



Invitation
10th Conference of Presidents of
Swiss Organizations in Western Canada
Sunday, May 6, 2007

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TO: All Presidents, Past Presidents, Section Heads, Chairs, Coordinators,
Editors of Swiss Organizations/Clubs/Associations Newsletters in
Western Canada
FROM: Hausi A. Müller, Past President, Victoria Swiss Society and Chair of
10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations, Western Canada
RE: 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations, Western Canada
Engineering and Computer Science Building ECS 660
University of Victoria, Sunday, May 6, 2007

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you all to Victoria for the **10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada**, to be held on Sunday, May 6, 2007 in the brand new Engineering and Computer Science Building at the University of Victoria.

As in previous years, this invitation is extended to:

- Presidents, Past-Presidents, Section Heads/Chefs, Coordinators, Chairs of Committees, Editors, Webmasters and formal as well as informal leaders of Swiss Youth organizations/networks of all Swiss Organizations in Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon and Northwest Territories



- Outgoing Consul General of Switzerland in Vancouver, Mr. Armin Meile
- Incoming Consul General of Switzerland in Vancouver, Mr. Walter Deplazes
- Consuls in Vancouver, Mrs. Karin Rüger-Thomi and Mr. Daniel Rüger
- Swiss Defense Attaché, USA and Canada, Major General Urban Siegenthaler, Washington
- Swiss Councilor for Science and Technology, USA and Canada, Executive Director, Swiss Nex, San Francisco, Mr. Christian Simm
- Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Alberta, Mr. Andreas A. Bayer
- Delegates and Deputies of Western Canada on the Council of the Swiss Abroad, Mr. Rolf Brühlhart and Mr. John Bartlett
- Director of the Secretariat for the Organization of Swiss Abroad, Dr. Rudolf Wyder, Bern
- Swiss Abroad Exchange Coordinator for Western Canada
- President of Swiss Club Saskatoon, Louise Grassmann

The main organizers of the 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada—*Rolf Brühlhart, Ric Fischer, Hausi Müller, and Peter Schälle*—prepared the attached agenda for this exciting event. The theme of the conference will be “Integration of 2nd and 3rd Generation Swiss-Canadians and Newcomers from Switzerland into local Swiss Organizations.” One of the highlights of the conference will be three workshops to develop *concrete ideas to take home to the theme of this conference*. Another highlight will be the reports from the individual Swiss organizations on “Past Successes and Challenges as well as Present and Future Innovations.” We will also have the pleasure to welcome *Dr. Rudolf Wyder*, Director of the Auslandschweizer-Organisation (ASO).

It is already a tradition to spice up the conference with a cultural event. I am very happy to report that the Vancouver Swiss Choir has graciously agreed to perform a concert for us and Swiss-Canadians in the Greater Victoria area on Saturday, May 5 at the University of Victoria. The concert will be preceded by a dinner and followed by a dessert social where you will have a chance to meet members of the local Victoria Swiss Society.

Attached please find a registration form for the 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada. The invitation is only sent to the president of every Swiss organization in Western Canada. The presidents are responsible to send this invitation to their organization's past president, newsletter editor and web master as outlined above. **Please e-mail (preferred) or fax your registration form by Friday, April 6, 2007 to Hausi Müller (email: hausi@cs.uvic.ca fax: 250-472-5708).**

Also please send a check payable to Victoria Swiss Society for your Organization's 2007 Financial Contribution to the Swiss Presidents' Conference



to Hausi Müller (1870 Hillcrest Ave, Victoria, BC V8N 6C9), Treasurer for the 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada. A payment of \$1 per member of your Organization was agreed upon at the 1998 Presidents Conference in Edmonton.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend the 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada at the University of Victoria.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Hausi Müller
Chair of 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations, Western Canada

Enclosures

- A preliminary Agenda for the 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada
- Invitation to the Dinner, Concert by Vancouver Swiss Choir and Dessert Social on Saturday, May 5, 2007
- A program for the Vancouver Swiss Choir performance
- Conference Registration Form: **RSVP by Friday, April 6, 2007**
- Directions to the University of Victoria and ECS Building



Registration Form
10th Conference of Presidents of
Swiss Organizations in Western Canada
Sunday, May 6, 2007
Engineering and Computer Science Building (ECS)
University of Victoria

Name of your Swiss Organization:		
Your E-mail Address and/or phone number:		
	Yes/No	Number of participants
I/We shall be participating at the 10 th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada on Sunday, May 6, 2007		
I/We shall be attending the Dinner, Concert of Vancouver Swiss Choir and Dessert Social on Saturday, May 5, 2007		
I/We would like accommodation on Saturday, May 5 through a Host Family from the Victoria Swiss Society		

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Hausi Müller, Chair 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada by phone 250-477-5786 or e-mail hausi@cs.uvic.ca.

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Engineering and Computer Science Building ECS 660
University of Victoria
Sunday, May 6, 2007

Preliminary Agenda

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:45	Welcome and Introductions • Hausi Müller, Conference Chair • Ric Fischer, President Victoria Swiss Society • Mr. Walter Deplazes, Consul General of Switzerland in Vancouver • Dr. Rudolf Wyder, Director of the Secretariat of the Organization of Swiss Abroad Bern, Switzerland (tentative)
9:45 – 10:15	Keynote on the Conference Theme <i>Integration of 2nd and 3rd Generation Swiss-Canadians and Newcomers from Switzerland into local Swiss Organizations</i> and Introduction to Workshops by Rolf Brühlhart
10:15 – 10:45	Nutrition Break
10:45 – 12:15	Workshops to Develop Concrete Ideas to Take Home Workshop 1: Leader and recorder: Peter Schälle & Adrian Hunziker Programs for Youth 13-30 Workshop 2: Leader and recorder: Hausi Müller & Karin Rüger-Thomi Programs for Families with Children between 1-12 Workshop 3: Leader and recorder: Rolf Brühlhart & Trudy Smith Programs for Sandwich Generation 45-65 and Seniors 65 and Over
12:15 – 13:15	Working Luncheon Session Chair: Peter Schälle Brief Reports from each Swiss Organization represented at the 10 th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada: Past Successes and Challenges as well as Present and Future Innovations
13:15 – 14:00	Address by Dr. Rudolf Wyder with Question and Answer Session (tentative)
14:00 – 14:45	Workshop Reports by Workshop Leaders and Discussion Session Chair: Rolf Brühlhart
14:45 – 15:15	Nutrition Break
15:15 – 16:00	Closing Session Session Chair: Hausi Müller • Actions Resulting from 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada • Location, Budget and Contributions from Societies for the 11th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations, Western Canada • Closing Remarks: Mr. Walter Deplazes, Consul General of Switzerland in Vancouver



Concert by Vancouver Swiss Choir in Victoria

Engineering and Computer Science Building ECS 660 & ECS 125

University of Victoria

Saturday, May 5, 2007

17:00 – 17:30	Welcome Engineering and Computer Science Building ECS 660 University of Victoria
17:30 – 19:15	Dinner Engineering and Computer Science Building ECS 660 University of Victoria
19:15 – 20:45	Concert by Vancouver Swiss Choir Engineering and Computer Science Building ECS 125 University of Victoria
20:45 – 22:00	Dessert Social and Sing-along with the Vancouver Swiss Choir

Program for Vancouver Swiss Choir Performance

Bergchilbi Jutz — Jodel, Swiss German
Das Munotglöcklein — German
Fryburger Chüereihe — Swiss German
Grüss mir die Reben — German
Happy Wanderer — English
In der Fremde — German
La Villanella — Italian
La Youtse — French
Lingua Materna — Rumantsch
Mattan 'lain ir a chasa — Rumantsch
Montanara — Romansch, Italian
s'Zugerländli — Swiss German
Signore delle Cime — Italian
Schwyzererde — German
Vo Luzärn uf Wäggis zue — Swiss German
Wo die Alpenrosen blühn — German

Vancouver Swiss Choir

The Vancouver Swiss Choir was founded in 1966. Two ladies and twelve men were in the original group whose goal it was to present Swiss culture through song and yodel.



Directions to the University of Victoria (UVic) and the Engineering and Computer Science Building (ECS)

For detailed directions on how to get to the University of Victoria and to the brand new Engineering and Computer Science Building (ECS) please refer to the following web sites <http://www.uvic.ca/maps/directions.html> (directions) and <http://www.uvic.ca/maps/3dmap.html> (UVic campus map), which are reproduced below for your convenience.

The dinner and dessert social on Saturday, May 5 and the President's Conference on Sunday, May 6 will be held on the 6th floor in ECS 660. The concert of the Vancouver Swiss Choir will be held in ECS 125 on the 1st floor.

The admission for the dinner, the concert by the Vancouver Swiss Choir and dessert social is free for all participants of the 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada.

Accommodation in Victoria

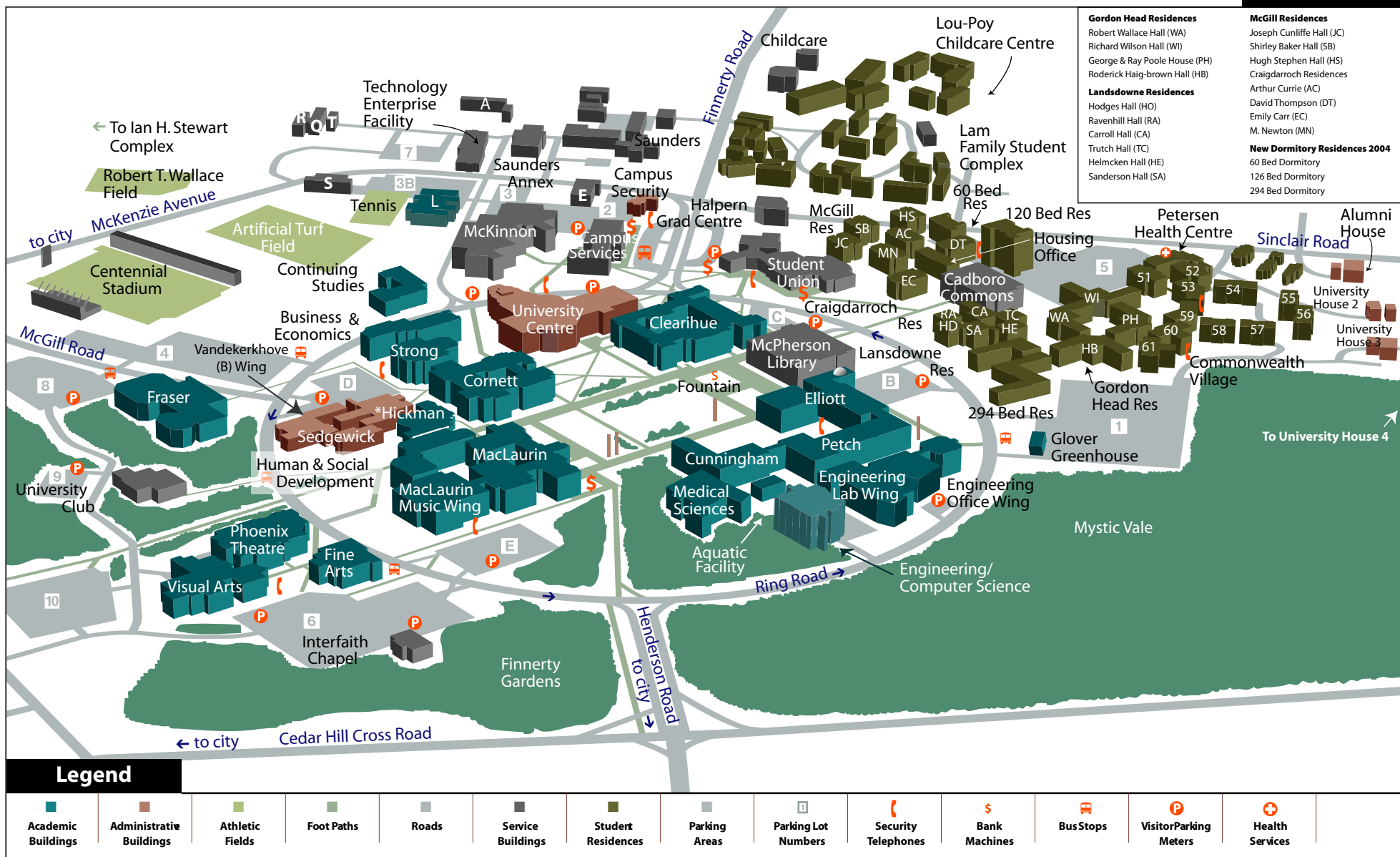
Victoria is a wonderful place for a romantic get-away. Downtown Victoria offers a wide range of hotel and motel accommodations for all budgets. For a good overview (including map) of hotel accommodations in Victoria search using Google for "Hotels Victoria BC" and select "Local hotels near Victoria BC." By the registration deadline of April 6, 2007 we will have a specific recommendation for a group hotel and hopefully a good group rate negotiated.

We can also offer accommodation on Saturday, May 5 through a Host Family from the Victoria Swiss Society. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form and we will contact you.



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2005 3D Campus Map



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Directions to UVic



Getting to Victoria

By Sea - Regularly scheduled [ferry service](#) from Vancouver and Washington state.

By Ground - [Bus service](#) from Vancouver and Seattle. [Rail service](#) between Victoria and Courtenay.

By Air - Victoria International Airport serves [flights](#) from Vancouver, Seattle, and many other locations. [Float planes](#) connect with Seattle and Vancouver.

Maps

- ▶ [Getting to, from and around campus \(PDF, 600KB\)](#)
- ▶ [UVic on Google maps](#)

Directions from:

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| ▶ Vancouver | ▶ Port Angeles/ Seattle ferries |
| ▶ Victoria International airport | ▶ Anacortes-Sidney ferry |
| ▶ Nanaimo | ▶ Bus routes to UVic |
| ▶ Sooke | ▶ Bicycle routes to UVic |

Driving From Vancouver

Take the Swartz Bay ferry from Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal. The sailing takes 1 hr 35 minutes, plus 15 minutes offloading time.

As you exit the ferry, you will be on the Patricia Bay Highway #17 south. After approximately 25 minutes, take the McKenzie Avenue exit. Turn left onto McKenzie Avenue and continue for 7 km. Turn right onto McGill Road, at the main UVic entrance, just in front of Centennial Stadium.

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From Victoria International Airport

Victoria Int'l Airport is located off Highway 17, about 30-40 minutes north of the university. When driving from the airport, follow the signs to Victoria; they will lead you south onto Highway 17. From here follow the directions [above](#).

► Victoria Airport Authority

From Nanaimo/up-island

Take Highway 1 south towards Victoria until you reach the McKenzie Avenue/Admiral Road intersection. Turn left here. Follow McKenzie Avenue for about 7 km east, until you reach the traffic lights at Gordon Head Road. Go through the traffic light and turn right onto McGill Road.

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From Sooke

Follow Highway 14 east towards Victoria. In Colwood turn onto Highway 1 to Victoria. At the McKenzie Avenue/Admiral Road intersection, turn left. Follow McKenzie Avenue for about 7 km east, then turn right onto McGill Road, just in front of Centennial Stadium.

► Parking map

Ferry from Seattle and Port Angeles

You will dock in Victoria's inner harbour. Follow Belleville St. east to Blanshard St. Turn north onto Blanshard, and follow it for about 5 km then turn right onto McKenzie Avenue and continue for about 7 km. Turn right onto McGill Road, just in front of Centennial Stadium.



► Parking map

► Black Ball Transport (Port Angeles)

► Victoria Clipper (Seattle)

Ferry from Anacortes

You will dock in Sidney, about 30 km north of the university. Follow the signs to Highway 17 (Victoria). Turn left/south onto the Highway. In approximately 20 minutes take the University of Victoria/ McKenzie Avenue exit. Turn left

onto McKenzie Avenue then continue for approximately 7 km. Turn right onto McGill Road, just in front of Centennial Stadium.

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