

**Invitation to the Twenty-first International Conference on
Antiviral Research
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
April 13–17, 2008**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The 21st International Conference on Antiviral Research will be held at Le Centre Sheraton Hotel, in Montreal, Quebec. The Conference will begin on Sunday, April 13, 2008 and will end on Thursday afternoon April 17.

The ICAR provides an interdisciplinary forum at which investigators involved in basic, applied, and clinical research worldwide can meet to review recent developments in all areas of antiviral research. Specific topics to be covered in the program include synthesis and chemistry, biochemistry and mechanism of action, molecular biology and drug targeting, in vitro evaluation, animal models, pharmacokinetics, toxicology, and clinical trials. Within these areas of interest, there will be invited overview speakers, oral presentations, and poster presentations.

The island that is Montreal is the largest city in Quebec and the second largest in Canada. Montréal is the only French-speaking metropolis in North America and the second-largest French-speaking city in the world, but services in areas frequented by most visitors are available in English. Montreal's climate varies a lot over the year. Temperatures in April include average highs in the mid 50 degrees Fahrenheit and lows around 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Montreal is a city of contrasts with glass office towers which soar over Gothic-style cathedrals. The basic Skyline view may be seen from one of two lookouts on Mount Royal from where you can see the downtown, the river, the local hills and on clear days the Adirondack Mountains of New York or the Green Mountains of Vermont.

Montreal's Underground City is a huge set of underground complexes in and around downtown. Services include shopping malls, hotels, banks, offices and museums, seven metro stations, etc. with 120 exterior access points. Some 500,000 people use the complex every day, especially to escape the traffic and harsh winter days.

Night life in Montreal is particularly dynamic, with restaurants rich with contributions from the different cultural communities that make up the city. Montreal is the cultural hub of Quebec. The Place-des-Arts is a complex of different concert and theater halls surrounding a large open-spaced square in downtown.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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