

\* \* \* 72ND SPRING MEETING OF THE AAVSO \* \* \*

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QUEBEC CITY, CANADA MAY 20-23, 1983

You are warmly invited to attend the 72nd Spring Meeting of the AAVSO being held jointly with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and l'Association des Groupes d'Astronomes Amateurs, in historic Québec City, Canada, May 20-23, 1983. Québec City, a lovely European walled city of mellow gray stone, situated on the St. Lawrence River, is celebrating its 375th anniversary this year.

Our hosts have put together a very interesting schedule of events starting with a wine and cheese party and including a tour of the old city of Québec, astronomical exhibits to be set up by meeting participants, talks and papers, and a visit to l'Observatoire du Mont-Mégantic. We hope that many of you will be able to join in the hospitality being extended to us by our Canadian friends.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### THURSDAY, May 19

3:00 PM - Registration for early arrivals (Pavillon De Koninck, l'Université Laval)

#### FRIDAY, May 20

10:00 AM - Registration (Pavillon De Koninck, l'Université Laval)  
2:00 PM - Meeting of the Council of each Society  
6:00 PM - Dinner for those with a big appetite  
7:00 PM - Wine and Cheese Party  
9:00 PM - Song and poetry contest; slides and/or movies by the participants

#### SATURDAY, May 21

8:00 AM - Late Registration (Pavillon De Koninck, l'Université Laval)  
8:30 AM - Opening Welcome, followed by start of Paper Sessions  
10:00 AM - Coffee break  
10:20 AM - Paper Session, continued  
12:00 PM - Group photograph  
1:30 PM - Bus tour leaves for "Le Vieux Quebec"  
5:00 PM - Bus tour ends  
6:00 PM - Cash bar  
7:00 PM - Banquet, awards, etc.  
9:00 PM - Talk by Dr. Hubert Reeves: The Arrow of Time in Astronomy

#### SUNDAY, May 22

8:30 AM - Paper Session  
10:00 AM - Coffee break  
10:20 AM - Paper session, continued  
1:30 PM - Business Session AAVSO  
3:00 PM - Coffee break  
7:30 PM - Final Paper Session, followed by prize announcements for the Exhibits

#### MONDAY, May 23

8:00 AM - Bus leaves for l'Observatoire du Mont-Mégantic, a 3-hour trip  
12:00 PM - Picnic on the site of the observatory  
2:00 PM - Bus returns to Québec City

Please read back of this page for a further outline of the highlights of this Meeting, and for useful travel information.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY: The Meeting will officially get underway Friday evening with an informal wine and cheese party. Introduce yourself to our Canadian hosts, meet your friends, and make new ones!

SONG AND POETRY CONTEST/SLIDES, MOVIES: Have you written a poem, composed a jingle, or set words to your favorite song on some aspect of astronomy? Do you have a series of slides or made a short movie dealing with astronomy? If so, please bring your creation along to share with others.

BUS TOUR OF "LE VIEUX QUEBEC": This will be a four-hour guided tour of old Quebec City which has an atmosphere as close to European as possible on this continent. You will be taken to many interesting historic sites in this charming city which guards the entrance to the St. Lawrence River. \$8.00 each.

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS AND ASTRONOMICAL EXHIBITS: Members are invited to present papers on astronomical topics, not more than ten minutes in length. You are also strongly encouraged to participate in one or more of the astronomical exhibit categories (for which prizes will be awarded). See details on enclosed entry forms which give deadlines and return addresses.

POST-BANQUET TALK: Dr. Hubert Reeves, Canadian-born astronomer now living in France, will present a talk, entitled The Arrow of Time in Astronomy.

TOUR OF L'OBSERVATOIRE DU MONT-MEGANTIC: There will be a day-long bus trip to the Observatory leaving the university residence at 8 AM. The trip will be 3 hours each way. A picnic lunch will be served on the site at noontime, and the bus will start back to Quebec City at 2 PM. One bus will go directly to the airport for those leaving by plane early Monday evening.

NOTE: The Translators of Quebec group will provide simultaneous translation during the paper sessions and the post-banquet talk, with each participant being provided with a pocket receiver and earphones.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION, LODGING, DEADLINES

NOTE: There is a very favorable currency exchange rate which makes traveling in Canada relatively inexpensive - 1 Canadian dollar = 82 US cents. Please make all registration, reservation payments in Canadian funds.

TRAVEL: Quebec City can be reached by train, airplane, bus, and car. The Transportation Committee will meet those arriving by public transportation (train, plane, bus) - please indicate means and time of arrival as requested on Registration Form. For those arriving by car, l'Université Laval is located about 2 kilometres east of Pierre LaPorte Bridge on the north side of the St. Lawrence River - follow the Boulevard Laurier after the bridge. You may wish to write to: Tourism Quebec, P.O. Box 20000, Quebec City, Canada G1K 7X2, for a folder of information on Quebec City, and a map of the Province of Quebec.

LODGING: A block of single rooms has been reserved at the residence on the campus of l'Université Laval for \$23 Canadian including breakfast. A block of rooms has also been reserved at the nearby Motel Universel for \$40 Canadian (single) and \$45 Canadian (double), not including breakfast. You are urged to make an immediate reservation to ensure accommodation.

DEADLINES: April 20 - Reservation for university residence.  
April 23 - Meeting Registration Form  
                  - Reservation for Motel Universel  
                  - Applications for Paper Sessions, Exhibits  
May 2 - AAVSO Notification Form