

CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR THE XRM2018 CONFERENCE SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

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Abstract

The University of Saskatchewan (www.usask.ca) and the Canadian Light Source (CLS; www.lightsource.ca) are proud to propose the City of Saskatoon as the location for the 2018 International Conference on X-ray Microscopy (XRM2018).

Saskatoon, a vibrant city on the Canadian prairies, is growing economically and culturally. Our development as a regional research hub is supported by Saskatchewan's rich natural resources and innovative agriculture economy. The CLS synchrotron is located in Saskatoon on the University of Saskatchewan campus. With STXM and biomedical imaging beamlines, and new microfocus beamlines now coming on line, the CLS will be a natural host for the international X-ray microscopy community in 2018.

Saskatoon's downtown and University straddle the South Saskatchewan river. The river provides a natural backdrop to this conference, in the heart of the bustling city. Saskatoon is close to the wilderness of the boreal forest to the north and the open prairie grasslands to the south, with two national parks (Prince Albert and Grasslands National Parks) that represent these diverse eco-regions. Conference attendees can experience First Nations cultures, visit natural prairie, see bison herds, fish in some of Canada's most productive rivers and lakes, and explore the northern boreal forest through comfortable (hotel or "yurts") and wild (backpack or canoe) tourism.

As an urban environment, Saskatoon has an exciting summer festival scene, with a growing local food movement and new micro-distilleries and breweries. Saskatoon's summer climate is glorious: warm, without high humidity. At the same time, Saskatoon is an economical conference location, with hotel and other costs significantly below that of larger centres.

I hope you will support Saskatoon as the site of the 2018 X-ray microscopy conference!

