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# 2017-07-10-15 ISO WG21 C++ Standard Meeting in Toronto (get ready to ratify and celebrate C++17)

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## Intro

The 2017 summer meeting of WG21 is being hosted at the University of Toronto, in Canada on July 10-15, 2017, Monday to Saturday (inclusive).

The meeting will be held in the Bahen Centre for Information Technology at the University of Toronto (St. George Campus) in downtown Toronto.

<http://map.utoronto.ca/building/080>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahen\\_Centre\\_for\\_Information\\_Technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahen_Centre_for_Information_Technology)



## Hotel

There are many hotels around the area, but none within the University campus itself.

<https://www.google.ca/maps/search/hotels+near+Bahen+Centre+for+Information+Technology,+St+George+St,+Toronto,+ON+M5S+2E4/@43.6660021,-79.4165123,14z> (<https://ibm.biz/Bd49fA>)

We have negotiated rates on the following hotels only.

### **Sheraton Centre Hotel**

We have negotiated rates that include breakfast at the Sheraton Centre Hotel of 226 CAD (plus tax). *At this hotel, there is also a 10% reduction in food costs for members.* This will enable a gathering point for folks after meetings.

<https://www.google.ca/maps/dir/Sheraton+Centre+Toronto+Hotel,+Queen+Street+West,+Toronto,+ON/Bahen+Centre+for+Information+Technology,+University+of+Toronto+-+St.+George+Campus,+Saint+George+Street,+Toronto,+ON/@43.6548824,-79.3951406,16z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x882b34cdb70f56c5:0x1e2b42921937d216!2m2!1d-79.384508!2d43.651162!1m5!1m1!1s0x882b34c75165c957:0x6459384147b4b67b!2m2!1d-79.3970185!2d43.6595981!3e2>

A personalized Web site for ISOCPP.org – Working Group occurring (July 5, 2017 - July 18, 2017) has been created for you.

Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from June 29, 2016 to July 18, 2017.

Below you will find the appropriate link(s) for your participants to access the site:

Attendee booking

ISO CPP.ORG – Working Group (OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser)  
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/IG08AB>

### **Chelsea Hotel**

We have also negotiated rates at Chelsea hotel. This hotel is slightly closer in walking distance.

<https://www.google.ca/maps/dir/Chelsea+Hotel,+Toronto,+33+Gerrard+St+W,+Toronto,+ON+M5G+1Z4/Bahen+Centre+for+Information+Technology,+University+of+Toronto+-+St.+George+Campus,+Saint+George+Street,+Toronto,+ON/@43.6592152,-79.39441,16z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x882b34b57f88aad5:0xa9bf>

[8d18c55906a9!2m2!1d-79.3831165!2d43.6585994!1m5!1m1!1s0x882b34c75165c957:0x6459384147b4b67b!2m2!1d-79.3970185!2d43.6595981!3e2](https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=59052&Chain=10316&start=availresults&arrive=7/8/2017&depart=7/15/2017&adult=1&child=0&group=SCF8717)

Chelsea Hotel:

- Call Reservations Department at 1-800-CHELSEA (243-5732), and ensure to refer to your group name "**ISO [CPP.ORG](http://www.iso-cpp.org) - Working Group 21 C++ Standard Meeting**" for the group rates (no need for codes)
- Send an Email to [cstor.reservation@chelseatoronto.com](mailto:cstor.reservation@chelseatoronto.com), and ensure to refer to your group name "**ISO [CPP.ORG](http://www.iso-cpp.org) - Working Group 21 C++ Standard Meeting**" for the group rates (no need for codes)
- Utilizing your exclusive online booking link, you will receive an instant confirmation number (this link will be encrypted with your group rates, therefore no need for codes):  
[ISO CPP.ORG - Working Group 21 C++ Standard Meeting](https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=59052&Chain=10316&start=availresults&arrive=7/8/2017&depart=7/15/2017&adult=1&child=0&group=SCF8717)

**OR**

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=59052&Chain=10316&start=availresults&arrive=7/8/2017&depart=7/15/2017&adult=1&child=0&group=SCF8717>

Since the meeting venue is located downtown, all the professional hotels are north, south, or east of the Centre towards the financial and shopping districts. The Centre is next to Chinatown, Italy town, Korea town and Portuguese town neighborhoods to the west, which offer great food; however, we do not recommend the hourly motels there.

As the meeting is held on a university campus, there is also the possibility of staying in a student residence. These have more modest amenities than hotels (for example, shared bathrooms instead of private bathrooms), some may have no AC, but also more modest prices and much closer distance, which may be particularly handy if you're attending on your own budget.

The following student residences provide short-term accommodation for members of the general public:

Knox College (3 minute walk)

Massey College (8 minute walk)

Trinity College (10 minute walk)

Victoria College (15 minute walk)

Availability of rooms may be limited; information about rates and availability will become available closer to the meeting date.

## Travel and transportation

Final Jeopardy: Category: US Cities:

Answer is: Its largest airport is named for a World War II hero; its second largest, for a World War II battle.

Watson Question: What is Toronto?

Actual Question: What is Chicago?

<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~sheila/384/w11/why-toronto.pdf>

Toronto is served by 2 nearby airports and both are named after WW heroes (though different Wars), so you can see how Watson could get confused, plus we have a baseball team in an American League. Here are the facts:

The main international airport is Pearson International Airport (YYZ). A smaller Billy Bishop Toronto City Center Island Airport (YTZ) serves local/U.S. destinations.

There is rarely any extraordinary VISA requirements for most European/US citizens to enter Canada, though you should verify.

Must read: <http://wikitravel.org/en/Toronto>

Then check against your own city to see if it reflects reality.

Getting into the city has gotten simpler and cheaper now with multiple methods. From YYZ, about 1 hour and from YTZ, about 30 minutes assuming you will end up in a hotel near the Bloor/University area (nearest subway stop is St. George or Museum Station).

If you will be in a hotel southeast of Bahen Centre, nearer to the downtown financial district, then the nearest subway stations are Queen's Park, College, St. Patrick, Dundas, Wellesley, Osgoode, and Queen; and you would add another 15 minutes from YYZ and subtract about 15 minutes from YTZ, approximately. You could certainly stay at a hotel further away as downtown Toronto is well served by a massive transportation network called the **Toronto Transit Commission** (TTC) of buses, streetcars, and subways.

1. Fastest (< 1 hour)

## **UP (Union Pearson) Express**

This train is new and recently lowered in price though I have not personally tried it. Direct to Union or Bloor station, but you will need a subway change (separate ticket) to get to hotels in the Bloor/Yonge subway station area or the downtown financial district stations.

<https://www.upexpress.com/SchedulesStations/UpExpressRouteMap>

2. Cheapest (1-1.5 hours)

## **TTC (Toronto Transit Commission)**

The 34 bus to Finch subway station and 192 bus to Kipling Station connects to the subway (free transfer) to your hotel destination at one of the above subway stops.

Please be aware that rush hours are very difficult for transporting luggage.

3. Not the Fastest nor the Cheapest but in-between

## **GO Transit**

You can take a GO bus with better luggage space, but it only gets you to Finch subway station or Yorkdale subway station, from which you will still have to pay and transfer to a subway line to one of the above stations near your hotel.

4. Most expensive, but most convenient

## **Taxis and Airport Limousines**

I actually find little difference in cost between taxis (metered; assume about 50-60 CAD) and limos (fixed price by region; about 55-65 CAD) but the limos have more style and are more comfortable.

## **5. Shared Ride**

We will enable share rides on the wiki page

6. **Car rental** (all major rental agencies are available)

Driving and parking is not recommended as is normal in any downtown metropolitan area, but actually not impossible. There will not be parking passes issued for the Centre, but street parking, and parking lots are available around Bahen Centre, though with the usual care of feeding meters. The cost of parking at any of the downtown hotel and near the Centre will be high: count on around 30-50 CAD daily.

A car is not required for the meeting.

Hotel breakfast is dependent on local hotel policy. There are numerous dining options for lunch and dinner within walking distance, including the hotel restaurants, and there will likely be a banquet requiring travel on the TTC.

A car can still be useful to get to additional restaurants or attractions (see below) outside the immediate hotel area.

## Meals and refreshments

The hosts will cover all breaks but not meals. Refreshments will be served at the meeting for the mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks.

[https://www.yelp.ca/search?find\\_loc=University+of+Toronto,+Toronto,+Ontario&start=0&l=g:-79.36901092529297,43.67823835601339,-79.4205093383789,43.64098162513323](https://www.yelp.ca/search?find_loc=University+of+Toronto,+Toronto,+Ontario&start=0&l=g:-79.36901092529297,43.67823835601339,-79.4205093383789,43.64098162513323) (<https://ibm.biz/Bd49AK>)

Attendees will be responsible for their own meals, which can be taken in the hotel restaurant or in many restaurants in walking or short-driving distance. Being a University, low cost options are abundant from food trucks, to high-end restaurants. In particular, in addition to the walking distance options, both the ethnic neighborhood to the south and west and the higher-end financial district restaurants to the north and east, taking the TTC one or two stops will gain access to culinary delights from any country. As such, it might be recommended to get some kind of week's pass to the TTC to enable you to get anywhere.

## Attractions

If you are arriving early or staying after the meeting, you will find the Toronto area is full of things to see and do. In addition to the Greater Metropolitan Area, nearby are Stratford (Ontario), Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, and Ottawa.

Please see the SEE and DO sections of <http://wikitravel.org/en/Toronto>

## Weather

Please see the Climate section of <http://wikitravel.org/en/Toronto>

There will be no igloos, so expect hot and muggy weather as it will be the peak of summer with many outdoor activities, and tourist events. Evenings are ideal for walking and sport activities.

## Sponsoring

We still continue to look for sponsors which can through monetary contribution to ISOCPP.org, sponsor lunch, or dinner, or banquet to enable us to fund any celebration for C++17.

Currently, we thank Google, Codeplay, and IBM has committed to major sponsorship of the event. We also thank Waterfront International, a Toronto Trading firm for sponsoring the dinner banquet to be hosted at the restaurant at the top of Toronto's CN tower for the C++17 celebration dinner.

Thank you.