If you received a postcard from Quebec City, you may be tempted to think it was from a more far-flung destination: Paris, Zurich, even that poor provincial town from Beauty and the Beast. Such is the charm of Canada’s oldest city. Home to narrow, cobblestone lined streets, rustic colonial-era architecture, and a decidedly warm Francophone culture Quebec City exudes European charm just hours from the US border or neighboring Canadian provinces. Whether you’re travelling to Le Vielle Capitale for A&WMA’s premier conference or just for a chance to get some Euro-inspired shots for the ‘Gram, QC is the place to be this summer! Here is a day-to-day itinerary to make the most of your ACE in Quebec City.

**Monday** – Shouldn’t you be attending the YPAC meeting today? I kid, though we would love to have you! Starting on June 23rd and continuing into 24th Quebec celebrates La Fête nationale. Originally celebrated as the feast day of Saint John the Baptist by French settlers it has become an emblematic celebration of French-Canadian culture in the province and a provincial holiday. Head to the Plains of Abraham to partake in a celebration 411 years in the making. [Official Website](#)

**Tuesday** – ACE kicks off today with a tremendous keynote session and a Grand Reception you don’t want to miss, but if you’re looking for a break in between sessions the Observatoire de la Capitale is just a short walk from the Convention Centre. Located in the Marie-Guayart Building and soaring to over 130 metres over Quebec City the observatory offers the best views in the city and a chance to see how the city has changed over the centuries. [Observatoire de la Capitale](#)

**Wednesday** – It’s #YPWednesday! YPAC and the Local Host Committee has spent a year planning what is sure to be the best day of the conference with events like the Mentor Breakfast, Speed Networking, and the YP/Student Social built around the YP Hub and great YP-focused technical sessions. While most of your time will be spent in the Convention Centre, the conference is held only five minutes from Quebec’s Old City, a UNESCO Heritage Site and cultural heart of the city. One step through the gates and the postcard views and European sights come alive. There certainly is more to this provincial life. [Old Quebec](#)

**Thursday** – ACE is wrapping up as A&WMA honors its awards recipients for 2019 (including our newest Outstanding Young Professional!) but your vacation is just beginning. Take some more time to explore the Old City, especially the Saint-Lawrence riverfront and Place Royale, the site of Quebec’s origins in 1608. Also be sure to savor some of the bountiful French-Canadian cuisine that led to Quebec City being named the 18th best city in the world by Conde Nast Traveler. [Top Cities Guide](#)

That is Quebec City in a nutshell! Having visited during Intercouncil Weekend I am so excited to see such a vibrant city in warmer climes and take advantage of what I truly feel is one of North America’s most unique and beautiful cities. À bientôt!
Bonjour! We are just under a week away from ACE 2019 in Quebec City and YPAC has been hard at work developing a slate of programming that maximizes the YP experience at ACE and allows for all generations of environmental professionals to get involved with the great work our Council is doing. I would like to thank the Local Host Committee YP chairs Najat Kamal and Jany McKinnon and student chair Louis-Cesar Pasquier for their work in making this ACE a memorable one! Merci pour votre service et à bientôt à Ville de Québec. J’ai hâte de passer une excellente semaine!

The centerpiece of our #YPWednesday programming is the YP Hub, a space in the exhibition hall where YPs are able to network with exhibitors, VIPs, and Association members. This year the YP Hub will be the focal point of the Exhibition Hall, hosting a number of vendor demonstrations as well as meet and greets featuring keynote speakers and members of the Association’s Board of Directors during exhibition hours and receptions. If you are at ACE please come visit, charge your phone, and network with fellow environmental professionals! If you are interested in working with YPAC in the Hub, we will have signups for working shifts with the VIPs as well as helping with vendor demonstrations. I hope to see all of you in Quebec this June!

### YP Program Highlights

**YP Hub**
- Runs Tuesday and Wednesday in the Exhibition Hall (#315)
- Centrally-located on the exhibit floor, the YP Hub is a place to relax and unwind after the sessions, learn, share, connect, and collaborate. Stop by to enjoy vendor demonstrations, meet ups, and meet and greet opportunities with A&WMA leaders!

**YP Mentor Breakfast**
- Wednesday, June 26 from 8:00 am - 9:00 am, B28 Zone
- This annual professional networking breakfast gives YPs and recent graduates the opportunity to network and be mentored by an experienced professional.
- Pre-registration is required

**Speed Networking**
- Wednesday, June 26 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am, B28 Zone
- Don’t miss this opportunity to practice your networking skills! Answer questions, provide perspectives, and learn to best techniques to making connections that count.
- Don’t forget to bring your business cards!

**Career Panel**
- Wednesday, June 26 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Room 203
- Get the inside scoop from a panel of YPs as they share their career experiences and answer questions in this interactive and enlightening discussion.

**Student/YP Networking Reception**
- Wednesday, June 26 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Bistro l’Atelier, 824 Grande Allée
- Join us at Bistro l’Atelier for a fun networking event with YPs, students, and seasoned professionals. Tickets must be purchased in advance.
YP Technical Program Highlights

Once again, YPAC is happy to announce our YP Technical Track at ACE. Below is a list of the YP track panel sessions:

**How Does It Work? Control Devices**
*Tuesday, June 25, 2019 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm*

This panel will provide both a general overview of emission control technologies currently available as well as a more in-depth review of several specific pollutant control strategies for particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, and other pollutants. This session will discuss thermal oxidizers, biofilters, carbon adsorbers, baghouses, and wet scrubbers. The presenters will discuss emission control equipment design and operation requirements and will give an overview of the industry or processes where it is commonly used. Panelist will also review the regulatory drivers requiring the control or proposed regulations in the pipeline. This is a great introductory panel presentation for all attendees but is focused on reaching the student/young professional attendee. The attendee should walk away with a general understanding of emission control options available today for use in various applications with a focus on the criteria pollutants.

**How Does It Work? Environmental Regulations in the United States and Canada**
*Wednesday, June 26, 2019 10:10 am – 11:50 am*

This panel discussion will include a broad comparison of how the environmental regulations in the United States and Canada handle air quality challenges, and how each country manages these challenges. A Canadian panelist will discuss the relationship between the different Canadian provinces, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and parliament, while a United States panelist will discuss the relationship between government, the Environmental Protection Agency, and state agencies. Panelists representing United States and Canadian industries will also share perspectives on how these regulations are implemented. Examples of how both countries manage air quality challenges will include: when permits are required, what are the major regulations, when air dispersion modeling is required, how greenhouse gases and climate change is regulated (e.g. Paris Agreement), and other topics. This panel will be a great introductory presentation for all attendees but is focused on reaching the student/young professional attendee.

**How Does It Work? Case Studies in Air Dispersion Modeling**
*Wednesday, June 26, 2019 1:30 pm – 3:10 pm*

Atmospheric dispersion modeling is a useful skill used for understanding how air pollutants disperse in the atmosphere but only a limited number of students and young professionals are exposed to it. This panel session will focus on the application of air modeling used in the real world by showcasing various case studies on air modeling. The panel will be geared towards young professionals and will teach by example the various ways air modeling can be used and applied to real-life situations and projects. The panelists will include representatives from several industries who have used modeling as part of a project they completed at their workplace. The panel will conclude with open discussions and Q&A which will provide students and YPs an opportunity to interact with the panel members.

**How Does It Work? Industries**
*Wednesday, June 26, 2019 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm*

This panel will provide an overview of different types of industries and the environmental impacts and challenges they face. Each industry representative will provide an overview of the industry and/or process and will explain how their processes work. They will discuss emission sources that are common to their industry and will review what regulatory challenges are unique to their operations. Finally, each representative will give a brief look at the future of their industry and what challenges they see in the future. Industries covered during this session include mining, aluminum smelting, polymers, shipping, and explosive/energetic waste treatment. All presenters will follow the same agenda, allowing attendees to make comparisons across industries. This is a great introductory panel presentation for all attendees but is focused on reaching the student/young professional attendee.

And it doesn’t stop there! Check out the [final conference program](#) for more technical sessions at ACE!
Q1 Happy Hour

The Upper Midwest Section organized a networking happy hour on Feb. 21 in Saint Paul, MN. Young professionals and professionals young at heart met up at the St. Paul Tap, an arcade bar, for drinks and socializing with other environmental professionals. The event culminated in a friendly tournament of Rampage, the classic King Kong-inspired video game!

YP-to-ACE Euchre Tournament

The Upper Midwest Section successfully held their 3rd annual Euchre tournament to raise funds to send a YP to A&WMA’s annual conference in Quebec City. Euchre is trick-taking card game popular in the Midwest. When beer and nachos are included in the registration, it’s no wonder UMS was able to raise more than $2,100! Thanks to all who came and to all of our sponsors for supporting a fun event and a great cause.

YP-to-ACE Fundraisers

The purpose of the YP-to-ACE program is to help Sections and Chapters fund a scholarship to send YPs to the annual conference and exhibition (ACE). This not only increases the attendance at ACE but helps show YPs the value of the Association and encourages long-term involvement. If you are interested in starting your own YP-to-ACE fundraiser, contact Paul Algu for more information.
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