

**Innovation Systems Research Network**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference - May 5-7, 2010**  
**Renaissance Toronto Hotel Downtown - Northern Lights Ballroom**  
1 Blue Jays Way, Toronto, Ontario

**AGENDA – DAY ONE**  
**Wednesday, May 5, 2010**

08:00 - 9:00      ***Registration/Breakfast – Northern Lights Foyer/Aurora Room***

Welcome: David Wolfe, Co-Director ISRN, University of Toronto

**Session I:**      Chair: Meric Gertler, Co-Director ISRN, University of Toronto

09:00 - 10:15      **Cities and Economic Development**

The cognitive-cultural economy, the new urbanism and globalization: Notes toward a geography for the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Allen Scott, Distinguished Professor, Department of Policy Studies and Department of Geography, University of California at Los Angeles

Urban economic development in the U.S.: Current thinking

Susan Clarke, Director, Center to Advance Research & Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS), Department of Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder

*Networking Break (10:15-10:30) – Aurora Room*

**Session II:**      Chair: Adam Holbrook, Adjunct Professor and Associate Director, Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology, Simon Fraser University

10:30 - 12:30      **ISRN: Process, Impact and Learning (20" each)**

Implementing a cluster-based regional innovation strategy: The NRC perspective (Then and now?)

Jack Smith, Adjunct Professor in Technology and Strategy, Telfer School of Management, University of Ottawa

Building stronger links between researchers and policy makers

Matthew Lucas, Departmental Liaison, Industry Canada, Science and Technology

ISRN – Influences and impacts in the public policy arena

Tim McTiernan, Assistant Vice-President, Government, Institutional and Community Relations, University of Toronto

Drive-by ISRN

Mark Skinner, Vice-President, State Science and Technology Institute (SSTI), Westerville, OH

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### **Session III**

Chair: David Wolfe, Co-Director, ISRN, University of Toronto

13:30 - 15:15

### **Urban Economic Development**

Charting our international future: a competitive greater Montreal  
Yves Charette, Greater Montreal Economic Development Coordinator

Ottawa: Canada's creative economy capital  
Mike Darch, Director, Global Marketing, Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation

Our purpose: More, and more successful, world-beating tech companies in Canada  
Iain Klugman, President, Communitech, Waterloo

Toronto briefing: Urban economic development  
Mike Williams, General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism  
Division, City of Toronto

*Networking Break (15:15-15:45) – Aurora Room*

### **Session IV**

Chair: Jill Grant, Professor, School of Planning, Dalhousie University

15:45 - 17:00

### **Provincial and National Perspectives**

Regional Spatial Planning and Economic Development: Case Study of Metro Vancouver  
Christina DeMarco, Regional Development Division Manager, Policy and Planning  
Department, Metro Vancouver

Strengthening Ontario's innovation system: The role of Ontario's innovation agenda  
Damian Dupuy, Acting Manager, Innovation Research and Policy, Ontario Ministry of  
Research and Innovation, Toronto

City magnets II: Benchmarking the attractiveness of 50 Canadian cities  
Mario Lefebvre, Director, Centre for Municipal Studies, Conference Board of  
Canada, Ottawa

17:00 - 17:30

### **Policy Day Wrap-Up – David Wolfe/Meric Gertler**

**Reception to follow - Aurora Room**

**AGENDA – DAY TWO**  
**Thursday, May 6, 2010**

08:00 - 9:00      *Breakfast – Aurora Room*

**Session V**

Chair: Meric Gertler

09:00 - 10:30

**Statistical Overview of Innovation and Growth in Canadian Cities**  
(15-20" each/discussion to follow)

*Introduction -- Integration of Quantitative & Qualitative Approaches*  
Meric Gertler, University of Toronto

On designing the perfect boat: Growth in the Canadian urban system, 2001-2006  
Richard Shearmur, Université du Québec à Montréal

Specialization vs. diversity in Canadian cities  
Greg Spencer, University of Toronto

Creativity, innovation and sustainability: Competing or complementary logics of talent and attraction and retention?  
Tara Vinodrai, University of Waterloo

*Networking Break (10:30 -11:00) – Aurora Room*

**Session VI**

Chair: Charles Davis, E.S.Rogers Sr. Research Chair, Ryerson University

11:00 - 12:00

**Cross City Comparison – Large Cities** (15-20" each/discussion to follow)

Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver: From commercial metropolis to creative and cultural centres

Trevor Barnes & Tom Hutton, University of British Columbia  
Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay, Télé-université, UQAM  
David Wolfe, University of Toronto

Industries, institutional features, path dependency and constructing regional advantages: A tale of two city-regions in Canada

Caroline Andrew, University of Ottawa  
David Doloreux, University of Ottawa  
Cooper Langford, University of Calgary

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**Session VII**

Chair: Réjean Landry, Professor, Department of Management, Laval University

13:00 - 14:30

**Cross City Comparison – Small & Medium Cities**

Same size, same social characteristics, same performance? Comparative study of Moncton and Trois-Rivières city-regions

Yves Bourgeois, Université de Moncton

Michel Trépanier, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières et Université du Québec à Montréal

A tale of two second tier cities: Economic development in London and Waterloo Ontario

Neil Bradford, Huron University College, University of Western Ontario

The talent struggle of the small white city – Kingston, Halifax and St. John's

Betsy Donald, Queen's University, Kingston

Jill Grant, Dalhousie University, Halifax

Josh Lepawsky, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's

*Networking Break (14:30-15:00) – Aurora Room*

**Session VIII**

Chair: David Wolfe

15:00 - 16:30

**Cross City Comparison – Medium & Large Cities**

Ottawa-Quebec City Comparison: The evolution of the collaborative mechanisms of governance of innovation and economic development – comparison of the two cases

Caroline Andrew, Ottawa University

Réjean Landry, Université Laval

Saint John and Saskatoon

Robert MacKinnon, University of New Brunswick Saint John

Peter Phillips, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

Hamilton and Waterloo, Ontario: Differential pathways to post-industrial economies

Peter Warrian, University of Toronto

**Session IX**

Chair: David Wolfe

16:30 - 17:00

**Key Insights and Findings from Comparative Analyses**

**Session X**

17:00 - 17:30

**ISRN Volumes – Next Steps**

David Wolfe with Daniel Quinlan, University of Toronto Press

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**Thursday Evening Event**

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ISRN DINNER – 19:00h**

Location: Northern Lights Ballroom - Renaissance Toronto Downtown

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***Advance Registration Is Required For This Event***

**AGENDA – DAY THREE**  
**Friday, May 7, 2010**

08:00 - 9:00      *Breakfast – Aurora Room*

**Session XI:**      Chair: Adam Holbrook

09:00 - 10:20      **Cross-City Sector Perspectives**

Theme II: Civic capital and talent flows in the music industry: Comparing Toronto and Halifax  
Jill Grant, Dalhousie University  
Brian Hracs, University of Toronto

Themes I & II: Screen based industry  
Trevor Barnes, University of British Columbia, Vancouver  
Charles Davis, Ryerson University, Toronto  
Diane-Gabrielle Tremblay, Télé-université, UQAM

Themes I & II: Engineering, mining, oil and gas, hydro  
Cooper Langford, Calgary University  
Peter Phillips, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

*Networking Break (10:20 -10:30) – Aurora Room*

**Session XII:**      Chair: Jill Grant

10:30 - 12:00      **Cross-Theme Perspectives**

Theme I: Innovation, diversity & knowledge flows in Canadian Cities  
Allison Bramwell, University of Toronto  
David Wolfe, University of Toronto

Theme II Overview: Key Insights and Findings  
Kate Geddie, University of Toronto  
Meric Gertler, University of Toronto  
Carolyn Hatch, University of Toronto  
Josee Rekers, University of Toronto

Theme III: Putting things together  
Neil Bradford, Huron University College, University of Western Ontario

*Lunch (12:00 – 13:00) – Aurora Room*

## **AGENDA – DAY THREE continued**

### **Session XIII**

Chair: Current Student

13:00 - 14:30

#### **ISRN's Contribution From The Postdoc Perspective**

Lisa Mills, Carleton University, Ottawa

Tijs Creutzberg, Principal, Hickling Arthurs Low (HAL), Ottawa

Allison Bramwell, University of Toronto

The ISRN post-doc experience

Brian Wixted, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

*Networking Break (14:30 -15:00) – Aurora Room*

### **Session XIV**

Chair: Björn Asheim, Professor, Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy (CIRCLE), Lunds Universitet

15:00 - 16:45

#### **ISRN Over The Decade: The RAC Perspective**

Philip Cooke, Professor, Regional Development and Director, Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Cardiff University, Wales

Claire Nauwelaers, Policy Analyst, Innovation Unit, Regional Competitiveness and Governance Division, Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development, O.E.C.D.

Peter Maskell, Professor, Innovation and Organization Economics & Director, Danish Research Unit on Industrial Dynamics (DRUID), Copenhagen Business School, Frederiksberg, Denmark

Kevin Morgan, Professor, Governance and Development, City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University, Wales

### **Session XV**

16:45 - 17:15

#### **Final Thoughts**

Meric Gertler

David Wolfe

**ISRN MEMBERS' CLOSING RECEPTION – Northern Lights Ballroom**