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Welcome Message

Welcome to the 24th Annual Conference on Selected Areas in Cryptography (SAC)! This year, SAC is being held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. As well, this year, 2017, Canada marks 150 years of Confederation and Ottawa is hosting 12 months of celebrations.

Ottawa is Canada’s capital, located in the South East of Ontario, near Montreal and the US Border. Situated on the Ottawa River, it is the site of Parliament Hill which attracts up to 3 million visitors each year. In addition, the Rideau Canal, which is Ontario’s only UNESCO World Heritage Site, is traversed by boats in the summer, ice-skaters in the winter, and is the oldest continuously operated canal system in North America.

Due to its multitude of sightseeing locations, rich culture, outdoor beauty, and relaxed urban atmosphere, Ottawa is one of Canada’s most popular travel destinations. It hosts a large number of museums such as the Canadian Museums of Nature, War, Aviation, and Science & Technology, as well as the National Gallery of Canada, which houses an impressive collection of Indigenous and other Canadian art.

There are various festivals in the summer, as well as daily shows on Parliament Hill, including light shows and the Changing of the Guard. Visit Ottawa for Canada’s big year!

About SAC

Selected Areas in Cryptography (SAC) is an annual conference dedicated to specific themes in the area of cryptographic system design and analysis. Authors will be presenting original research papers related to the themes of the SAC 2017 conference:

1. Design and analysis of symmetric key cryptosystems
2. Primitives for symmetric key cryptography, including block and stream ciphers, hash functions, and MAC algorithms
3. Efficient implementations of symmetric and public key algorithms
4. Post-quantum cryptography
SAC17 Keynote Speakers

We are delighted to announce that the invited speakers for SAC 2017 will be the following:

- Chris Peikert, University of Michigan
- Helena Handschuh, Cryptography Research, Inc.

Note that Dr. Handschuh will be giving the Stafford Tavares Invited Lecture this year.

SAC Summer School (S3 2017)

The SAC Summer School (S3) provides participants with an opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of specific areas of cryptography related to the current SAC topics by bringing together world-class researchers who will give extended talks in their areas of specialty. S3 is designed to create a focused learning environment that is also relaxed and collaborative. The SAC Summer School is open to all attendees, and may be of particular interest to students, postdocs, and other early researchers. Click [here](https://example.com) to register for S3.

Conference Venue

The University of Ottawa is the largest bilingual (English-French) university in the world. Located at the heart of Canada’s capital, we have ready access to the great institutions of our country. Our advances in social sciences, health, engineering, science, and the humanities make uOttawa a unique place to learn, grow, and excel.

The Desmarais Building, a new flagship building for Canada’s university, is named after renowned Canadian and international businessman and alumnus of the University of Ottawa, Paul G. Desmarais. This impressive 12-storey, 23,000 m² building was designed by the award-winning architectural firm Moriyama and Associates of Toronto, and serves as the home of University of Ottawa’s Telfer School of Management. The building is located on a parcel of land bounded by Laurier Avenue East, Nicholas Street, and Waller Street.

The Desmarais Building is also shown as “Telfer School of Management - University of Ottawa” on Google map. Address: 55 Laurier Ave E, Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5
Accommodations for SAC Summer School and Conference

Ottawa has a wide variety of accommodation options in a range of prices and styles. For convenience, SAC 2017 has reserved a block of rooms in two of the student residences on the University of Ottawa campus, and also at the nearby Les Suites Hotel.

Les Suites Hotel  (5 min walking distance to the conference)
Group reservation link: LES SUITES GROUP PREFERRED RATES
Password: SAC2017

Premiere One Bedroom Suites: $179.00/night (single/double occupancy)
Premiere Two Bedroom Suites: $269.00/night (quad occupancy)

Notes:
- Complimentary Wireless High Speed Internet
- Rates are subject to applicable tax and fees
- Suites are subject to availability
- Parking is an additional $22.00CAN/day (plus applicable tax) with unlimited in/out access

Reservations can also be made by contacting the hotel directly:
  - Reservations: (613) 232-2000
  - Toll free: (800) 267-1989
  - By fax: (613) 232-1242
  - By email: reservations@les-suites.com
  - PLEASE QUOTE GROUP CODE: SAC2017

Residence Rooms

Room type:
- 2-bedroom suite at 90 University: $110.00/night (4 min walking distance to the conference)
- Single occupancy at Friel: $45.00/night (6 min walking distance to the conference)
- Double occupancy at Friel: $90.00/night (6 min walking distance to the conference)

Notes:
- Rates are subject to applicable tax and fees
- Rooms are subject to availability

Reservations can be made by contacting RESIDENCE ROOMS. Be sure to use the code "SAC2017" in your reservation.
Transportation

OC Transpo is the urban transit service of the City of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Bus #97 will take you right from Ottawa International Airport to University of Ottawa and downtown Ottawa. Buses #61 and #62 will take you from Ottawa train station to University of Ottawa and downtown Ottawa. You can check the departure times on Google map or by downloading BusBuddy Ottawa application on your phone.
Information for Travelers
Click here to find out more about the events and celebrations for Ottawa 2017.

The Ottawa tourism website has lots of information about tourist attractions in and around Ottawa.

Ottawa River Cruise
The SAC conference banquet will be held on the Ottawa River as part of a boat cruise for conference participants and accompanying guests (guest banquet tickets can be purchased here). This four-hour cruise will allow you to discover the waters of the beautiful Ottawa River and to admire the numerous attractions along its banks, while enjoying a sumptuous meal and mingling with other SAC attendees in a relaxed setting.

Transportation between the conference site and the dock will be provided.
Ottawa Museums, Galleries & Historic Sites

As the nation’s capital, Ottawa has an enormous amount of history and culture that can intrigue even the most informed traveler. Find information about Ottawa's art & photography galleries, historical sites, attractions, museums, current exhibits and much, much more here! You can visit the following museums free of charge on Thursdays from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

- National Gallery of Canada (Click here to plan your visit.)
- Canadian Museum of History (Click here to plan your visit.)
- Canadian Museum of Nature (Click here to plan your visit.)
- Canadian War Museum (Click here to plan your visit.)
- Canada Science and Technology Museum (Click here to plan your visit.)
Pink Lake, Gatineau Park

Pink Lake is Gatineau Park’s most outstanding lake because of its unusual makeup. Of rare beauty, the lake and its surroundings offer the opportunity to relax while learning about the ecology of the site. Despite having the name “Pink,” the lake is actually more of an emerald green colour. It is named after the Pink family, who settled the land in 1826. Click here to plan your visit.

Free Things to Do In Ottawa

For conference and summer school participants who decide to extend their stay (or for accompanying guests wondering what to do while the conference is on), Ottawa has an abundance of attractions and sights to offer. A fun and interesting list of FREE things to do in the city has been compiled by local travel experts and posted here. Enjoy!