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Board of Governors of the Americas Spring Meeting May 7 – 11 2008 Toronto, Ontario Canada

The [Toronto Branch of the International Wine & Food Society](#) is pleased to host the Spring 2008 Board of Governors of the Americas meeting, May 7-11 in [Toronto Canada](#).

Toronto, Ontario Canada

Welcome to Toronto. The temperatures can be as high as 75 degrees or as low as 50 degrees during the days. Frost may occur at night although this is rare. The good news, no snow. The exuberance of youthful Spring will waft through the air at every turn as Torontonians rediscover the cultural mosaic that is Canada and one of the most cosmopolitan cities of the world. The essence of this city will be yours to enjoy. We welcome you.

We will be having lunch at the Gardener Museum on Thursday, a one block walk from the hotel. It has a fine collection of pottery and porcelains. The Bata Museum has a wide ranging collection of shoes including a pair of Marie Antoinette's slippers.

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Welcome Martha Russel IW&FS Toronto Branch President...Click here.....



Photo by R. Bettig



IW&FS Event wine

Food and wine are the essence of life. Therefore, we should only have the best.



Photo by R. Bellig



A Great Canadian Wine

There are many good restaurants within easy walking distance from your hotel as well as restaurants in two of the museums. Across from the Hotel is the entrance to [Philosophers Walk](#), which leads directly into the University of Toronto, a pleasant area for walking.





Photo R Bettig



Photo R. Henderson

Accommodation will be at the [Intercontinental Hotel Yorkville](#), at 220 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1T8. The Intercontinental is adjacent to the Bloor Yorkville shopping area. It is immediately across from the [University of Toronto](#) and the [Royal Ontario Museum](#) which has just added a spectacular new addition.

The Hotel is located within a block and a half from two other Museums, the [Gardener Museum of Porcelains](#), and the [Bata Shoe Museum](#).

For reservations please call the Intercontinental directly at 416 594-6835 or Toll free 1 888 594-6835 refer to the BGA IWFS meeting for our special rates. The standard room rate is \$249 Cdn plus tax. American cost is unknown at

this time due to [the exchange rate fluctuation](#). At this time the dollars are a cent or two off par. One year ago the Canadian dollar was worth only 80 cents American. Upgraded rooms are also available at special rates. De luxe at \$269 plus tax, Studio Suite \$325 plus tax, Executive Suite King \$475. Our group rate is available for reservations placed before April 7 and will be extended two days prior and two days following our meeting date.

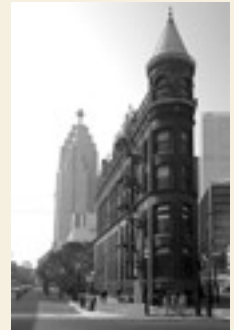


[Toronto Pearson Airport](#) is located in the western part of the city and is about a 30 minute drive, depending on the time of day. It is a major international hub and there are many direct flights. There is limousine, taxi, bus and public transportation to downtown Toronto. The bus only stops at the [Royal York](#) some distance away from the Intercontinental. The Taxi and limousine service are at a fixed rate and cost \$48 Cdn. plus tip.

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Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Arrival and check in at the Intercontinental Hotel

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 Optional dinner at the Intercontinental Hotel - Mayfair Room.
Dress: Men- jacket and tie Ladies- smart casual.

Thursday, May 8, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 Continental Breakfast for Board Members - West Foyer.

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 Committee Meetings
Committee Room 1- Board Room
Committee Room 2- Britannia Room

9:15 a.m. – 11:45 Spouses meet in the Mezzanine welcome presentation and preview of
Program and coffee.

11:45 a.m. – 1:45 Lunch for Governors and Spouses Meet in the Lobby prior to leaving for
“[Jamie Kennedy at the Gardener Restaurant](#)”. It is a one block walk.

2:00 p.m. – 4:45 Committee Meetings resume.
Spouses are free to enjoy the Museums and Yorkville at their leisure.

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 Cocktails Board Members and Spouses IW&FS Toronto executive

6:45 p.m. – Meet in the lobby for a short walk, about one block, along Bloor Street to
the “[Bar Mercurio](#)” Restaurant. It is a family owned Italian Restaurant started by the
father and now run by the two brothers, sister and mother. They actually have two
restaurants very close to each other.
Dress: Men- jacket and tie Ladies- smart casual.

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Friday, May 9, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 Continental Breakfast for Board Members - West Foyer.

8:30 a.m. – 11:45 Committee Meetings
Meeting Room 1 - Board Room
Meeting Room 2 - Britannia Room
Spouses free Morning

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 Lunch – Intercontinental Hotel - Portman Room (Board Members and Spouses).

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 Bus leaves Intercontinental Hotel for a tour of the city approximately three hours. (Board Members and Spouses) coach returns 4:30 p.m. – 5:00.

6:00 p.m. – 11:00 Bus to The Toronto Hunt Club. The [Toronto Hunt Club](#) overlooks the Scarborough Bluffs. On a clear day one can see across the lake to the American shore. Although named a Hunt Club it is essentially a golf Club. The manager of the club is a member of the IW&FS Toronto Branch.
Dress: Men- business attire Ladies- cocktail attire, bring a wrap.

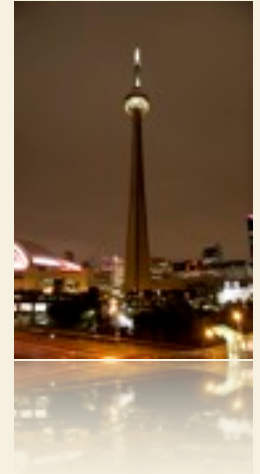
11:00 p.m. – 11:45 Bus to The Intercontinental Hotel.



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Saturday, May 10, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00** Continental Breakfast for Board Members - West Foyer.

- 8:30 a.m. – 4:00** Board Meeting
Meeting Room 1 - Board Room

- 10:30 a.m.– 12:00** Optional Spouses program - Meet in the Lobby.
You will visit the [Four Seasons Opera house](#) the new home to the [Canadian Opera Company](#) and the National Ballet Company. You will be given tickets to the subway and use the university subway line. The station is one half block away. There will be people to guide you.

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00** Lunch – Intercontinental Hotel Portman Room (board members).

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00** Optional Spouses program - You will return to the Museum Subway stop and walk to the [Royal Ontario Museum and Lunch at C 5](#) an upscale Restaurant a half block from the Subway stop and the Intercontinental Hotel. The afternoon is free to visit museums, shop, or even snooze. (dress; mildly casual).

- 6:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.** Black Tie Reception and Dinner in the Marble Foray and the Barclay Room at the Intercontinental Hotel with the Toronto Branch and visiting nearby branches.
Dress: Black Tie with medallions.

There may be changes to the program particularly hotel meeting rooms and dining rooms.

The IW&FS Toronto Branch and Board are very much looking forward to offering our hospitality to the BGA.

If you have any questions or concerns please e-mail us at <mailto:info@IWSFToronto.org> .



The International Wine & Food Society *Toronto Branch*

International Wine & Food Society Board of Governors of the Americas Spring Meeting May 7 - May 11, 2008, Toronto, Ontario, Canada Registration

BGA Member / Attendee Name _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) _____ / _____

Email Address _____

Arrival/Departure Dates _____ / _____

Schedule of Fees Payment in U.S. or CDN Dollars. Current exchange rates are comparable. If there is significant volatility a supplementary adjustment may be necessary at registration.

BGA Member / Invited Guest Registration \$890

Spouse (or guest) Registration \$730

Optional Wednesday night dinner (pp) \$100 x _____ =

Optional Saturday Opera Tour & Lunch (pp) \$89 x _____ =

Total \$ _____

Payment in American Dollars Cheques should be made to: IWFS/BGA/Toronto.

Payment in Canadian Dollars Cheques should be made to: IWFS of Toronto.

Please complete this form with your payment and mail to:

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NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2008.

