The Conference will run from 2pm on Monday 10 October 2011 and finish at the end of Wednesday afternoon 12 October. International participants staying for the ILE conference are recommended to book flights that arrive Sunday 9 October and depart Thursday 13 October to allow enough time for airport transfers. Immediately following the OECD/Alberta conference and overlapping with a session at the end of Wednesday 12 October will be a *21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Leadership Forum* running up to October 14<sup>th</sup> which delegates are warmly encouraged to attend. For more information, and to register [www.21centurylearning.ca](http://www.21centurylearning.ca)

Access to Banff for International Participants can be by:

-Air: The closest international airport is Calgary, which is approximately 2 hours away. Banff Airporter is the official airport shuttle provider of The Banff Centre and the best way to get to and from Calgary Airport. Banff Airporter offers 12 departures daily between Calgary Airport and The Banff Centre. Sit

back, relax, and enjoy the scenery as you travel to Banff. You can book directly via the booking tool below. You can also book by calling toll free: +1 888-449-2901 or +1 403-762-3330 ext 1, or for questions and more information, email: [info@banffairporter.com](mailto:info@banffairporter.com). You can also get directions and book the shuttle here: <http://www.banffcentre.ca/about/directions-maps/#calgary>.

The OECD/CERI team responsible for this event will be happy to respond to any questions, whether relating to the contents or the logistics of the conference. In addition to Vanessa Shadoian-Gersing ([Vanessa.Shadoian-Gersing@oecd.org](mailto:Vanessa.Shadoian-Gersing@oecd.org)), the project team includes: Isabel Garcia ([Isabel.Garcia@oecd.org](mailto:Isabel.Garcia@oecd.org)), the project assistant; Mariana Martinez Salgado ([mariana.martinezsalgado@oecd.org](mailto:mariana.martinezsalgado@oecd.org)), working directly with the participating systems; and David Istance ([david.istance@oecd.org](mailto:david.istance@oecd.org)) who leads the project.

In addition, Yvonne Machuk, from the Canadian Rockies Public Schools district ([ymachuk@crps.ab.ca](mailto:ymachuk@crps.ab.ca)), has kindly agreed to be the liaison person for logistical matters in Alberta (but this does not cover registration for the conference which should be done through Vanessa as indicated above).