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Logistics for UTC 99 and INCITS/L2 #196 meeting 2004-06-15/18 IBM Toronto Lab, Markham, Ontario, Canada

MEETING DATES:

2004-06-15/18 UTC 99 and INCITS/L2 196

MEETING HOST:

IBM

MEETING LOCATION:

IBM Toronto Software Lab – Training Centre
8200 Warden Avenue,
Markham, Ontario
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(note: Markham is city just North of the city of Toronto and is a part of the Greater Toronto Area)

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If you have any special dietary requirements, please let Uma know.

You must sign in and get a badge with Security at the main entrance. To facilitate coordination with Security please confirm your attendance with Uma at least two weeks before the meeting.

PASSPORTS & VISAS:

All visitors to Canada require a valid passport.

Many visitors to Canada require entry Visas; some others do not. Please consult the official Web site of Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the lists of offices in various countries that will indicate to you if you require a Visa -- http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/offices/index.html

Please note that there are fees for a Visa application and you must inquire for the cost at the Citizenship and Immigration Canada office in your country.

MEDICAL:

No vaccines are required for entry into Canada. But you should refer to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada medical Web page at: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/medexams.html

To reach the official Web site of the government of Canada and the various services it offers: http://www.canada.gc.ca/

DIRECTIONS TO IBM LAB:

The IBM Toronto Lab is located southwest of Highway 7 and Warden Ave., just north of the 407ETR (Express Toll Route) in Markham, Ontario. The visitors' parking area is to the right of the flag post in front of the main entrance as you are driving towards it.

Transportation to and from the Airport:

If you are arriving by air, the Greater Toronto Area is serviced by Lester B. Pearson International Airport on the west side of the city.

If you are not renting a car, the typical cost of getting to and from the Airport would be: Limousine (fixed zone rates) - typical minimum charge is CAD 55.00 Taxi (meter) - typical minimum charge is CAD 55.00

All the major rental car companies operate at the Pearson International Airport. It will take you about 30 minutes under normal driving conditions (give yourself at least an extra 30 minutes during rush hour).

From the Airport

To 8200 Warden using the 407 Express Toll Route*:

When exiting the airport follow the signs for Highway 427 North. Drive north on Highway 427 and exit on to Highway 407 ETR East. Follow Highway 407 ETR east for 28 km to the Warden Ave exit. Turn left (north) at the Warden Ave exit stop light. Go north on Warden Ave and prepare to exit right on to the IBM overpass which will take you into the Lab.

*Please advise the auto rental agency before taking the 407 ETR. The toll based on km driven on the ETR + auto rental agency administration fees will be billed to your credit card. Note that there are no attended toll booths as such – the vehicle's license plates are photographed electronically at entry and exit points and the toll charges are sent to the registered owner of the license plate.

To 8200 Warden using Highway 401:

When exiting the airport follow the signs for Highway 401 East. Drive east on Highway 401 for 27 Kilometers to the Don Valley Parkway/404 exit. Go north on the 404 and exit at Hwy 7. Proceed east on Hwy 7 to South Town Centre Blvd (South Town Centre Blvd is east of Rodick Rd and west of Warden Ave). Turn right (south) on South Town Centre Blvd. Follow this road straight into the Lab.

ACCOMMODATION

For information about the Greater Toronto Area (Markham is a part of the GTA) please visit:

http://www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm

For accommodations, restaurants, local transportation or other information please visit: http://www.markham.ca/markham/channels/visitorinfo/overview.htm.

Please make your accommodation arrangements directly with the hotels / rooming houses.

Accommodations – Hotels

** The Hilton Suites is the closest and is about 5 minutes walking distance from IBM Lab. A hotel shuttle bus is also available. They have "an open block for IBM from the dates of June 12-26 ... will be given the rate of CAD 125." Please quote 'IBM meeting' in your reservation request at the special rate and send to Linda Mercier, E-mail: linda.mercier@leisureworld.ca; c/o Hilton Suites Toronto/Markham, 8500 Warden Ave, Markham, Ont L6G 1A5, Canada. Phone: +1 905-415-7606; Fax: +1 905-415-7624; http://www.toronto.com/hiltonsuites.

The following is a list of some other hotels within a 10km radius from the meeting location.

Comfort Inn 8330 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, ON 905-477-6077 http://www.comfortinnmarkham.com/ comfort@comfortinnmarkham.com

Howard Johnson 555 Cochrane Drive, Markham, ON 905-479-5000 www.toronto.com/hojomarkham info@hojomarkham.com

Courtyard by Marriott
65 Minthorn Court, Markham, ON
905-707-6533 or 1-800-321-2211
http://marriott.com/property/propertyPage/YYZM
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cv-markham@concordhotels.com

Monte Carlo Inn 8900 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, ON 905-513-8100 http://www.montecarloinns.com/ reservation@montecarloinns.com

Hilton Garden Inn 300 Commerce Valley Drive East, Thornhill, ON 905-709-8008 http://www.hiltongardeninn.com/

Radisson Hotel Toronto-Markham 50 East Valhalla Drive, Markham, ON 905-477-2010 or 1-800-333-3333 www.radisson.com/torontoca_markham radisson.markham@sympatico.ca

Accommodation: Bed & Breakfasts:

Olde Town Bed and Breakfast http://www.bbcanada.com/oldetowne
63 Church Street, Markham, ON, L3P 2M1 905-294-7411

Valley View House Bed & Breakfast http://www.bbcanada.com/684.html
109 Robinson Street, Markham, ON, L3P 1P2 905-472-3163

The Yellow House Bed and Breakfast http://www.bbcanada.com/5505.html
132 Main Street, Markham, ON, L3R 2G4
Toll Free Phone: 1-877-593-5569 or 905-947 9060

Residence Inn by Marriott
55 Minthorn Court, Markham, ON
905-707-7933 or 1-800-331-3131
http://marriott.com/property/property/Page.mi?marshaCode=YYZMH
ri-markham@concordhotels.com

Holiday Inn
7095 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, ON
905-474-0444 or 1-800-387-3303
http://www.sixcontinentshotels.com/holidayinn? franchisee=YYZMK&jrunsessionid=960570
520966145036
generalinguiries@holidayinnmarkham.com

Staybridge Suites 355 South Park Road, Markham, ON 905-771-9333 http://www.staybridge.com/

Best Western Parkway Hotel 600 Highway 7 East, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 1B2 http://www.bestwesternparkway.com/ (905) 881-2600 or 1-800-668-0101 Fax Line: (905) 882-3114 / (905) 881-7841

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North 600 Highway 7 East; Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2

http://www.sheratonparkway.com/default.htm 905-882-3108; Fax: 905-882-3114