



Waste – The Social Context

People, Policies, Persuasion
and Payoffs

May 8 – May 11, 2011
Call for Papers

Grant MacEwan University (Downtown Campus)
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Effective waste management is critical to the health and well being of people everywhere. However, for many communities provision of this service is problematic. In some places, only a fraction of solid waste and wastewater is managed at all. In others, existing facilities are reaching capacity or are facing closure due to social and political pressures, while, at the same time people are demanding sustainable systems with smaller physical and carbon footprints

Most waste management conferences focus on technology, however, this conference will explore the social, economic and environmental aspects of waste management.

Decision-makers, industry representatives, practitioners, and the public will have the opportunity to come together to discuss and share views of the non-technical aspects of the global problem of waste management.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to visit one of North America's most comprehensive collection of integrated, sustainable solid waste processing; and research facilities; Edmonton's advanced wastewater treatment plant; and other points of interest.

Conference Topics

All presentations at the conference will be supported by a written paper that will be included in *Proceedings* that will be available on CD-Rom to all registrants at the conference.

Papers and case studies that address the following and similar related topics are invited.

People

- Waste management in urban settings
- The history of waste
- Attitudes and practices in waste management
- Barriers and motivators to behavioral change
- Toxics and health issues

- Attitudes and practices in developing countries
- Engaging people in practices for best waste management

Policies

- Developing sound environmental waste management policies
- Implementation of waste management policies
- Policy analysis, comparison and evaluation of waste practices
- Risk assessment of noncompliance
- Waste and the law

Persuasion

- Stakeholder participation
- Roles and responsibilities of stakeholders
- Social movements
- Collaborative partnerships
- Forms of public participation in decision-making
- The politics and culture of waste
- Marketing campaigns for engaging participation in best practices

Payoffs

- Economic benefits of recycling
- Environmental benefits of best waste management practices
- Social benefits
- Trade of waste products nationally and internationally
- Cradle-to-Cradle product development

Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts should be no more than 200 words and must include name(s), title(s), and affiliation(s) of the author(s). Please submit your abstract electronically to wasteconference2011@edmonton.ca

All papers must be presented at the conference by an author. The presenting author must be registered in order for the presentation/paper to be included in the conference program and proceedings. Authors will be responsible for obtaining their own funding for registration and attending the conference.

Timeline for Submissions

Abstracts are due by:
October 15, 2010

Notification of acceptance by:
December 1, 2010

Manuscripts and author registration are due by:
January 30, 2011

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Registration

Early Bird (on or before April 1, 2011) \$450

Regular: (after April 1, 2011): \$500

Students (on or before April 1, 2011): \$125

Students (After April 1, 2011): \$150

Facility Tours: \$50

The tour will include visits to Edmonton's state-of-the-art solid waste management facility and the wastewater treatment plant.

Fees in Canadian Dollars

Edmonton – Your Host City

Edmonton, Alberta's capital city is located in the heart of Western Canada's prairie provinces. As one of Canada's northernmost cities, it is often referred to as the "Gateway to the North." Edmonton is within a 4.5 hour drive of Canada's Rocky Mountains and the world famous national parks, Banff and Jasper. Closer to Edmonton is Elk Island National Park, home to herds of free roaming plains bison, wood bison, moose, deer, and elk. There are over 250 species of birds – a paradise for bird watchers.

The Edmonton Downtown Arts District surrounds Sir Winston Churchill Square and includes the Winspear Centre, home of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, the Citadel Theatre, the new Art Gallery of Alberta, the Stanley Milner Public Library, and the beautiful glass pyramid of City Hall.

The Conference Venue

Grant MacEwan University is located downtown Edmonton and is within walking distance of the spectacular North Saskatchewan River Valley, the largest stretch of urban parkland on the continent. The [Sutton Place Hotel](#) is a 5-10 minute walk from the conference centre and will be used for some of the conference events. Other accommodation options are listed on the conference website. Link from www.ewmce.ca