



CPC 2018 1st Circular

The 2018 CPC will be hosted by the Department of Geological Sciences of the University of Saskatchewan on September 21st-24th. The Department of Geological Sciences is one of six departments within the Division of Science in the College of Arts and Science. It is housed in a large modern building, built in 1986, and which is situated on the northern side of the Bowl, at the heart of the University of Saskatchewan campus. The building is attractive and functional, and includes a Natural Sciences Museum with three full-scale dinosaur replicas, and spectacular rock and mineral displays that are open to the public throughout the year.

Saskatoon is a thriving city graced with the vibrant beauty of nature. Divided by the winding South Saskatchewan River, Saskatoon's east and west face are joined by a series of bridges and lined with several kilometers of trails to jog, walk and explore. A city infused by a lively ambiance, friendly hospitality and rich, diverse cultural experiences, Saskatoon opens its hearts to visitors who delight in the city's mix of events, festivals and attractions.

Thanks to organizations such as the [Saskatchewan Craft Council](#), Saskatoon has a thriving and well-respected visual arts and crafts community. [The Affinity Gallery](#) has between six and eight exhibits per year featuring SCC member works in textile, pottery, and canvas painting to name a few. For over 40 years, member-run [Handmade House](#) on Broadway Avenue has provided a unique, year-round craft market and now, a small gallery space. You won't find "Big Box" fare here - the market is home to unique jewellery, metal works, pottery, wood, fibre and glass treasures.

The city is also buzzing about the newly opened (October 2017) [Remai Modern](#) at River Landing. This impressive facility will be home to a learning centre, convention and meeting space, restaurant, and large community galleries. Particularly of note is the [Picasso Gallery](#), featuring the world's most comprehensive collection of Picasso linocuts and other works by the famous Spanish master.

An Icebreaker will be held on the evening of the 21st in the [Museum of Natural Science](#) attached to the Geology Building. The technical sessions will be held on the Saturday the 22nd and Sunday the 23rd, with both oral sessions and poster sessions. Oral presentations will be a total of 20 minutes in length including 5 minutes for questions.

There will be a public lecture by Dr. Ryan McKellar, of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum titled "Cretaceous amber: glimpses of terrestrial ecosystems during the 'Age of Dinosaurs'". The public lecture will be free to anyone to attend and will be on September 22nd. Following the presentation there will be a banquet for all conference registrants of local indigenous food. The Abstract deadline is September 7th. For a information on how to submit your abstract please see the [conference website](#).

There will be a field trip on Monday September 24th to the [Canadian Light Source](#) and [Wanuskewin Heritage Park](#). The trip will begin at the Department of Geological Sciences, where we will meet to take a bus to the CLS for a tour and discussion on Synchrotron application to paleontology. After that we will bus to Wanuskewin Heritage Park where we will have lunch and explore the over 6000 year history of Northern Plains Indigenous Peoples in the Saskatoon area.

There is a block of rooms reserved at the [Holiday Inn Express & Suites East-University](#) for two queen beds for \$119.00 a night. This hotel is a 5 minute walk to the conference site. For booking, use the following link: [CPC Reservations](#).

There is another block of rooms reserved at the [Park Town Hotel](#) with a standard Double Queen Room is \$135.00 a night. This hotel is a 20 minute walk to the conference site. For booking call 1-800-667-3999 and mention CPC Conference or group block number 270831.

Fees:

	Professional	Amateur and Students
Registration (banquet included)	130+GST	55+GST
Field Trip	55+GST	55+GST

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