

## 53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY ICS 2023 - TORONTO, CANADA



We are pleased to propose Toronto as the host city for the ICS 2023 Annual Meeting. Annual ICS meetings have been held since 1971 and the 11th Annual ICS Meeting was held in Lund in 1981. It is our pleasure, after many years, to welcome you back to Canada and to the city of Toronto. Canada has a long scientific tradition in incontinence research and many prominent scientists have been engaged in the International Continence Society and its important work.

Toronto is Canada's largest city, the fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of about 2.8 million people. **University of Toronto's Medical School** is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Canada and 11<sup>th</sup> in the world in medical research (per QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2019 – Lifesciences & Medicine). Global surgeons travel to Toronto for additional clinical and research training in urology. University of Toronto was the birth place of the discovery of Insulin by Banting & Best who received the Nobel prize in 1923.

The city is ranked as one of the top destinations around the globe. It boasts world-class restaurants, thriving nightlife and cultural attractions as varied as the cultures themselves – from art galleries to festivals to sporting events and more. It's this focus on culture and diversity that helps our key sectors thrive. Toronto is recognized for being Canada's commercial capital and for its excellence in a number of sectors including life sciences, technology, and education.

## GOALS OF HOSTING THE ICS 2023

- To bring together the highest caliber of research in continence care to the forefront of local, national and international policy and funding decision-making organizations
- Encourage knowledge transfer among international colleagues far and wide
- Promote mentorship of young investigators from developing countries

## LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

ICS 2023 MEETING CHAIR:

**Magdy Hassouna**, Professor of Urology  
University of Toronto

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS:

**Nucelio Lemos**, Associate Professor, Core Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Mount Sinai Hospital

**Jerzy Gajewski**, Professor Emeritus, Urology & Neurourology  
Dalhousie University

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

**Sidney B. Radomski**, Professor of Surgery (Urology)  
University of Toronto

**Blayne Welk**, Associate Professor of Surgery, (Urology) and Epidemiology & Biostatistics  
Western University

## PROPOSED DATES: SEPTEMBER 6 – 9, 2023

### VENUE OPTIONS

Two Venue Proposals:

**The Metro Toronto Convention Centre**  
**The Sheraton Centre Hotel Toronto**

#### THE METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE (MTCC)

Located in the heart of downtown Toronto and a 5-minute walk from iconic attractions like the CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, and the Scotiabank Arena, as well as the U-P Express Terminal to Pearson International Airport. It's conveniently connected to Toronto's most prominent hotels like the Intercontinental Toronto Centre and Delta Toronto.



It boasts over 56,000 square metres of exhibit and meeting space, a 1,330-seat theatre, 2 ballrooms, and a variety of multi-functional spaces. It also features an award-winning culinary team that entice delegates with mouth-watering dishes.  
Capacity: 10,000+  
[www.mtccc.com](http://www.mtccc.com)



**Toronto boasts the largest convention hotels in Canada ideal for a Congress of 1,500-2,000 delegates.**

### **Sheraton Centre Toronto**

At the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, we have created a welcoming urban oasis that brings people together, away from the hustle and bustle of downtown. Located amid Toronto's Financial and Entertainment districts, our 4-star hotel positions you within moments of nightlife, theatre, restaurants and the headquarters of local and global corporations. Take the subway and explore our hip neighborhood gems renowned for dining, street art, live music, and relaxing green spaces, or take advantage of our inspiring communal spaces humming with positive energy. With over 12,078 sq.m. of contemporary function space and 1372 hotel rooms and in close proximity to the best of Toronto, this is where the world comes together.  
[www.Marriott.com/yyztc](http://www.Marriott.com/yyztc)



### **SAFE & EASY INTERNATIONAL ACCESS**

- **Toronto Pearson International Airport** – Canada's **air transport hub** with over **1400** daily flights operated by **66** international airlines connecting to **180** countries
- **U-P Express Rail link** connects Pearson Airport to Union Station downtown in just **25 minutes** @ CAD \$12.35/trip, and a 15 minute walk to the proposed congress venues



***WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO TORONTO, CANADA'S DOWNTOWN IN 2023!***

