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The International Conference on the Conservation of Industrial Heritage is to be held in Montreal and Ottawa May 29 to June 2, 1994, in association with the Society for Industrial Archaeology's meeting in Toronto June 2-6.

This is the first international conference on industrial heritage to beheld in Canada. The three societies involved are the International Committee for the Conservation of Industrial Heritage (TICCIH), part of UNESCO and based in Paris; the Canadian Society for Industrial Heritage, based in Ottawa and affiliated with TICCIH; and the Society for Industrial Archaeology, based in Washington. The TICCIH/CSIH secretariat for the conference is headed by Louise Trottier, Musée national des sciences et de la technologie, C.P. 9274, Succursale T, Ottawa K1G 5A3, tel. (613) 991-6705 or 991-3081, fax (613) 990-3636.

Advance registration before January 30 is recommended, directly to Mme Trottier, with a cheque for $50 payable to CSIH. Conference fees are expected to be $C 235 or $US 190, payable by April 15. Registration after that date will be $C 275 ($US 225.) Conference languages are English and French.

The scientic societies share similar objectives conservation of the remains of our industrial civilization, their interpretation, promotion of educational activities, and diffusion of this knowledge through publications and conferences. Participants can select between guided tours from each conference site:

In Montreal, the Lachine and St. Lawrence Canals, the Beauharnois generating station and Seaway, Montreal harbour.

In Ottawa, the Chaudière Falls, Upper Canada Village, paper and hydro-electric plants at Masson and Buckingham.

En route to Toronto, canal locks and maritime museums on the Rideau and Trent-Severn waterways.

The first conference begins in Montreal where TICCIH holds its general assembly May 29, and continues in Ottawa from May 31 where sessions are scheduled on mining, transportation, the food industry, material culture, field recording methodology, and Latin America.

The SIA conference takes place June 2-6, on the theme "From Fur Trade to Free Trade." Meetings will be at the Delta Chelsea Hotel in downtown Toronto and there will tours of nearby industrial sites. The SIA secretariat is at the University of Toronto Insitute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, 73 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1K7 (tel (416) 535-5723). The SIA called January 19 for proposals to reach by February 15 programme chairman Julie Harris, 120 Sunnyside Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 0R1, (tel/fax (613) 730-0932, e-mail: ad895@freenet.carleton.ca.

"Proposals may include presenting a paper (20 minutes), organizing a panel discussion (90 minutes), reporting on work in progress (10 minutes), or coordinating a session (90 minutes). A separate room will be set aside for video presentations. An Abstract of not more than 250 words is required for all formats. It must be typewritten and include the title of the presentation, names of participants, brief c.v., address, telephone/fax numbers and audiovisual requirements."