

Call for Abstracts

Submission deadline: October 16th, 2019

Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) is a national multi-disciplinary, non-profit association with chapters across Canada and seeks to enhance the quality of the design and management aspects of construction activity through programs of publication, education, professional development, and certification, believing that in so doing it can best contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the industry as a whole.

The CSC Annual Conference is held in May in a different Canadian city and brings together more than 300 AEC industry participants and stakeholders from across the country representing the various disciplines of the construction industry under one roof. The conferences primary focus is to provide an exceptional technical program which provides an opportunity for professional development and education.

The Conference is an opportune event to discuss the latest in standards, best practices, industry trends, and emerging technologies while providing cutting-edge, solution-driven learning opportunities.

2020 CSC Annual Conference

The 2020 CSC Annual Conference will take place at the Hotel Bonaventure in downtown Montreal, Quebec from May 20 to 24th. The conference theme is:

Viser l'excellence / Strive for Excellence.

As Will Durant concluded of Aristotle's thoughts on Ethics, "Excellence is not an act but a habit". Striving for excellence is about cultivating quality through hard work, continuous improvement and relentless dedication. Excellence is not a skill, it is an attitude!

Key Themes & Topics

2020 CSC Annual Conference Organizing Committee (COC) invites proposals for presentations on all aspects

related to the construction industry with specific emphasis on the following topics:

- Construction Codes and Standards
NBC, NFC, NECB, NMS, etc.
- Environmental & Sustainability Challenges
Green buildings, LEED initiatives, etc.
- Product and Systems Innovation
New technologies & fabrications methods, etc.
- Project Design & Development
Performance, design criteria, case studies, etc.
- Construction Communication
Business, Project Management, Leadership, etc.
- Construction Contract Law
Contract types, Legal planning documents, etc.
- Construction Challenges & Lessons Learned
Guarantees & Warrantees, Liability, Litigation, etc.

Priority will be given to presentations that are current, in line with the direction of the industry and in line with the theme of the conference.

Presentations

Presentations are face-to-face (no virtual), oral presentations with visual display (PowerPoint or other, such as Prezi) and are limited to 60 minutes, followed by 10 minutes Q&A. Presenter can expect a short introduction at the beginning and short acknowledgement at the end by a member of the COC, bringing the total length of the session to 75 minutes.

The conference has a total of 8 time slots of 75 minutes each, over 2 days. Each time slot is divided into 3 simultaneous sessions (see attached sample schedule). Each session offers a different presentation grouped under a key theme, with participants choosing which one they will attend according to their interest.

Presentations Guidelines

Presentations shall not promote products or services offered by presenter or third party.

Presentations shall be objective and remain neutral. They must be entirely free of any political, religious, racial or sexual content.

Intellectual Property

The content of the presentation remains the responsibility and property of the presenter. Presenters are responsible for the accuracy of information presented. Presenters will provide CSC with a soft, unlocked copy of their PowerPoint Presentation for formatting and translation purposes and for distribution to conference attendees.

Official Languages

Abstracts and summaries can be submitted in English or French. It should be noted that all visual presentations shall run concurrently in both the English and French languages (2 screens). Please note that the vast majority of the audience will be comprised of English speaking attendants.

Final Presentations

PowerPoint (PPT) presentations must be submitted for review by subject experts, at the latest on January 30th, 2020. Presenters must revise their PPT presentations as requested by the COC. Revised PPTs are to be submitted by e-mail no later than March 30th, 2020. They will constitute the final presentation that shall be presented at the Conference.

Pictures and videos are encouraged while models and other physical support documents (such as samples) might be more difficult to incorporate in presentation due to limited space.

Conference Technical Set-Up

The COC will provide all necessary equipment for the projection and presentation such as:

- Computer
- 2 projection screens (one for each language)
- Remote control handle
- Microphone & audio support

Printed handouts, if desired by the presenter, shall be the exclusive responsibility of the presenters (preparation and print).

Remuneration

CSC being a non-profit association, presenters will not receive remuneration for their service. One complimentary delegate pass for the Conference will be made available for each accepted presentation.

Abstracts

Written abstracts (word or pdf file) can be submitted for consideration. Abstracts should be no more than 400 words and submissions must include biographies (not included in 400 words) and headshots photos for all presenters. The abstracts must be submitted to: montreal@csc-dcc.ca.

Abstracts will be selected for inclusion in the program on the basis of a peer review by the COC. For more information on the COC, visit <http://csc-dcc.ca/Conferences/>

Timeline

- October 16th, 2019 – Abstract Deadline
- End of October 2019 – Author Notification
- November 2019 – Preliminary Conference Schedule issued
- January 30th, 2020 – Draft PPT for revision
- February 28th, 2020 – COC Review & Comments issued back to presenters
- March 2020 – Final Conference Schedule issued
- March 30th, 2020 – Revised Final presentation
- May 20-24th, 2020 – Conference



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CSC CONFERENCE 2020

Start	End				
Wednesday, May 20, 2020					
4:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Early Registration			
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	New Member and First Time Conference Attendees Meet and Greet Room:			
6:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception Room: Sponsored by:			
Thursday, May 21, 2020					
7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Registration			
7:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	Welcome Breakfast for Delegates and Companions Ballroom – Featuring Keynote speaker: Sponsored by:			
		Delegates Program			Companions Program
9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	1A –TBA Speaker: Room:	1B –TBA Speaker: Room:	1C – TBA Speakers: Room:	
10:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Speed Networking Session <i>Take part in this 30 minute networking session and optimize your participation in the conference by meeting a number of professionals with whom you might not otherwise cross paths. This is a great opportunity to expand your network with fellow delegates, speakers, and sponsors!</i>			
10:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	2A –TBA Speaker: Room:	2B – TBA Speakers: Room:	2C – TBA Speaker: Room:	

- Please note, all session topics and times subject to change. Last updated

Start	End	Thursday, May 21, 2020 – continued			Companions Program
		Delegates Program			
11:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	Luncheon for Delegates Room: Ballroom			
1:45 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	3A – TBA Speaker: Room:	3B – TBA Speaker: Room:	3C – TBA Speaker: Room:	
2:45 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	Speed Networking Session <i>Take part in this 30 minute networking session and optimize your participation in the conference by meeting a number of professionals with whom you might not otherwise cross paths. This is a great opportunity to expand your network with fellow delegates, speakers, and sponsors!</i>			
3:15 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	4A – TBA Speaker: Room:	4B – TBA Speaker: Room:	4C – TBA Speaker: Room:	
4:30 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	College of Fellows Induction Ceremony (open to all) Room:			
5:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	Free time <i>Relax and get ready for Connections Cafe</i>			
5:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	Connections Café Room: Ballroom and Foyer <i>This is your chance to network and mingle with a wide range of attendees from the local construction industry and from across the country</i>			
9:30 p.m.	Mid-night	Conference 2020 Hospitality Suite Room: <i>The Montreal Chapter looks forward to inviting you to Conference 2020</i>			

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Friday, May 22, 2020					
7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Registration			
7:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	Breakfast for Delegates and Companions Ballroom			
7:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	College of Fellows Breakfast (Fellows only) <i>Please have breakfast before coming to the meeting - Room:</i>			
7:45 a.m.	8:45 a.m..	Technical Representative Meeting <i>You don't have to be a CTR to attend</i> <i>Please have breakfast before coming to the meeting - Room:</i>			
		Delegates Program			Companions Program
9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	5A – TBA Speakers: Room:	5B – TBA Speaker: Room:	5C – TBA Speaker: Room:	
10:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Speed Networking Session <i>Take part in this 30 minute networking session and optimize your participation in the conference by meeting a number of professionals with whom you might not otherwise cross paths. This is a great opportunity to expand your network with fellow delegates, speakers, and sponsors!</i>			
10:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	6A – TBA Speakers: Room:	6B – TBA Speakers: Room:	6C – TBA Speaker: Room:	
11:45 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	Luncheon for Delegates Room: Ballroom Sponsored by:			

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2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	7A – TBA Speaker: Room:	7B –TBA Speaker: Room:	7C –TBA Speaker: Room:
3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	<p align="center">Speed Networking Session</p> <p align="center"><i>Take part in this 30 minute networking session and optimize your participation in the conference by meeting a number of professionals with whom you might not otherwise cross paths. This is a great opportunity to expand your network with fellow delegates, speakers, and sponsors!</i></p>		
3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	8A – TBA Speaker: Room:	8B – TBA Speaker: Room:	8C – TBA Speaker: Room:
4:30 p.m.	5::15 p.m.	<p align="center">Contract Administrators / Specification Writer Meeting</p> <p align="center"><i>You don't have to be a CCCA, CSP or RSW to attend.</i></p> <p>Room:</p>		
5:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	<p align="center">FUN NIGHT – Off Site –</p> <p align="center">Buses will start leaving at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by:</p>		

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Saturday, May 23, 2020			
7:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	Breakfast for Delegates and Companions Ballroom	
		Delegates Program	Companions Program
9:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	CSC Members' Forum Room: <i>This is your opportunity to ask questions of the Executive Council.</i>	
10:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	Noon	CSC Annual General Meeting Room: <i>Members only. Meeting includes chapter-by-chapter roll call</i>	
Noon	1:30 p.m.	Annual Awards Luncheon Room: Ballroom <i>Please note: business attire is recommended for this event</i> <i>Recognize and congratulate your fellow CSC members for their dedication and commitment to CSC and the construction industry.</i> Sponsored by:	
1:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Free Time	
6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	President's Reception Room: Ballroom Please note: formal attire is recommended for The President's Reception and Ball Must be 16 years of age or older to attend President's Reception Sponsored by:	
7:00 p.m.	1:00 a.m.	President's Ball Ballroom President's Ball Sponsored by:	
Sunday, May 24, 2020			
7:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Travelers' Breakfast Buffet for Delegates and Companions Room:	

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