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1 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Time	June 07, 2024 (Friday)	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration	Great Hall, BF
10:00 – 10:20	Opening Ceremony	
10:20 – 10:40	Plenary Speech-1	
10:40 – 11:00	Plenary Speech-2	
11:00 – 11:10	<i>Discussions</i>	
11:10 – 11:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:20 – 11:35	Keynote Speech-1	
11:35 – 11:50	Keynote Speech-2	
11:50 – 12:05	Keynote Speech-3	
12:05-12:15	<i>Discussions</i>	
12:15 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:00 – 13:15	Keynote Speech-4	
13:15 – 13:30	Keynote Speech-5	
13:30 – 13:40	<i>Discussions</i>	
13:40 – 13:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
13:50 – 14:00	Invited Speech-1	
14:00 – 14:10	Invited Speech-2	
14:10 – 14:20	<i>Discussions</i>	
14:20 – 14:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
14:30 – 15:20	Workshop Session by IRCC	
	Special Guest Speaker-1	
	Special Guest Speaker-2	
15:20 – 15:35	<i>Discussions</i>	
15:35 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:45 – 17:53	General Presentations	
17:53 – 18:15	<i>Discussions</i>	

Time	June 08, 2024 (Saturday)	Great Hall, BF
10:00 – 10:20	Plenary Speech-3	
10:20 – 10:40	Plenary Speech-4	
10:40 – 11:00	Plenary Speech-5	
11:00 – 11:10	<i>Discussions</i>	
11:10 – 11:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:20 – 11:35	Keynote Speech-6	
11:35 – 11:50	Keynote Speech-7	
11:50 – 12:05	Keynote Speech-8	
12:05 – 12:20	Keynote Speech-9	
12:20-12:30	<i>Discussions</i>	
12:30 – 13:10	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:10 – 13:25	Keynote Speech-10	
13:25 – 13:40	Keynote Speech-11	
13:40 – 13:55	Keynote Speech-12	
13:55 – 14:10	Keynote Speech-13	
14:10 – 14:25	<i>Discussions</i>	
14:25 – 14:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
14:35 – 14:45	Invited Speech-3	
14:45 – 14:55	Invited Speech-4	
14:55 – 15:05	Invited Speech-5	
15:05 – 15:15	<i>Discussions</i>	
15:15 – 15:25	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:25 – 16:29	General Presentations	
16:29 – 16:40	<i>Discussions</i>	
16:40 – 16:45	Short Break	
16:45 – 17:10	Closing & Award Ceremony	
17:10 – 19:00	Banquet & Cultural Show	

2 DETAILED INFORMATION OF TECHNICAL PROGRAMS & IRCC WORKSHOP

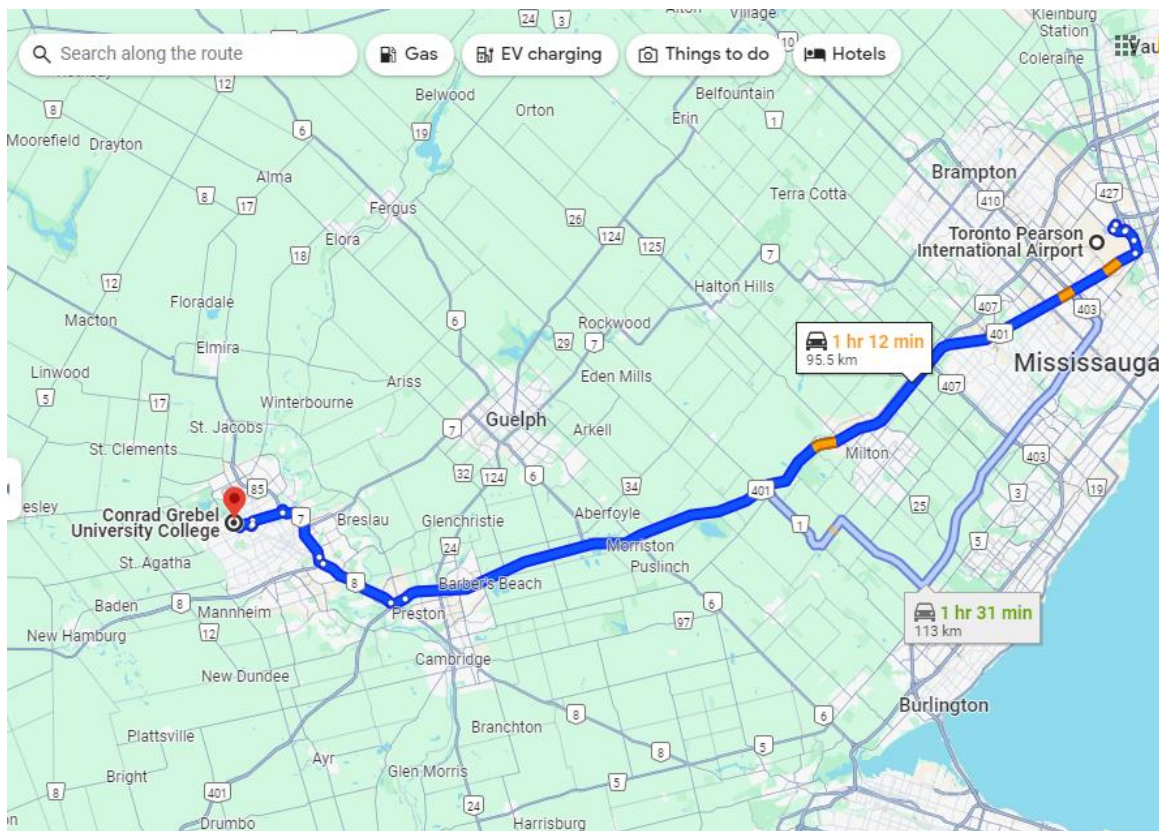


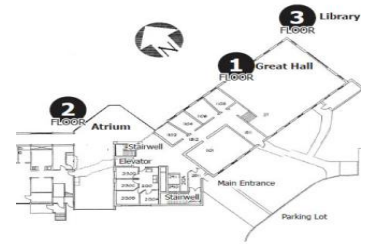
Fig. 1 Main venue and the access map of Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada



Lobby



Great Hall



Floor Map

Fig. 2 Venue for technical program, exhibition & IRCC workshop Great Hall, BF



Fig. Great Hall, BF, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

2.1 Details of Venues for Technical Program, Exhibition and IRCC Workshop

Please Refer to **Table 1** for details of the technical program, exhibition and workshop venue.

Table 1. Details of venues for technical program, exhibition & IRCC workshop

Plenary Lectures
Keynote Lectures
Invited Lectures
General Presentations
IRCC Workshop
Technical Exhibitions

**Conrad Grebel University
College, University of
Waterloo, Great Hall, BF**

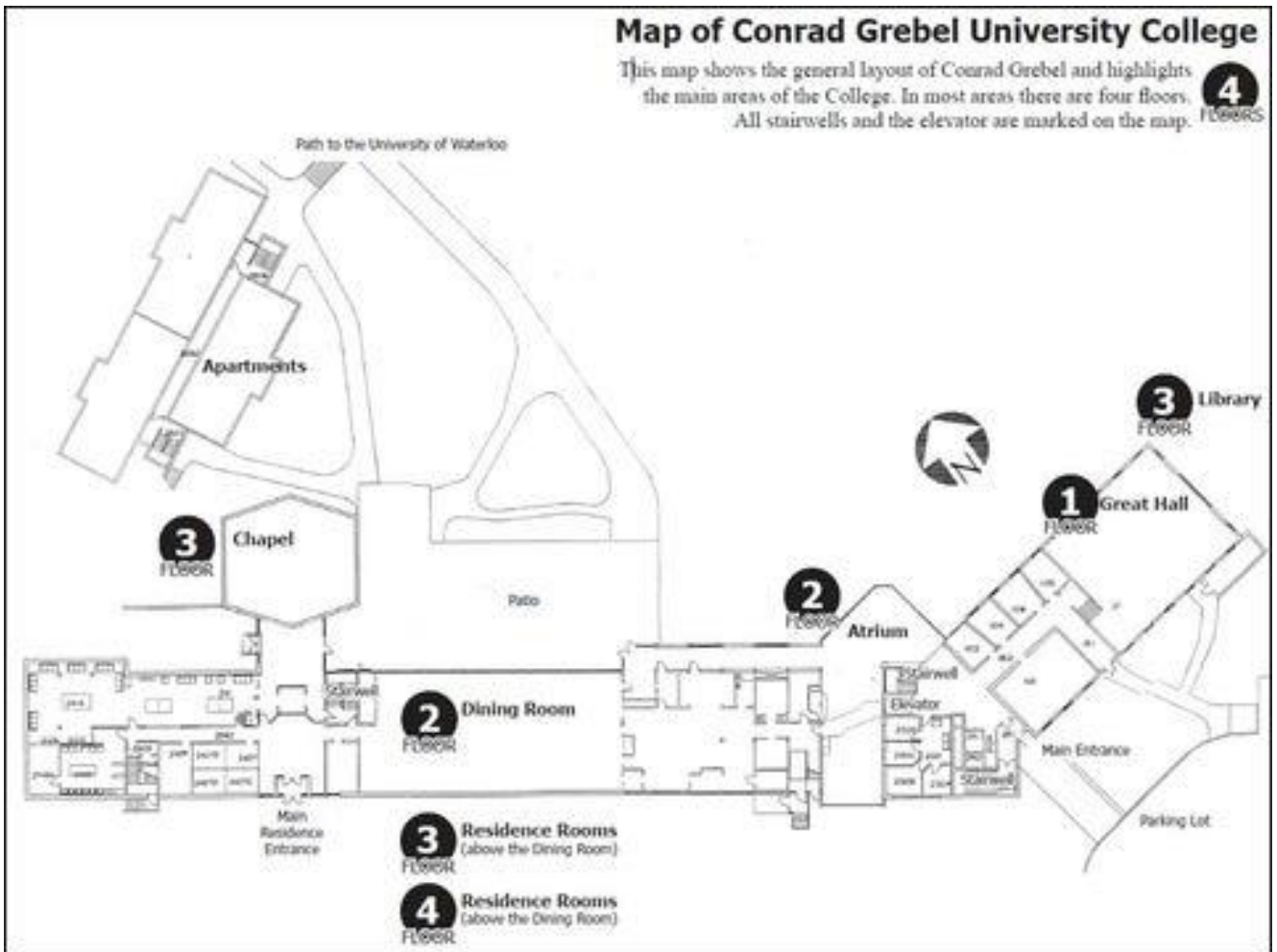


Fig. 3 Floor map of conference venue (Legend 1, Great Hall) for various technical programs & workshop (Source: <https://uwaterloo.ca/>)

3 DETAILS OF SOCIAL PROGRAMS

3.1 Lunch & Banquet

Please refer to the following **Table 2** and **Fig. 4** for lunch, closing ceremony, banquet and cultural programs.

Table 2. Details of lunch

Date	June 7 & 8, 2024 (Friday & Saturday)
Time	12:15-13, & 12:30-13:10
Venue	Great Hall, BF, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, Ontario
Location	140 Westmount Rd N, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G6
Link	https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/

3.2 Conference Banquet

Please refer to the following **Table 3** and **Fig. 4** for accessing conference banquet venue.

Table 3. Details of conference banquet

Date	June 8, 2024 (Saturday)
Time	17:10-19:00
Venue	Great Hall, BF, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, Ontario
Location	140 Westmount Rd N, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G6
Link	https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/



Fig. 4 Floor map of lunch and banquet, Great Hall, BF

4 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration desk will provide services at Great Hall, BF, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, Ontario (**Table 4**).

Table 4. Information on Registration

Location	Great Hall, BF, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, Ontario
Time, Hours	9:30 – 10:30, June 7, 2024 (Friday)
	9:30 – 10:30, June 8, 2024 (Saturday)
Please ensure that you collect your <i>Conference Tool Kits</i> and <i>Name Tag</i> .	

5 DETAILED PROGRAM

June 07, 2024 (Friday)

09:30-10:00

Registration

10:00-10:20

Opening Ceremony

Plenary Speech-1		Country
10:20-10:40	Geotechnical Considerations of Construction and Testing of Piling Foundations of Megastructures on Problematical Soil Ground <i>Dr. Shahab Yasrebi, Geomaple Inc. Canada</i>	Canada
Plenary Speech-2		
10:40-11:00	Investigations of Pile Foundations of 70 m High New Monument in Astana City <i>Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov, Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan</i>	Kazakhstan
<i>Session Chair: Prof. Trilok Nath Singh, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, India</i>		
11:00-11:10	Discussions	
11:10-11:20	Coffee Break	

Keynote Speech-1		
11:20-11:35	On Innovative Thinking Way in Engineering Science and its Applications <i>Prof. Shui-Long Shen, Shantou University, China</i>	China
Keynote Speech-2		
11:35-11:50	Climate Change Ramifications Focusing on Recent Heavy Rainfall-Induced Geo-Disasters in Kyushu Island, Japan <i>Prof. Noriyuki Yasufuku, Kyushu University, Japan</i>	Japan
Keynote Speech-3		
11:50-12:05	Development of Flood Protection Infrastructures in Bangkok Lowland and Ground Subsidence Area <i>Prof. Suttisak Soralump, Kasetsart University, Thailand</i>	Thailand
<i>Session Chair: Dr. Shahab Yasrebi, Geomaple Inc. Canada</i>		
12:05-12:15	Discussions	
12:15-13:00	Lunch Break	

Keynote Speech-4		
13:00-13:15	Enhanced Tensile Fatigue Performance of Cement Stabilized Pavement Base Using Natural Rubber Latex <i>Prof. Suksun Horpibulsuk, Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand</i>	Thailand
Keynote Speech-5		
13:15-13:30	Rockfall Prediction, Prevention, and Mitigation in High Hill <i>Prof. Trilok Nath Singh, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, India</i>	India
Session Chair: Prof. Qi Zhou, Western University, Canada		
13:30-13:40	Discussions	
13:40-13:50	Coffee Break	

Invited Speech-1		
13:50-14:00	Numerical and Physical modelling of Rockfall activities in Himalayan Region of India <i>Dr. Amit Kurmar Verma, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, India</i>	India
Invited Speech-2		
14:00-14:10	Field Observation of Debris Flow: Malaysia Case Study <i>Dr. Rohayu Che Omar, Institute of Energy Infrastructure, Universiti Tenaga Nasional, Malaysia</i>	Malaysia
Session Chair: Dr. Veena Phunpeng, Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand		
14:10-14:20	Discussions	
14:20-14:30	Coffee Break	

Workshop Session by IRCC Officer, Canada		
14:30-15:35	Special Guest Speaker	Canada
	Economic Pathways to Immigration <i>Myreille Besner</i>	
Session Chair: Dr. Pritam Shrestha, Humber College, Canada		
15:20-15:35	Discussions	
15:35-15:45	Coffee Break	

General Presentations		
15:45-18:15	Relationship between the Distribution of Soil Properties and the Quality of Improved Columns Based on the Soil Structure in Saga Lowland	Japan
15:45-15:53	<i>Kimihito Mitsuse, Hirohumi Usui and Takenori Hino</i>	
15:53-16:01	Elucidation of the existence form of line/cement-based binder in slurry	Japan
16:01-16:09	<i>Nagano Lzumi, Mishima Yuichiro, Nakao Ryota and Hino Takenori</i>	
16:01-16:09	Assessment of Rockfall of road cut slope in proximate of Lengpui Airport, Mizoram, India	India
16:09-16:17	<i>Amit Kumar Jaiswal, Sahil Sardana, Amit Kumar Verma and Trilok Nath Singh</i>	
16:09-16:17	Alashakhan is a Medieval Monument of Saryarka Architecture	Kazakhstan
16:17-16:25	<i>R. Chekayeva, A. Bokachyova, M. Chekayev, A. Mukyshev, M. Khudoyarova, M. Batyrova, D. Baimuldina and R. Bokachyov</i>	
16:17-16:25	Cattle urine as a substitute for industrial urea for Microbially Induced Calcite Precipitation (MICP) treatment of Ganga River sand	India
16:25-16:33	<i>Abhishek Tarun and Arvind Kumar Jha</i>	
16:25-16:33	Experimental Study on The Shear Strength of Clay under Freeze-thaw Cycle	China
16:33-16:41	<i>Chenyu Zhu</i>	
16:33-16:41	Piloting of wave resilient Wrap Faced Embankment in Bangladesh	USA
16:41-16:49	<i>Ripon Hore, Mosharof Al Alim, Md. Saiful Islam, Abdul Siddik Hossain, Md. Mozammel Haque and Mehedi Ahmed Ansary</i>	
16:41-16:49	Temperature Effect on Preconsolidation Pressure: An Experimental Study on Fine Soil from Hungary	Hungary
	<i>Hamed Hoseinimighani and Janos Szendefy</i>	

15:45-18:15 General Presentations		
16:49-16:57	Mucky soil identification framework during shield tunnelling based on YOLO model <i>Prof. Qi Zhou, Shui-Long Shen and Annan Zhou</i>	China
16:57-17:05	Assessing Flood Hazards and Building Vulnerability: A Case Study of Tumba Sector, Huye District/Rwanda. <i>Henri Theogene Mugabonejo</i>	Rwanda
17:05-17:13	A Review of Particle Size Distribution for Improved Soil Composition Characterization in Geotechnical Engineering <i>Derrick Mirindi and Frederic Mirindi</i>	USA
17:13-17:21	Lidar and Photogrammetry Survey for Preparation of DEM, DSM, Contour, Ortho Photo and Tree Counting for 220 KV Transmission Line Project in Dukuchhap-Lapsiphedhi Area <i>Bishal Dev, Habendra Prasad Dev, Krishna Kumar Dev and Saksham Dhakal</i>	Nepal
17:21-17:29	Landslide Risk Assessment on Rwanda's Road Infrastructure: A Case Study of Nyamyumba Sector, Rubavu District. <i>Fidele Munyaneza</i>	Rwanda
17:29-17:37	Activated carbon-Bacillus subtilis matrix for the removal of pharmaceutical diclofenac: a batch and column experiment <i>Chhaya, Trishikhi Raychoudhury and Ramakrishna Bag</i>	India
17:37-17:45	The Identification of Landslide Hazard Areas Based on Human Activities with Geographic Information System in Central Aceh Regency <i>Ika Puji Hastuty, Fauziah Ahmad, Ahmad Perwira Mulia Tarigan, Roesyanto and Chintya Sahara Fauziah</i>	Malaysia
17:45-17:53	Exploring Adhesion Strength in Polymer Composites: Molecular insights and Structural Applications <i>Amit Shrestha</i>	Japan
Session Chair: Dr. Suman Manandhar, KMC Inc. Canada		
17:53-18:15	Discussions	

June 08, 2024 (Saturday)

9:30-10:00

Coffee Refreshment

10:00-10:20

Plenary Speech-3

Road to the Top of the World: Observed and Forecasted Thermal Regime under Climate Change Scenarios

Prof. Marolo Alfaro, University of Manitoba, Canada

Canada

10:20-10:40

Plenary Speech-4

Soft Bangkok Clay Improvement Using Vacuum-PVD

Prof. Dennes T. Bergado, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand

Thailand

10:40-11:00

Plenary Speech-5

Sustainability and its Assessment in Geotechnical Engineering

Prof. Dipanjan Basu, University of Waterloo, Canada

Canada

Session Chair: Prof. Emritus Masayuki Hyodo, Yamaguchi University/Asahitechno Co. Ltd., Japan

11:00-11:10

Discussions

11:10-11:20

Coffee Break

Keynote Speech-6

11:20-11:35

Road to the Top of the World: Observed and Forecasted Thermal Regime under Climate Change Scenarios

Prof. Jae Eun Lee, National Chungbuk University, Korea

Korea

Keynote Speech-7

11:35-11:50

Application of Multi-Hazard Risk Assessment for Preparing Risk Sensitive Land Use Plan: A Case Study to Cope with Geo-Disaster for Resilient Society

Dr. Suman Manandhar, KMC Canada Inc.

Canada

Keynote Speech-8

11:50-12:05

Geotechnical Engineering Opportunities in Ontario

Er. Reza Mahmoudipour, Englobe, Canada

Canada

Keynote Speech-9

12:05-12:20

The Liquefaction-Induced Large Scale Flow Slide in Loess Deposit during the Jishishan 6.2 Earthquake and its Risk Zonation

Prof. Lanmin Wang, Lanzhou Institute of Seismology, China Earthquake Administration, China

China

Session Chair: Prof. Suksun Horpibulsuk, Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand

12:20-12:30

Discussions

12:30-13:10

Lunch Break

Keynote Speech-10		
13:10-13:25	Lowering the Groundwater Table and Promoting Consolidation of Soft Soils by Negative Pressure Loading using the Super Well Point (SWP) Method <i>Prof. Masayuki Hyodo, Yamaguchi University, Japan</i>	Japan
Keynote Speech-11		
13:25-13:40	Transforming a 100-years Unchanged Shelter Environment through Reasonable Consideration for People with Disabilities in Japan <i>Prof. Keiko Kitagawa, Saga University, Japan</i>	Japan
Keynote Speech-12		
13:40-13:55	Sustainable Practices in Civil Engineering <i>Prof. Catherine Mulligan, Concordia University, Canada</i>	Canada
Keynote Speech-13		
13:55-14:10	Pathway to Employment for Newcomer Professionals in Canada <i>Dr. Pritam Shrestha, Humber College, Canada</i>	Canada
Session Chair: Prof. Shui-Long Shen, Shantou University, China		
14:10-14:25	Discussions	
14:25-14:35	Coffee Break	

Invited Speech-3		
14:35-14:45	A Case Study and Analysis of Ground Subsidence and Sliding of Road Section in Hilly Region <i>Dr. Arvind Kumar Jha, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, India</i>	India
Invited Speech-4		
14:45-14:55	A Comparative Analysis of Web-Based Tools for Landslide Mapping and Visualization <i>Dr. Badariah Binti Solemon, Institute of Energy Infrastructure, Universiti Tenaga Nasional, Malaysia</i>	Malaysia
Invited Speech-5		
14:55-15:05	Development and Field Validation of a Simple Water Level Gauge for Environmental Monitoring <i>Dr. Yuichiro Mishima, Saga University, Japan</i>	Japan
Session Chair: Dr. Amit Kumar Verma, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, India		
15:05-15:15	Discussions	
15:15-15:25	Coffee Break	

15:25-16:40 General Paper Presentations		
15:25-15:33	Research on Predicting Unfrozen Water Content in Seasonal Frost Regions: A Review <i>Xiao Dingyuan</i>	China
15:33-15:41	Finite Element Analysis of Stiffened Soil Cement Column Walls Versus Conventional Retaining Structures: Stability, Construction Time and Cost Assessments <i>Veena Phunpeng, Menglim Hoy, Chayanon Srijaroen, Suksun Horpibulsuk, Runglawan Rachan and Arul Arulrajah</i>	Thailand
15:41-15:49	Vulnerability Mapping of Landslide Hazards Based on MCDM <i>Qian Zheng, Annan Zhou and Shui-Long Shen</i>	Australia
15:49-15:57	Evaluating Infrastructure and Land Use Master Plan Vulnerability to 100-Year Floodplain in Musanze City, Rwanda <i>Niyigena Jean Damascene</i>	Rwanda
15:57-16:05	Assessing Soil-Structure Interaction Impact on Earthquake Response Spectrum through Numerical Analysis <i>Amir Mosallaei and Andras Mahler</i>	Hungary
16:05-16:13	Thermal and Mechanical Responses of Pre-existing Cracked Rock Samples Under Uniaxial Loading: Effects of Heat Treatment and Grouting <i>Gaurav Kumar Mathur</i>	India
16:13-16:21	Study of Deformation of Tunnel Emphasis on Squeezing: A Case Study of Lower Modi Hydroelectric Project, Parbat, Nepal <i>Nabin K. Sapkota and Suman Panthee</i>	Canada
16:21-16:29	Use of Screw Driving Sounding (SDS) for investigating soft and high variable ground <i>Avidha Shah, Rattatam Isaroran and Suttisak Soralump</i>	Thailand
Session Chair: Dr. Yuichiro Mishima, Saga University, Japan		
16:29-16:40	Discussions	
16:40-16:45	Short Break	
16:45-17:10	Closing & Award Ceremony	
17:10-19:00	Banquet & Cultural Show	

6 GUIDELINES TO SPEAKERS & SESSION CHAIRS

9.1 Guidelines to Speakers

- a. It is suggested to prepare your presentation in both PPT and PDF formats and keep a secure copy on a USB/Pen Drive (version 3.0 or higher).
- b. Please ensure that you arrive at the presentation hall/room at least 15 minutes before your session is scheduled to start. Upload your presentation materials in the assigned media and check the compatibility with the technical staff in the presentation hall. In case your PPT encounters problem, have the PDF version ready to prevent any disruptions during your presentation.
- c. Presentation time for different categories of speakers is shown below.

Table 5. Speech/Presentation categories and allotted time

Plenary Speech	20 minutes
Keynote Speech	15 minutes
Invited Speech	10 minutes
Guest Speaker	30 minutes
General Presenter	8 minutes

9.2 Guidelines to Session Chairs

- a. Please confirm the presence of the speakers at least 10 minutes before the start of your session.
- b. Please ensure starting time for each presentation, as mentioned in the conference program, to maintain a smooth flow without interruption. Our technical staff will be available to keep the time of each presentation.
- c. Please provide ratings on the evaluation sheet to be kept on your table to recommend the Best Presentation.
- d. Printed copies of the CVs of the plenary, keynote, special guests and invited speakers will be kept on your table.

- e. The session chair should determine Q&A time for plenary, keynote, special guest, invited speakers and general presenters based on the time of execution.

7 GUIDELINES TO PARTICIPANTS BEFORE & DURING ARRIVAL TO CANADA

KMC Canada Corporate Inc. (KMC Canada) would like to warmly welcome you to the International Conference on Geo-Disaster and Construction Engineering 2024, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. This guidebook will enable to enlighten travelers from abroad and Canada.

7.1 Transportation Guide:

For air travel, [Toronto Pearson Airport](#) (YYZ), situated 98 km from the University of Waterloo, offers daily non-stop flights from various cities including Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, and Montreal. Transportation options from the airport include taxis, rideshares, or the [UP Express](#) (Fig. 5).

Alternatively, [Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport](#) (YTZ), located 112 km away, serves flights from cities such as Ottawa, Montreal, and Halifax. Transportation from this airport includes a complimentary shuttle bus to Union Station or a ferry to the terminal on Bathurst Street (free for pedestrians).

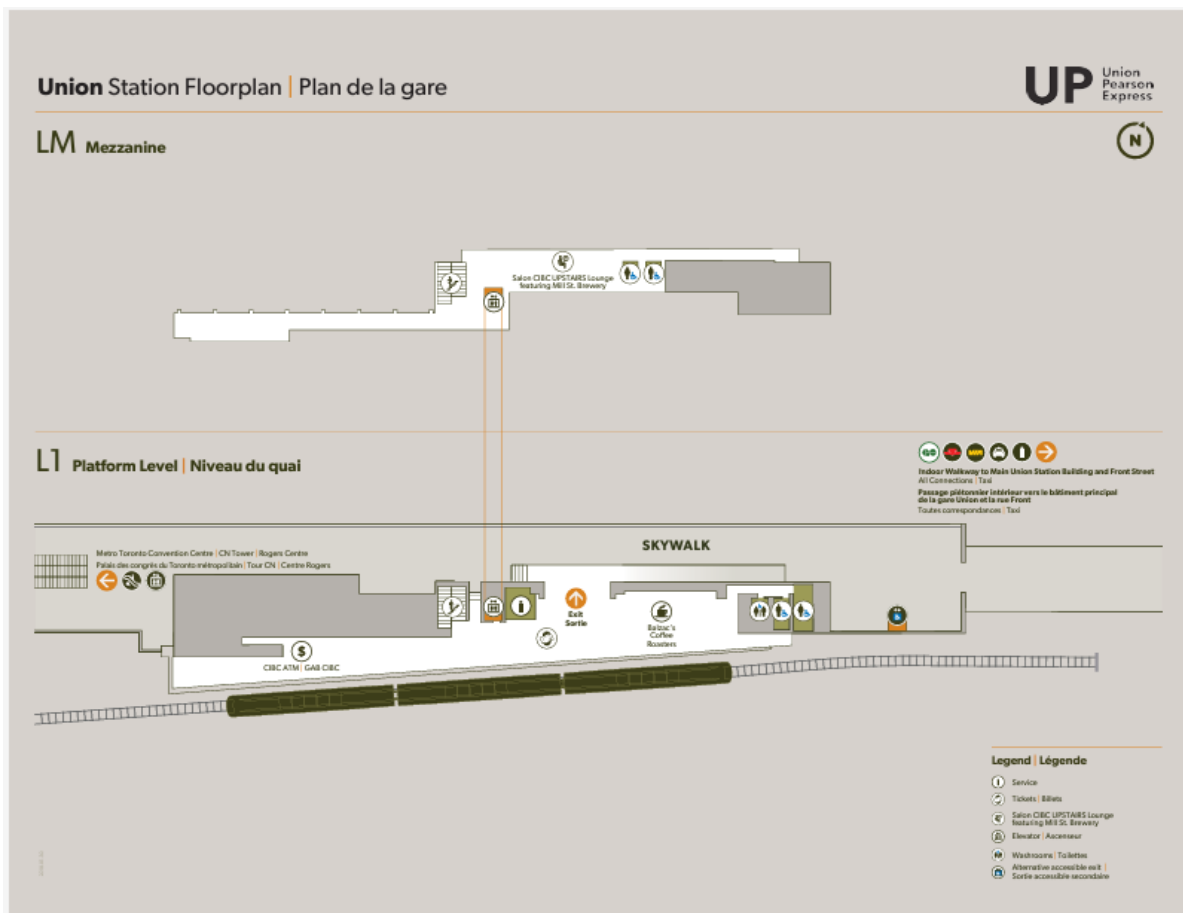


Fig. 5 Union Station map (UP Express); Source: Pearson Airport Website

7.2 Arriving at the Airport:

Upon arrival at [Lester B. Pearson International Airport](#) (YYZ) in Toronto, Ontario, international passengers are required to follow specific procedures outlined by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Please visit the website for a detailed explanation of [steps to follow once off the plane](#) to know the process of how [CBSA Declaration Card works](#).

At Primary Inspection, CBSA officers will review essential documents such as your **Passport** and **Invitation Letter** to ensure compliance with entry requirements.

It is advisable to carry printed copies of these documents in your carry-on luggage for easy access.

If you have shipped items to Canada in advance, inform the CBSA officer and provide shipping records as necessary.

Additionally, if you are [entering Canada with more than \\$10,000](#) in cash, bank drafts, or traveler's cheques, it must be declared on the CBSA Declaration Card. For detailed instructions, refer to the Government of Canada's website.

Navigating Pearson International Airport:

- a. Follow the signs to "Customs" (**Fig. 6**).
- b. Walk through the lobby (**Fig. 7**).
- c. Wait in line to speak to a border agent (**Fig. 8**).
- d. Pick-up your luggage at baggage claim (**Fig. 9**).
- e. Exit into the arrival lobby (**Fig. 10**).



Fig. 6 Direction for Custom



Fig. 7 View of lobby



Fig. 8 Waiting for border agent



Fig. 9 Baggage claim zone



Fig. 10 Exit and arrival zone

Sources: Google and Pearson Airport Website



Image courtesy of Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Transportation Facility from Airport to Venue (University of Waterloo):

To facilitate transportation from the airport to the venue (University of Waterloo), there are various options available, including taxi and limousine services.

It's important to note that some drivers inside the terminals may not be licensed taxis or limos and may charge higher rates. To ensure fair pricing and safety, please be cautious and look for signage indicating verified transportation services throughout the airport.

Airways Transit:

Airways Transit offers door-to-door airport ground transportation services and operates from both Terminal 1 and Terminal 3 at Lester B. Pearson International Airport (YYZ).

For estimated pricing, you can visit their **private airport rate by service area webpage**. As of October 2023, the starting price per ticket from Pearson International Airport to Waterloo is CAD185 one way.

Go Transit:

GO Bus is a popular transportation choice for traveling between various cities. For more details, you can visit the **Going to the Airport with GO Transit website**. Additionally, passengers can purchase E-tickets in advance for added convenience.

If you arrive at Pearson International Airport, you can board GO Bus Route 40 from Terminal 1 to Square One Terminal. From Square One Terminal, you have the option of taking Route 25 or 25C to reach the University of Waterloo. It's worth noting that Route 25C is the express bus service. For information regarding fares, you can visit the [website](#) provided.

Generally, Go Transit is the more budget-friendly option. As of November 2022, the fare from Pearson International Airport to Waterloo is approximately 17.55 CAD (tax included) for a one-way trip, but this rate is subject to change. Periodically, Go Transit provides special promotions that may offer a more economical rate. For the latest information on costs, you can refer to the Go Transit website.

Taxi:

Another option for transportation to the venue is taking a taxi. **Waterloo Taxi** is one available option, and you can find information about rates on their website.

At the airport, it's important to be cautious of drivers who approach passengers inside the terminals offering transportation services. These individuals may operate unlicensed taxis and limousines, often charging higher rates than regulated services. To ensure a safe and reliable ride, look for signage throughout the airport indicating verified transportation services.

7.3 Traveler's Guide Transferring from Another Canadian City:

If you're planning to travel to the venue from another Canadian city, there are various ground transportation options available:

- i. **Train Services:** You can explore train services, such as **VIA Rail**, which offers rail travel between major Canadian cities. Check their website for schedules and ticket information. **GO Transit** offers limited train service to the venue from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).
- ii. **Intercity Bus Services:** Several intercity bus companies operate routes connecting major cities in Canada. Greyhound, Megabus, and other regional carriers provide affordable bus transportation options. **FlixBus** and **GO Transit** are two popular options for ground travel. It's advisable to book your ticket at least two months before your planned travel date to secure your seat. Keep in mind that most companies have luggage restrictions, so it's essential to check their policies beforehand to ensure your luggage complies with their limits.
- iii. **Personal Vehicle:** If you prefer flexibility, you can drive to the venue using your personal vehicle. Ensure your vehicle is in good condition for a comfortable journey.
- iv. **Ridesharing Services:** Platforms like Uber or Lyft might be available, offering a convenient and potentially cost-effective way to travel between cities.
- v. **Rental Car:** Canadians drive on the right-hand side of the road. To rent a car, most rental companies in Canada require you to be at least 21 years old. If you are under 25, you may have to pay for additional insurance.

Flight Services: Depending on the distance, you may also explore domestic flights to nearby airports, followed by ground transportation to Waterloo.

7.4 Hot Offer Discount in Airfare:

The **ICGCE-2024** has negotiated the discounted fare for the participants with **Air Canada** and **WestJet**. Please use the promocode to claim the discounted fare.

Carrier	Promo Code	Book Online
Air Canada	PYRD7Q61	aircanada.com
WestJet	3R506PL	www.westjet.com

7.5 Discounted Offer: Hotel/Accommodation near the Conference:

There are several hotels/accommodations near the venue (University of Waterloo). The Hampton Inn, Kitchener, and Crowne Plaza Kitchener are the official conference hotels. ICGCE-2024 has negotiated special discounted room rates, which you can book through the link: <https://icgce2024.ca/accomodations-near-waterloo/>. Conference rates are only available through the link, subject to availability. Availability is limited and expected to sell out soon.

8 WEATHER OF WATERLOO, TORONTO

The month of June marks the official start of summer in Canada. It's an ideal time to visit and indulge in the plethora of activities the country has to offer. During this month, expect plenty of sunshine, particularly inland where temperatures can soar up to 30°C (Photo 7). However, be prepared for occasional rain showers. For more detailed weather forecasts, you can visit the local weather forecast website a https://weather.gc.ca/canada_e.html.

Historic average weather for June

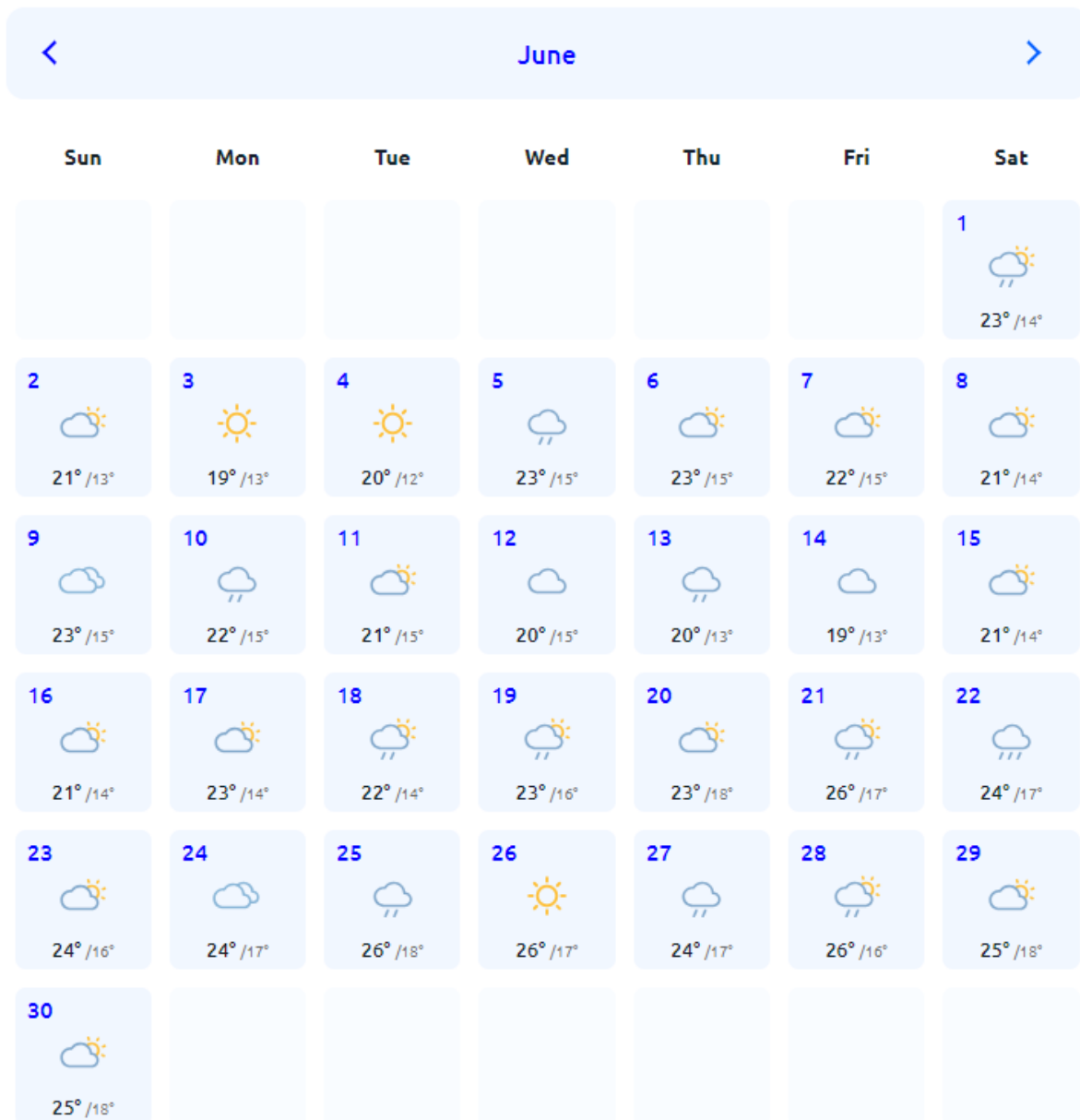


Fig. 11 Weather forecast of June 2024

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