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**39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM OF THE QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF ARCHAEOLOGISTS  
SHAWINIGAN, APRIL 30-MAY 3, 2020**

**« ARCHAEOLOGY OF INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE »**

**- Call for sessions -**

The 39<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual Colloquium of the Quebec Association of Archaeologists will be held in Shawinigan in April 2020.

In keeping with the host city's designation as "La Cité de l'Énergie", the colloquium will focus on the theme of the "archaeology of industrial heritage". The 2020 QAA colloquium aims to address the theoretical, methodological and practical issues raised by the recording, study, protection and enhancement of this heritage, and to present the scientific results and historical breakthroughs resulting from academic research programs and preventive archaeology work.

Industrial archaeology is a field of research that unites a variety of disciplines that seek to shed light on the history of industrial activities and reconstruct the occupation of industrial sites in all their forms. Industrial archaeology is interested not only in the study of built heritage, architecture, urbanism and engineering, but also in the notions of landscape, technological development and museology.

The Lower-Mauricie region has been a hot-spot for industrialization in Lower-Canada and Quebec. As of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the establishment of steel foundries along the Saint-Maurice River, followed by the development of the forestry and pulp and paper industries, the appearance of textiles manufacturers, and the installation of electrochemical plants in the Trois-Rivières-Shawinigan axis have one after another transformed the local landscape. This industrialization has created a high demand for labour and energy. The hydroelectric development that is at the heart of the foundation of the city of Shawinigan (Falls) was the main driver of the industrial development that would make the Mauricie region one of the most important industrial centers of Canada in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Ten years after the publication of Gisèle Piédalue's report on the Industrial Archaeological Heritage of Quebec (MCC Report 2009), it seemed appropriate to take stock of the issues and advances within this field of expertise and initiate a reflection on the way in which Quebec archaeologists wish to approach industrial archaeology over the next decade.

Therefore, the organizing committee of the 39<sup>th</sup> QAA symposium strongly encourages participants to propose working sessions related to, but not limited to, the following topics:



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- the state of industrial heritage research in Quebec;
- available cartographic inventories and databases;
- the laws and directives governing the industrial heritage of Quebec;
- the typology and nature of industrial heritage in Quebec;
- the notion of the heritage value of industrial heritage;
- methods and techniques for recording industrial remains;
- the integration of multiple domains of expertise in the search for a better understanding of the industrial heritage;
- threats and challenges for the protection and management of industrial archaeological heritage (climate change, urbanization, contamination / decontamination, volume of heritage to be protected, conserved and valorized, management of the remains, etc.);
- the conservation of industrial heritage;
- spatial and landscape planning, sustainable development and site rehabilitation for interpretation purposes.

Nevertheless, to honour tradition and the diversity of Quebec archaeological research and preventive work, the colloquium will not exclusively focus on industrial heritage. The Shawinigan region, crossed by the Saint-Maurice River, has been inhabited by Indigenous populations for several millennia. The First Nations archaeological heritage of the Mauricie region is extremely rich and connects as much the groups and cultures associated with the St. Lawrence Valley as the groups circulating within the Canadian Shield Plateau marked by various lithic resources, lakes and rivers. Proposals highlighting old and recent Indigenous occupations in this area, as well as sessions related to trading posts and the colony of Trois-Rivières, the second permanent settlement founded in New France in 1634, are welcome.

In short, we strongly encourage professional archaeologists, researchers and students in archaeology to submit proposals for sessions that will focus on the issues related to the theme of the symposium and on the archaeological work carried out in the Shawinigan area, highlighting the archaeological heritage of the Mauricie region. However, while the 2020 Conference Committee encourages participants to think about the theme when planning their sessions and papers, we welcome all abstracts related to archaeology in Quebec or by Quebec archaeologists abroad, regardless of the theme.

### **SESSION PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS**

Proposed sessions should be submitted in the form of a 500-word (maximum) abstract that explains the theme, the issues and the objectives of the session as well as the results and possible avenues of valorization.



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The session proposal should include the followings:

- a title;
- the name, professional affiliation and contact information of the author(s)/presenter(s);
- a preliminary list, if possible, of participants, research teams or laboratories involved in the session;
- if applicable, the name of a session discussant or moderator;
- Three to five key words describing the session;

Session proposals can be submitted in French or English. The addition of second language summaries in presentations, whenever possible, will be most welcome.

Sessions will take place over half-days or full days and should include between 4 to 8 oral presentations. Papers will be scheduled for 20 minutes (including a short question period).

The deadline for session submissions is **January 15, 2020**. To submit a proposal, please send the required information to the following address:

[colloquecomitescientifique@archeologie.qc.ca](mailto:colloquecomitescientifique@archeologie.qc.ca)

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Date	Event
January 15, 2020	Deadline for session submissions
End of January 2020	Acceptance of session proposals by the scientific committee
February - March 2020	Call for paper abstracts (oral presentations and posters)
March 15, 2020	Acceptance of conference proposals and posters by the scientific committee
April 30-May 3, 2020	Colloquium

We look forward to seeing you all in Shawinigan in April 2020!

*The organizing committee*