

Welcome to Sidney!



Sidney is a great vacation destination. It's located just north of Victoria, on Vancouver Island. That's across the water from the city of Vancouver. You can find many transportation options on the conference web site, including going through Seattle, Vancouver, or Victoria.

Sidney is a picturesque waterfront community. It offers shopping, restaurants, art galleries, nine bookstores, parks, and waterfront walks framed by spectacular ocean and mountain views. Sidney is fully accessible with curb-cuts for wheelchairs and audible traffic signals on the main street.

The weather in July is glorious; it's usually sunny, not too hot, and rarely rains. Come to the land of mountains, forests, water, whales, eagles, salmon, gardens, and old-time hospitality.

Register now!

Reserve the dates and register soon. You can request a registration form from ELNA or download it from the web site.

You can keep up with the latest developments, and register for the congress on-line if you want, at the congress web site:

esperanto.org/ELNA/kongreso2004

You can reserve a hotel room at any time, but definitely before July 1 – see the other side for details.

If you can't attend the conference, consider registering as a **conference supporter**. Supporters will receive the conference materials, daily on-line photos and summaries, and recognition at the meetings. And, if you later find that you'll be able to attend, you would pay the difference between the low "early registration" rate and the supporter rate, even if it were past that date. This is a great way to support ELNA and the conference.

You are invited!

Sidney, British Columbia (near Victoria)



July 16-19, 2004
Friday to Monday

for a rare joint congress

the 52nd Annual
ELNA Congress
and the KEA Congress

esperanto.org/ELNA/kongreso2004

Esperanto League for North America
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Join us for the 52nd congress at lovely Sidney, British Columbia!

Friday evening, 7pm, July 16, to Monday noon, July 19, 2004

You are welcome to attend the ELNA board meetings all day Friday (8am to 5pm), before the start of the main conference. Also, plan to stay longer in Sidney to take advantage of excursions on Monday afternoon to local attractions. Possible destinations will be Butchart Gardens, BC Aviation Museum, Butterfly World, and the ferry to Sidney Spit Marine Park.

You may want to make an entire week of it, visiting nearby Victoria, Vancouver, and Seattle. See the tourism possibilities and transportation options at the congress website.

This convention is a great jumping-off point for the Universala Kongreso in Beijing (Pekino), which starts on Saturday, July 24.

Please indicate on the registration form if you'd like to contribute to the program. Since we can hold many sessions simultaneously, we're hoping for a very full program.

Convention Location



The convention will be held in the beautiful Mary Winspear Centre, a new conference/community center in downtown Sidney. The center has many rooms of all sizes, which will work very well for our multi-faceted program. There is good access to all rooms for persons with disabilities.

Lodging

The conference hotel is the Victoria Airport Travelodge in Sidney. It's just across the street from the conference center. The hotel is recently renovated, and features air-conditioning, a heated outdoor pool, free in-room coffee and tea, hairdryers, free local calls and faxes, free daily newspapers, free parking, and a Thrifty Car Rental office in the lobby. Most rooms have a small frig and microwave; check when you call if that's important.

A block of rooms will be held until July 1 for conference participants, with a special conference rate. The rate is \$115 CAD (about \$80 USD) plus taxes (about \$12 USD, but partly refundable for nonresidents of Canada). This is for a room with either a king-size bed, queen-size bed, or two double beds. This rate will also apply if you want to arrive a few days early or stay a few days after the finish.

The rate is the same for up to 4 people in the room. If you want to be on a list of people looking for roommates, indicate that on the registration form.

For reservations, call 1-866-656-1176 toll-free. Say you're part of the "Esperanto" group. Call as soon as you can if you have special requests (non-smoking room, specific floor, etc.).

Other hotels nearby are:

Best Western, 1-800-315-3377, also within a block of the conference center.

Sidney Waterfront Hotel and Suites, 1-888-656-1131, about six blocks from the conference center.

There are other hotels and bed-and-breakfasts in town and nearby.