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Subject: Important Announcement ~ Major Change in Academy Schedule ~ Action Required

Importance: High

Last week we were informed that room renovations at the Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City are behind schedule with the loss of 200 rooms from their inventory. As a result the Frontenac **will not be available for our group until Thursday, June 13**. NECA staff met in Quebec with Fairmont representatives to determine what alternatives were available to us. We are pleased to report that with some major changes we will be able to not only hold our Academy annual meeting, but offer an enhanced program as well. The new program involves **splitting the meeting between two hotel properties**.

Academy Fellows arriving on or before June 12 will be transferred directly from the airport to a companion Fairmont hotel that rivals the charm and elegance of the Frontenac. The **Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu** is in the scenic Charlevoix Region of Quebec ~ about 90 minutes from the Frontenac and 120 minutes from the Quebec airport. While some distance away, this equally iconic hotel property offers one of the most beautiful vistas in all of Eastern Canada. The hotel is superb and, just last June, Le Manoir Richelieu hosted the G7 Summit of world leaders.



Of course, this relocation will create some inconvenience and changes to our schedule. After traveling to see Le Manoir Richelieu last week, we believe that the combination of hotel locations and sightseeing venues will create an unforgettable experience for our Fellows.

Following are some highlights of the changes:

- All Fellows arriving on flights into Quebec (YQB) before Thursday will be met by our transportation company and driven to Le Manoir Richelieu at no charge to you. Depending upon the number of Fellows arriving at the same time, you may be travelling in a sedan, limo van or motor coach. When you arrive at the hotel, the

Fairmont has arranged for an expedited check-in to your room. There will be **no room charge for the first night** of your stay.

- Academy Registration will be on Wednesday afternoon and the **Opening Reception** that evening will be on the cliff-top terrace overlooking the beautiful Saint Lawrence Seaway. (See photo above).
- On Thursday morning we will board a **private, chartered train** departing from the foot of the Le Manoir Richelieu en route to Quebec City with a stop in Baie-Saint-Paul, famous for its art galleries, shops and restaurants. It is also where the famous Cirque du Soleil originated in the early 1980s. Lunch, featuring food specialties from the Charlevoix region, will be served on the train following the Baie-Saint-Paul stop. The scenic train route hugs the north shore of the St Lawrence River.
- Upon arrival at the Montmorency Falls (100 feet higher than Niagara Falls) outside Quebec, we will be **transferred directly to the Chateau Frontenac**, where you will enjoy an expedited check-in to your room. Your luggage will have been transported separately from Charlevoix and should already be in your room.
- The Working Group meeting originally scheduled for Thursday morning will be cancelled, as will other sightseeing tours scheduled for that afternoon.
- On Thursday evening we will visit the Sugar Shack as previously planned. The Friday morning program, tours and formal dinner will take place at the Frontenac. You will have the opportunity to change your Friday afternoon tour. The St Lawrence River cruise, which is cancelled for Thursday, will be offered on Friday.

So, the **good news** is that we'll be able to visit two iconic Canadian hotels (one in the country; the other in the city ~ and you'll get to experience what's in between). The **bad news** is that we will have some unanticipated transportation (at no cost to you) and you will miss part of the time you planned for Quebec City. (Note: if you want to increase your time in Quebec City, you can forego the Thursday train and be transported by motor coach directly to the city on Thursday morning. You may also request an extension to your stay after Saturday.)

In addition to the above, the **Fairmont will accommodate those Fellows who previously were unable to secure rooms at the Frontenac** on Thursday to Saturday.

We are planning to have **NECA staff call each registered Fellow** in the next several days to further explain the changed program and answer your questions.

Attached is a **Revised Schedule of Events** for the Academy. For us to be prepared for **your arrival and any revised activities** (current list attached), please click this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FDD8JVN> and complete the information. Hit submit when you're done. Thank you for your understanding.

To learn more about what awaits you at Le Manoir Richelieu, including 27 holes of golf, casino, and spa, click on this link to their website: <https://www.fairmont.com/richelieu-charlevoix/>

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