



## ICPHR Annual Working Meeting in Edmonton June 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Information for Participants

**Venue:** The meeting will take place at the University of Alberta (UoA) in the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA) building: **Room 4-036**. Take the elevator to the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Some breakout rooms have been booked but there are plenty of places to congregate less formally. ECHA is on the UoA campus adjacent to the LRT Health Sciences/Jubilee Station. It is an unmistakable multi-coloured long rectangle. The meeting starts at **9.am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June and finishes at 2 pm on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Travel to Edmonton:** Edmonton has an International Airport. There are direct flights from Europe via Amsterdam (KLM), Reykjavik (Icelandair) and London (Westjet) as well as a number of cities in the US. Icelandair is the cheapest and has connections to many European cities. The changeovers are easy as Reykjavik is small. It is also the most pleasant airline and you can have up to 7 days stopover with no extra cost. It therefore is very popular, so book early. International connections are also available through Calgary from which you can get a 3 hour coach drive to Edmonton with the company Red Arrow. (<https://www.redarrow.ca/>)

**Transport from the Airport and in Edmonton.** EIA is about 30 kms south of Edmonton and there are a variety of ways of getting into Edmonton depending on what you want to pay and the time you have. 1) Taxi: takes around 25 minutes cost around \$50 2) Airport SkyShuttle: <http://edmontonskyshuttle.com/> Pick up point is Door 7 in Arrivals. Cost: \$18 single; Return \$30. For Downtown and the University, the bus is on the hour every hour. It will stop at Lister Hall and opposite ECHA at the Hospital Entrance. Takes up to an hour depending on how many stops. You need to pre-book online. 3) Bus 747 to Century Park the end of the LRT ( Light Rail transit) and then HealthSciences/Jubilee Station right by ECHA and 5 mins walk from Lister building accommodation. Takes around 1 hour and 15 mins. They run every half hour. You can pay the driver cash or purchase ETS ( Edmonton City Transit Service) Tickets at the EIA Ground Transport Booth at Arrivals door 7. Bus stop is outside Door 8 between Tim Hortons and Mac Convenience Store. Cost: \$5 plus ETS ticket ( \$3.25 single or \$25.50 for a book of 10). As with many North American Cities, Edmonton is a car orientated city however the city runs a reasonable transit system (<https://www.edmonton.ca/edmonton-transit-system-ets.aspx>) and it is relatively easy to get about within the city using that. If all else fails there is the taxi. Recommended: CoopTaxis: <http://co-optaxi.com/>

**Accommodation:** A preliminary booking of campus accommodation in Lister Conference facility has been made, reserving spaces from 17<sup>th</sup> June onwards until 24<sup>th</sup> June to allow people to come early and attend the conference, workshops etc and visit the city. You will receive a form when you register from the ICPHR Central Office. Please send it directly to the university at [guestservices@ualberta.ca](mailto:guestservices@ualberta.ca) as indicated on the form. This gives you access to a wide variety of accommodation at various prices on campus 5 mins walk from the meeting location. This accommodation will be held until ONE month prior to the meeting **i.e 21<sup>st</sup> May**, after that you will have to compete with others for the accommodation on campus or seek alternative accommodation either in the Campus Towers Hotel (<https://www.campustower.com/>) or Downtown. There are two hotels on Whyte Avenue: the Varscona (<http://www.varscona.com/>) and the Metterra: (<http://www.metteria.com/>) Both are



about 30 minutes' walk or a 10 minute' bus ride from the University. Hotels downtown need to be near the LRT to be convenient.

**Meals:** Beverages and Lunch will be provided on all 3 days free of charge. There are a number of cafeterias on campus as well as restaurants nearby for breakfast and evening meals. There are also many restaurants in the Whyte Avenue Area and downtown. Within 10 minutes walking distance is 109 Street which has a number of restaurants to suit all tastes. Canadian food is eclectic and cosmopolitan and Edmonton has a good reputation for excellent food. A group booking will be made for dinner on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the location will depend on numbers so again final bookings for the meal need to be made by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. **An email will be sent to registrants in May confirming attendance at the meal.**

**Preconference:** A preconference has been organised in collaboration with Institute for Qualitative Methodology as part of their Workshop Series Week. There is a fee for the conference. Please submit any queries papers and posters to IIQM who are doing the administration for this conference which forms part of their Thinking Qualitative Workshop Series which they are running during that week. See [Thinking Participatively](#). Please submit abstracts as soon as possible.

**Deadline** is the end of February.

**Social Events:** We will be in Edmonton at Summer Solstice and there are events to celebrate this every year. June 21st is also National Aboriginal Day which the city celebrates with a series of events in local parks and there should be an opportunity in the evening of that day to visit some of these. It stays light up until 11 pm (Sunset is at 10.07 pm). On Friday, as per AWM tradition, there will be an outing in the mid- afternoon. Currently the plan is to take the historic High Level Bridge railway across to the city, visit the Legislature and walk back through the river valley returning via the LRT. There is a lot of building work going on in the Downtown area as they are building a new line to the South East of the city so this plan may change.

**Things to do and See in Edmonton:** Edmonton is the capital of Alberta and blessed with a beautiful river valley that provides opportunities for hiking and boating. It sits on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place and travelling route for the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. It is a relatively modern city having grown substantially in the past 25 years. It has an easy to understand grid structure which reflects how land was subdivided by colonialists in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Avenues go east to west and Streets from North to South. Well worth a visit is the Legislature Building, the Art Galleries, Fort Edmonton Park (for insights into the colonial history of the area) amongst others and, of course, the river valley. Further afield is the small town of St Alberta, originally a French colonial town, the Ukrainian Heritage Village and Elk Island National Park. Still further you have the wonderful Rockies. From Edmonton, you can get a coach to Jasper a small town in the beautiful Jasper National Park and from there you can take the Rocky Mountaineer Train over the Rockies to Vancouver. You can also go by regular train to Jasper and Vancouver.

**Queries:** If you have any further queries please contact [jane.springett@ualberta.ca](mailto:jane.springett@ualberta.ca)