

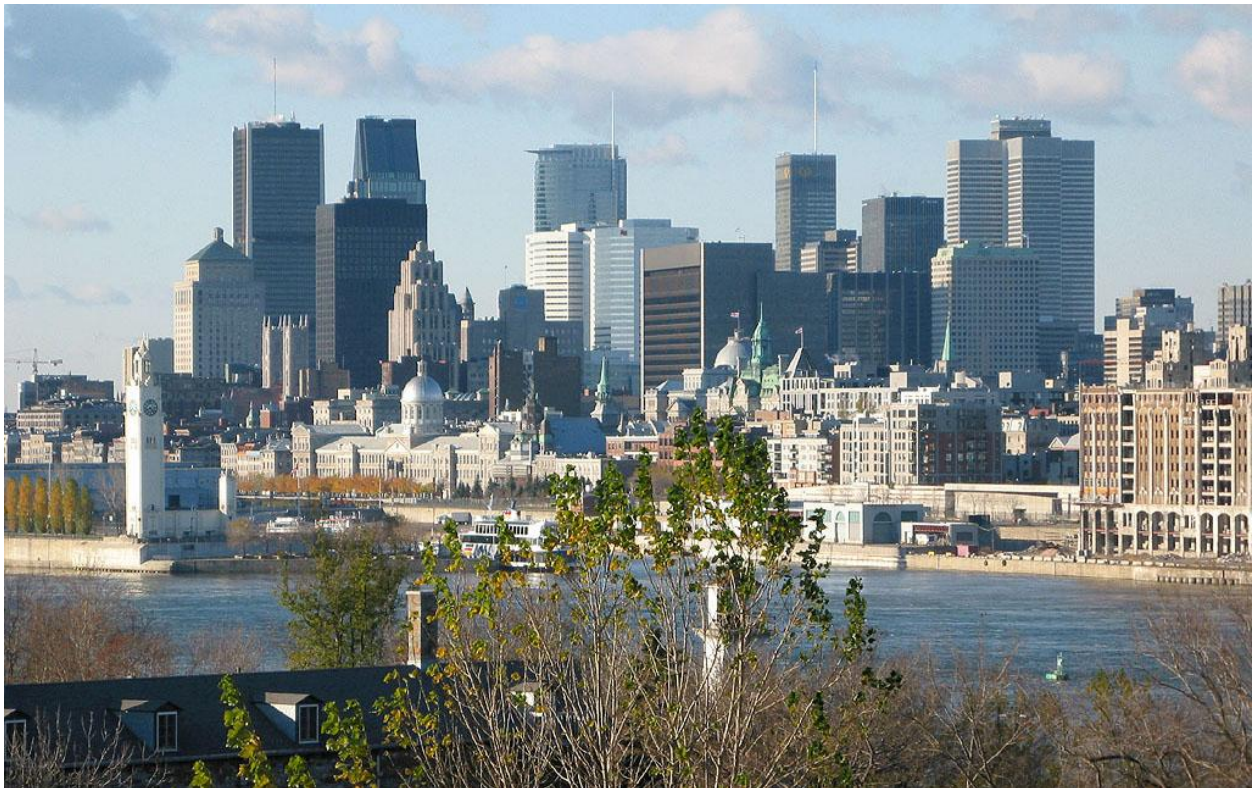


International Society of
Nucleosides, Nucleotides, & Nucleic Acids

XX International Roundtable on Nucleosides Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids

5-9 August, 2012
Montreal, Quebec
CANADA

First Circular



Invitation

On behalf of the organizing committee, we cordially invite you to the *XX International Roundtable of Nucleosides, Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids* to be held in Montreal, Canada, August 5-9, 2012. The conference commences with an evening reception on August 5th on the [McGill University Campus](#), and concludes with a memorable evening banquet in the heart of downtown Montreal. In between those festivities, we will have a strong and varied program of plenary sessions and contributed lectures. As in past International Roundtables (IRTs), poster presentations will form an important part of the scientific program; posters will be displayed all week and featured in two early evening sessions. We are delighted to be hosting the IRT for the first time in our beautiful city, almost 40 years after the initial IRT conference, held in Montpellier, France in 1974.

Plenary lectures will be given by internationally recognized scientists, including the Montgomery and Imbach-Townsend Awardees. We will have a dynamic and engaging program with varied cutting edge research in medicinal chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular biology, as well as synthetic and therapeutic applications of nucleosides and oligonucleotides.

We are confident that the IRT will be a stimulating and exciting meeting in the tradition of past IRT conferences. You will find the IRT to be conducive to scientific exchange and the city of Montreal to be an enjoyable, vibrant and stimulating location. Your participation in the conference is essential to the success of the event. The new [IS3NA website](#) will have all the information about the IRT, including registration, preliminary program, and submission of abstracts.

We look forward to seeing you in Montreal in 2012.

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Important dates

August 2011	1 st circular
November 2011	2 nd circular
February 1, 2012	Conference registration opens
April 30, 2012	Deadline for abstract submission
May 14, 2012	Deadline for early registration
July 15, 2012	Online registration closes

Montreal

There is no place on earth quite like Montreal. If you're a first-time visitor, come see for yourself - this compact island city is great for walking, and can easily—and safely— explore its vibrant neighborhoods on foot, at any time of the day or night. Montreal is also multicultural, boasting more than 80 ethnic communities, and enjoys an outstanding reputation worldwide for gourmet dining.



Click here to see a 2-min video of Montreal: <http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/MontrealTV>

To help you plan your time in this great city, Tourisme-Montreal, the city's official tourism marketing organization, provides information and assistance at <http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/>.

Conference Venue and Accommodations

The local organizing committee has reserved blocks of hotel rooms in 5 of the city's hotels – all of them within a 2-5 min walk from the [conference venue](#) in the heart of downtown Montreal. They range from five-star accommodation to student residences. These rooms are guaranteed at preferential rates for the conference participants and are available on a first-come first-served basis. The new IS3NA website will have all the information about the IRT, including accommodation.

Language

The official language of the program is English.

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