



CALL FOR PAPERS

17th INUIT STUDIES CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 28-30, 2010

UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC EN ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE, VAL-D'OR, QUÉBEC, CANADA

IN COLLABORATION WITH DIALOG NETWORK¹

January 5th, 2010 – The Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT) and DIALOG, the Research and Knowledge Network Relating to Aboriginal Peoples, will host the 17th Inuit Studies Conference, which will take place from **October 28-30, 2010**. The event will be held at the UQAT's First Peoples Pavilion on the Val-d'Or campus, Québec, Canada.

In **2010: Year of the Inuit**, such as proposed by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the national Inuit organization in Canada, UQAT is proud to invite you to this 17th Inuit Studies Conference, whose theme is "**The Inuit and the Aboriginal World**". Through this theme, our intention is to mobilize the knowledge accumulated up to now in the perspective of exploring the common preoccupations of the Inuit and the other Aboriginal peoples throughout the world, and particularly their neighbors, the First Nations of Canada and of Alaska, the Sami and other circumpolar peoples. We propose the following sub-themes: the environment, the climate change, the economic development, the issues connected to languages and cultures and also the education (teacher training and academic success).

Aboriginal peoples account for 370 million individuals on the planet. Of that number, 155,000 individuals make up the large family known as the Inuit people. Since the adoption of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, on September 13, 2007, many Aboriginal peoples have stepped up their protest and recognition activities in order to make themselves heard, as much within the applicable states, as on the international stage. Organizations which represent the Inuit (*Inuit Circumpolar Council, Greenland self-government, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Makivik Corporation* and others) have a determining role to play in the future of these peoples and their interactions have local, territorial and international consequences. For example, the *Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC)* recently adopted a declaration on the sovereignty of the Arctic (*Circumpolar Inuit Declaration on Arctic Sovereignty*, April 28, 2009). This declaration stipulates, among other things, that it is imperative that those who wish to use Inuit land first communicate with the Inuit, and respect their rights.

The participants to the 17th Inuit Studies Conference will explore the current leadership and the leadership of tomorrow, upon which the future of the Inuit will be built.

¹ DIALOG Network - Research and Knowledge Network Relating to Aboriginal Peoples



Proposals based on one of the suggested themes are welcome, although other dimensions may also be addressed.

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Proposals for papers must be sent to conference coordinators by email or postal mail by **Friday, January 22, 2010**, at the latest. Proposals must be presented, in French or in English, within 15 to 20 lines of text, with a specific title. Please indicate the following information:

- Title of the paper
- Name, title and role of the author(s)
- Home institution
- Complete contact information (including an email address)
- Text of the paper

We would like to see approximately half of the presentations prepared by local people (Inuit and other residents of the North) and the other half by researchers. Presentations may be in English or in French. Required audiovisual equipment (projector, screen and computer) will be available on-site.

A Scientific Committee will select the papers to be presented at the conference. The Committee's selections will be made public in March 2010.

MATERIAL ASPECTS

Conference attendees will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. The registration fee for the conference is **CAD \$275.00**, for all participants. This fee includes all lunches, refreshment breaks and the banquet.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission of proposals for papers:

January 22, 2010

Selection of proposals for papers:

March 1st 2010

Final selection of proposals for papers and publication of the preliminary program:

April 16, 2010

Conference registration starts:

May 3, 2010



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