

Meeting Information

Listed below are the Toronto hotels which are used by the AAAS for housing and program activities during the Annual Meeting. The two-letter codes in parentheses identify session locations in the preliminary program.

Sheraton Centre (SH): Symposia; Exhibit; contributed papers (poster sessions); business meetings; social functions; advance and on-site registration desks; tour and banquet tickets desk; welcome center; resource center for disabled attendants; headquarters office; newsroom; employment information facilities; *Science Film Festival*.

Royal York Hotel (RY): Public lectures; symposia; business meetings; social functions; advance and on-site registration desks; welcome center; resource center for disabled attendants; headquarters office.

Hotel Toronto: Housing only.

Although the hotels are within walking distance of each other, there will be meeting registration areas in both the Sheraton Centre and the Royal York. For hotel locations see map on page 1233.

Meeting Registration

Registration categories and fees are listed on the advance registration form on page 1230. The fee includes the full program book and the abstract volume.

Please note that onsite registrants must pay with Canadian currency. For the convenience of all attendants, there will be a money exchange station in each registration area.

Advance registrants, please note: We will *not* mail the full program before the Meeting. Instead, we will send you in early December an expanded pre-convention program, your badge, registration receipt, and a voucher redeemable on site for the program book, condensed program (foldout), abstract volume and, as a bonus for early registration, your free copy of the 1981 AAAS Calendar. Present your voucher at one of the advance registrants' desks, located in the Sheraton Centre (Concourse Lobby) and the Royal York (Convention Lobby). Registration hours are as follows:

Saturday, January 3 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday through Wednesday,
4-7 January 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 8 January 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Registration Refunds

The AAAS will refund advance registration fees for all cancellations received by letter or telegram prior to 26 December 1980. *No refunds will be made on cancellation notices received after this date.* Refunds will be mailed from the AAAS Offices in Washington after the Annual Meeting.

IRS-Attendance Requirements for Foreign Conventions

Those who pay their own convention expenses and deduct them from their individual tax returns must comply with Section 602 of the 1976 Tax Reform Law, which places limitations on the tax deductions for convention attendants traveling outside the United States, its possessions, and the trust territories of the Pacific. Individuals who will be reimbursed by their employer for convention expenses should check on the employer's requirements for substantiation of attendance. These individuals must report the following:

- Total number of days of the meeting;
- Total number of hours of each day spent on business-related activities;
- Provide a copy of the program and a statement signed by an officer of the sponsoring organization attesting to the individual's attendance at the business-related sessions.

Travel deductions are limited to an amount not greater than coach air fare and may be claimed only if at least one half of the trip is devoted to business-related activities. Subsistence expenses may be deducted if the individual attends a minimum of four hours of business-related meetings per day. Deductions cannot exceed the per

diem rate established by the U.S. Government in each city. As of July 1980, the per diem rate for Toronto was \$68.

Meeting registrants who require such documentation should take their condensed program, which contains space for verification purposes, to designated IRS-Attendance Verification desks located in the registration areas at both meeting hotels; this should be done on a daily basis. Each registrant must be responsible for retaining the documented program for tax purposes. In the event that the IRS audits an individual's tax return and requests further substantiation of the verified program, a photocopy of the entire document should be sent to the AAAS Meetings Office, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Upon request, AAAS will compare the information with registration data and prepare a verification statement signed by an officer of the Association.

Entry into Canada

From the United States: Citizens and legal residents of the U.S. do not need passports or visas. *U.S. citizens* should carry proof of citizenship in the form of a birth certificate (if native-born), naturalization certificate, or voter's registration card; driver's license or official personal identification issued in some states by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles are acceptable only with identifying photograph. *Permanent residents* who are not U.S. citizens need their alien registration cards.

From Other Countries: Citizens of countries other than the U.S., who are not legal permanent residents of the U.S., must have valid passports. For further information contact the nearest Canadian Consulate or Embassy.

Please note that on entering Canada you must be prepared to pass through (1) Canadian Immigration and (2) Customs inspection. When returning to the United States, you are required to pass through (1) U.S. Customs and (2) Immigration inspection.

Due to the current premium on the U.S. dollar (\$Can 1.00 = \$U.S. 0.86 with slight daily fluctuations), it would be prudent to change some U.S. currency into Canadian cash or traveller's checks. Although U.S. currency is accepted in Toronto, vendors are not required to pay the premium because of the daily variance. For the convenience of all attendants, there will also be a commercial money exchange station in each meeting registration area.

Hotel Reservations

The three Toronto hotels used for housing and meetings have set aside—at guaranteed reduced rates—blocks of guestrooms for the attendants of the AAAS Annual Meeting. **These rates are guaranteed only when reservations are made through the AAAS Housing Bureau prior to 12 December 1980.** Hotel rates are quoted and payable in Canadian dollars; *there is no room tax in Toronto.* Please read the Hotel Reservation Form on page 1231 carefully. Room assignment will be delayed if any information is omitted from the form.

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If your plans change and you won't be using this room . . . please notify the AAAS Housing Bureau.

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Do not be a "no-show!" If you have made a hotel reservation and find that you cannot attend the Meeting, write to or call the AAAS Housing Bureau to cancel.

Airport-to-Hotel Transportation

Airport express buses operate between the Toronto International Airport and The Sheraton Centre and the Royal York Hotel at approximately every 20 minutes; the fare is \$4.50. Airport limousines charge a flat rate of \$15 and may be ordered by calling 416/494-4155. Metered taxicab fares range between \$15 and \$17. All fares are as quoted at press time and are subject to change.

Resources for Disabled Registrants

The AAAS, in cooperation with the Toronto Advisory Committee, is again making every effort to make the Annual Meeting fully accessible to disabled individuals. In addition to guestrooms which can accommodate wheelchairs, the following resources will be available at both The Sheraton Centre and the Royal York Hotel:

- Resource Centers staffed with volunteers to offer assistance on request.
- Assistance in movement within and between meeting hotels as needed.
- Transportation service to and from the airport and train and bus terminals, as needed.
- Interpreters for the hearing-impaired at all public lectures and for other sessions on request.
- Emergency repair service for wheelchairs.
- Special tour and sightseeing information for disabled persons.
- Audiotaped highlights of the meeting program for persons with visual impairments.

Persons needing special hotel accommodations, interpreting services, and other assistance are strongly urged to so indicate on the advance registration and housing forms. Your early response will help us to plan and serve you better. For additional information, contact Virginia Stern, AAAS Project on the Handicapped in Science, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036 (phone: 202/467-4496).

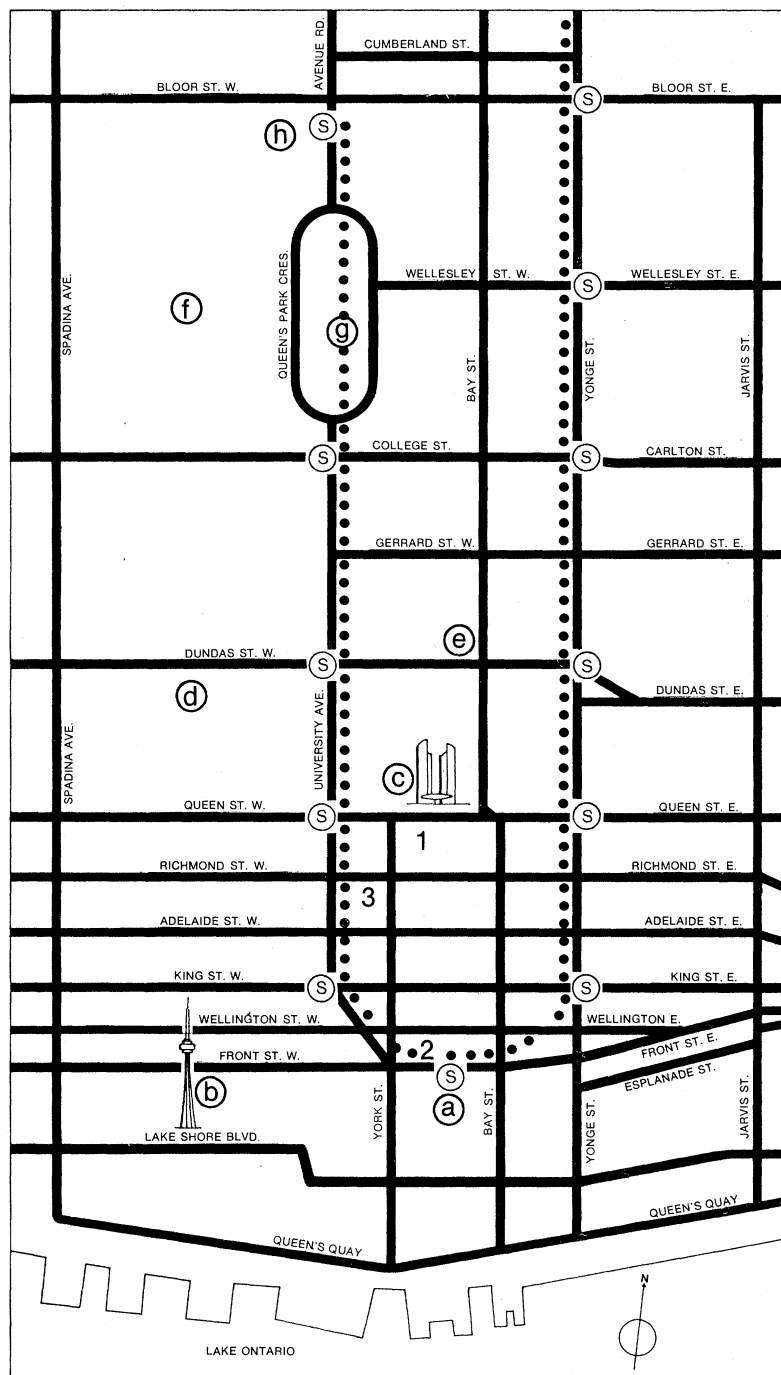
Employment Information Center

In the exhibit hall at The Sheraton Centre, there will be bulletin boards for posting "positions wanted" and "positions open" notices. Also available will be several separate tables for the conduct of interviews. AAAS will not coordinate interactions between prospective employers and employees. Hours: 4 Jan., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 5 and 6 Jan., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m.; 7 Jan., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Child Care Services

For child care or babysitting services, check with the head housekeeper of your hotel. A 24-hour notice is usually required to facilitate such arrangements.

Downtown Toronto



Hotels

1. The Sheraton Centre
2. Royal York Hotel
3. Hotel Toronto

Places of Interest

- a. Union Station
- b. CN Tower

- c. City Hotel
- d. Art Gallery of Toronto
- e. Bus Terminal
- f. Univ. of Toronto
- g. Parliament bldgs.
- h. Royal Ontario Museum & McLaughlin Planetarium

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