



Welcome and Invitation

Dear RoboCup Community!

The RoboCup 2018 Montreal Canada Delegation Local Organizing Committee is working in high gear to get everything in place to welcome you all to the beautiful city of Montréal.

Visa Letters

It is **IMPORTANT** to register for RoboCup 2018 Montreal Canada as soon as possible so that your visa Letter can be produced in a timely fashion. Some visa applications may take a considerable amount of time to be processed.



Please check this [link](#) for your country's' visa requirements. A summary can be found [here](#).

Only those who are officially registered will receive an invitation letter. Ensure that your registration information matches exactly what appears on your passport to avoid [delays in processing your application](#).

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Prior to shipping, please complete ConsultExpo's: **Customs Order Form** and **Canada Customs Invoice**. Return to ConsultExpo for their review a minimum of 2 weeks prior to your goods leaving your city/country.

ConsultExpo forms can be downloaded at: www.consultexpoinc.com. In addition, their forms are included in the GES exhibitor manual. *All shipments entering Canada must be accompanied by a completed Canada customs invoice.* For personalized assistance, we invite you to contact: Mike Patterson mikep@consultexpoinc.com.

If you are not using ConsultExpo as the customs broker, please ensure to send your shipment with all fees **prepaid** to your account. Please note, the [GES advance warehouse](#) the Palais des congrès or your hotel will not be responsible for shipments arriving with fees due upon delivery.

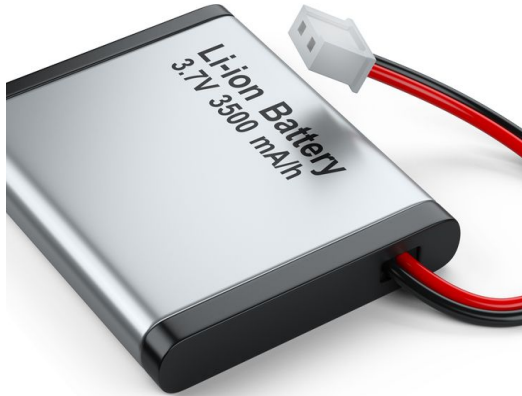
Although ConsultExpo is the official contractor for this event, you are more than welcome to use whom ever you would like to ship your freight to Montreal or clear it through Canadian Customs. We suggest however that you send copies of the shipping information (Bill of Lading and commercial invoice) to our customs broker so if there are any questions or problems with the shipment, they may be able to step in for you.

Your shipment must arrive at the advance GES warehouse between: **May 21st to June 12th**

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Shipping Batteries



Check with your airline to determine if they will accept lithium ion or lithium metal batteries in their cabin and/or cargo areas. Shippers must conform to [IATA regulations](#) :

Your freight forwarder can advise you regarding their regulations pertaining to lithium batteries. As in many cases, these articles are prohibited on airplanes.

Shipping via ocean freight may be required. Therefore, it is important to notify your freight forwarder 6 weeks in advance.

Hotel Accommodations - [Montreal hotel room prices are per room](#)

We have reserved hundreds of rooms in various hotels which will suit the RoboCup Community. [Tourism Montréal](#) has been very accommodating in helping us welcome the RoboCuppers. We are very fortunate to have their support, enthusiasm to support such a large community of talent where you have made so many efforts towards being here. ALL our hotels are less than 10 minutes walking distance with parks and meeting places around you. The convention center, the Palais des congrès de Montréal can be seen from many districts around. Its beautifully colored stain glass exterior is one of its best characteristics.

Important: The hotel rooms are priced PER ROOM and not per person. Be sure to note the number of people and size of beds that the room can accommodate. They are very affordable for individuals and groups. Some hotels have laundry machines for guest use. Others, offer kitchenettes and apartment-like spaces. Some hotels are closer to the Old City of Montréal near the St. Laurent river and others are closer to the entertainment district (city centre). Almost all hotels will give you the option for breakfast so it is convenient for your groups and start you off to a full day of good work.

Some hotels offer storage options should you need additional space for your gear. Check our [website](#) for more details and RoboCup 2018 preferred rates.

Old Montréal



Montréal was established 376 years ago. Take a trip into the past by visiting Old Montreal. Walk on cobblestone streets and be whisked into the past. Take a ride on a horse-drawn carriage or enjoy a cool beverage on one of the many terraces.

Old Montréal is a short walk from the Venue. Be sure to see all the activities along the [Old Port](#), including the new [observation wheel](#).



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Airport

[Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport](#) is located approximately 25 minutes from downtown Montréal. There are [numerous options](#) to reach your hotel or the convention centre.

Currency

The standard currency is [Canadian Dollars](#). Some places accept American Dollars as well. Credit Cards like Visa and MasterCard credit cards are widely accepted. Currency exchange office are available at the airport and several downtown locations.



Electricity

Canada's electrical supply and electrical outlets (sockets, wall plugs) are the same as those found in the United States. The electrical supply is 120 Volts and 60 Hertz (cycles per second). You may need a power bar, an adaptor and a power converter.



Wi-Fi and Internet

With over 825 [free Wifi access stations](#) throughout downtown, Montréal has one of the widest free public urban WiFi networks in the world. Many public places such as restaurants and hotels offer free WiFi as well. Directly below the competition area in the Palais des congrès Convention Center shopping gallery, you have access to wifi at no cost.

Innovation Summit

The Innovation Summit will take place during the RoboCup event one floor above the Competition area at the Palais des Congrès. This summit will provide learning and training opportunities for students, teachers, mentors, professionals, industries, and all robotic enthusiasts.

Up-to-date information and tickets can be found on the [RoboCup 2018 website](#).



Important Dates

Please mark the following 2018 dates on your calendar:

Are you qualified and registered?

MAJOR Leagues:

Early Registration:	Closed
Regular Registration:	April 16 - May 18
Late Registration:	May 19 - June 13

JUNIOR Leagues:

Regular Registration:	March 1 - May 18
Late Registration:	May 19 - June 13

To register, please visit the [registration page](#).

OnSite Schedule

MAJOR Leagues:

OnSite Check In & Set Up:	June 16 & 17
Competition Days:	June 17 - 21
Symposium Day:	Friday, June 22

JUNIOR Leagues:

OnSite Check in	June 17
Set Up:	June 17
Competition Days:	June 18 - 21
Symposium Day:	Friday, June 22



Innovation Summit (In conjunction with RoboCup 2018)

Monday, June 18 to June 20th