

**2009 Progress in Systems Biology” Symposium
April 23-24**

Location: National Research Council of Canada, 100 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Canada

April 17, 2009

Dear Symposium Attendees,

The 2009 “Progress in Systems Biology” Symposium is almost here, and we would like to provide you with some updated information regarding the Symposium.

National Research Council (100 Sussex Drive, Ottawa)

OISB in collaboration with the National Research Council of Canada has organized the 2009 “Progress in Systems Biology” Symposium which will take place at the NRC site on **100 Sussex Drive, Ottawa**. A Google map of the NRC site can be found at:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=100+Sussex+Drive,+Ottawa,+Ontario&ie=UTF8&om=1&z=14&ll=45.431829,-75.720263&spn=0.036742,0.118103&iwloc=A>.

Our administrative partner at NRC is Ms. Lynda Boucher. For any NRC enquiries, please contact her at **613-990-0888** or Lynda.boucher@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca.

Parking

Please be aware that parking is very limited at NRC. The Symposium is being held during regular working hours for NRC employees, and they have parking priority. We strongly encourage you to use alternative means of transportation to avoid parking hassles. There are usually taxis in front of the NRC building, and bus information can be found at www.octranspo.com.

If you park at the National Research Council, you **MUST** report to the Commissioner and provide him with your license plate number! The Commissioner is located at the top of the stairs when you enter through the main doors at the front of the building. Please note that parking tickets will be issued if you have not signed in with the Commissioner.

Volunteers

There will be volunteers throughout our designated Symposium rooms. They will be wearing black ‘Ottawa Institute of Systems Biology’ t-shirts. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to ask any of the volunteers for assistance.

Registration

General Registration begins at **8:00 am** on **April 23rd** in the Cafeteria located in the basement of NRC. There will be signs and ushers pointing the way to the registration tables when you enter the front doors of the building. Upon registration you will receive a program booklet, a coupon for the Reception, and your name tag.

Reception

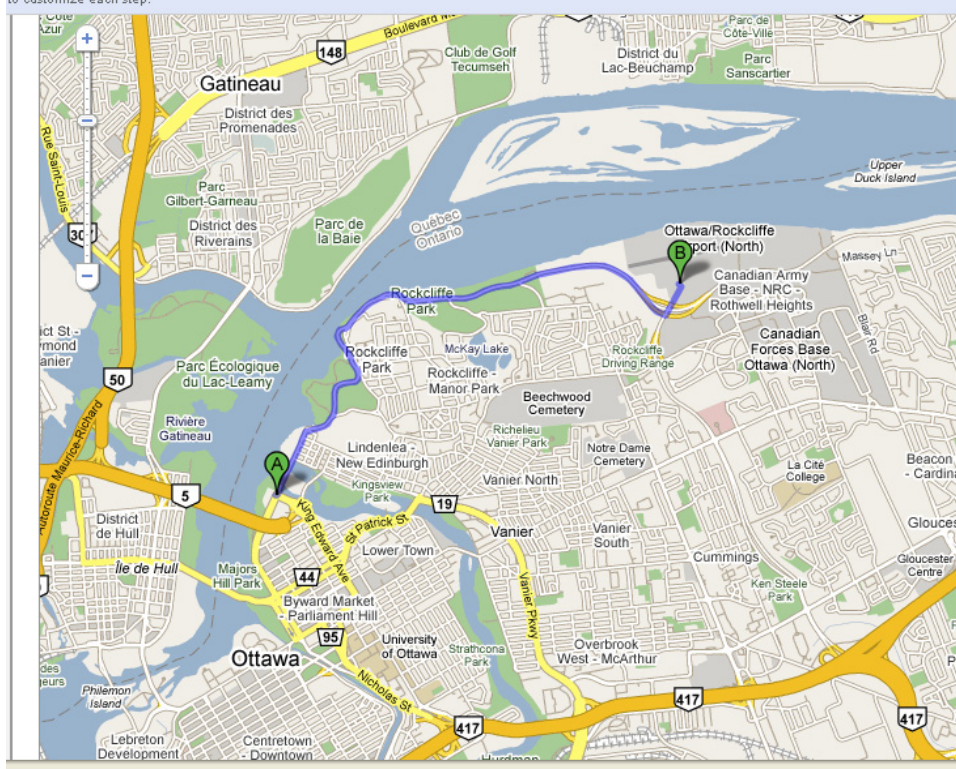
After the last presentation on Thursday, April 23rd, we will be hosting a Wine and Cheese Reception at the Canada Aviation Museum (<http://www.aviation.technomuses.ca>). Please make sure that you have your name badge with you. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided free of charge at the reception. The coupon allows for one free alcoholic drink. However, other alcoholic drinks are at your expense.

Parking is free at the museum and it is only a short drive from NRC. We have also arranged buses to shuttle attendees to the museum. **Please note that the buses are only available for attendees who have reserved transportation on their registration form!**

The shuttle bus will depart from NRC to the Museum approximately around **5:10pm**.

The shuttle bus will depart from the Aviation Museum back to the NRC building at **8:30pm**. After stopping at the NRC building on the return trip, the shuttles will also make a stop on Laurier Avenue (University of Ottawa). Here is a map to help visualize the bus route:

NRC Building (100 Sussex Drive) to the Canada Aviation Museum (11 Aviation Parkway).



Poster Displays

Due to the large number of poster presentations this year, we have organized two poster sessions. Session One is on Thursday, April 23 and Session Two is on Friday, April 24. The poster displays will be located in the Cafeteria (basement) and the Library (2nd Floor). For those giving poster presentations, the set up time is between 7:45am-8:00am on each day. When you arrive,

please check in at the registration table to *confirm your poster board number!* Push pins are not allowed on the boards. We will have clips available to hang the posters (and Velcro to secure corners if needed). Also, we request that the posters be taken down by 4:00pm on the day of your presentation. Just to verify, the dimensions for the poster boards are 3 feet (height) x 4 feet (width).

Student Poster Prizes

Many students have asked if poster prizes will be awarded again this year. YES! These prizes are for students only. Sorry, post-doctoral students do not qualify for the prizes.

First Prize: \$500

Second Prize: \$300

Third Prize: \$200

Vendor Exhibitions

We would like to thank our corporate sponsors for their financial support and participation in the 2009 “Progress in Systems Biology” Symposium. We invite you to visit the vendor booths located in the Cafeteria (basement) and in the Library (2nd floor).

Symposium Agenda

The agenda for the Symposium is now posted on the OISB website at www.oisb.ca. Please check out the website for a list of this year’s speakers and their abstracts. Upon registration, you will receive a program booklet that includes the abstracts for the speaker presentations and the poster displays.

Websites

Here are some links that may be of help:

Canada Aviation Museum

<http://www.aviation.technomuses.ca/>

Directions to the Canada Aviation Museum:

http://www.aviation.technomuses.ca/visit_us/how_to_get_here/

Directions to the National Research Council of Canada (100 Sussex Drive)

http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/institutes/directions/ottawa-sussex_e.html

OISB Website

www.oisb.ca

Taxi Numbers:

Blueline Taxi: 613) 238-1111 (we know this company accepts credit cards)

Capital Taxi: (613) 744-3333

Feel welcome to contact the OISB office at sysbio@uottawa.ca or 613-562-5800 x8073 if you have any last minute questions or concerns about the symposium. We hope you will find this year’s program an excellent educational opportunity that will benefit your research interests.

See you at the Symposium!

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