



PAME II-2014 Working Group Meeting Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada 16-18 September 2014

Meeting:

The PAME II 2014 meeting will be held in the city of Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada September 16-18, 2014, The AMAP Working Group will also convene their meeting at the same time in Whitehorse and a joint AMAP/PAME session will be convened on Wednesday 17th of September.

Pre-meeting sessions on the Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP) and for the PAME Shipping Expert Group will take place on September 15. All sessions will take place at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre located in downtown Whitehorse.

Accommodations:

We strongly recommend that you book your guest room as early as possible. The Westmark Whitehorse Hotel is the official hotel for the PAME meeting. A block of rooms has been reserved and delegates are invited to book their accommodation before **August 25, 2014**, in order to take advantage of a preferred rate of \$129.00CDN / night.

Reservations at the **Westmark Whitehorse Hotel** can be made directly on the website at <http://www.westmarkhotels.com/reservation-options.php> and inserting the **Group Code PA091414** or by telephone at 1-800-544-0970.

Registration:

All delegates are required to register for the PAME meeting through the Government of Canada registration link: <https://www.accreditationcanada.gc.ca/>. The registration website will be open from **July 15, 2014** to **September 11, 2014**.

Entry formalities

All delegates must possess valid travel documents and, where necessary, a visa for entry into Canada. Visa requests should be submitted via the Canadian Embassy in the delegation's national capital. For current information on which countries require a visa to travel to Canada, please visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/English/visit/visas.asp>.

Direct flights:

Please note that Condor airline is running direct flights from Frankfurt to Whitehorse. For further information please refer to their homepage at: <http://www.condor.com/eu/index.jsp>. For those of you

that may wish to use this flight option then please note that you are urged to book it early as these flights tend to fill up.

Specific Food Requirements

We welcome participants who have special dietary requirements or allergies, to transmit all food related information to: andree.menard@international.gc.ca. The Government of Canada will make arrangements with the caterers for the preparation of alternative menu options.

Weather

The average daily maximum temperature in Whitehorse in September is 14°C (57°F). The average daily minimum temperature is 5°C (41°F). Visit www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca for current weather forecasts.

Time Zone

Whitehorse is on Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), UTC-8.

Currency

The currency is the Canadian dollar (CAD). Most major international currencies can be exchanged at nearby banks, at all Canadian airports, and in hotels. It should be noted that rates of exchange vary slightly from one institution to another. Major credit cards (e.g. VISA, MasterCard) are widely accepted in Canada. Most bank cards can also be used at ATM machines to withdraw cash in Canadian dollars.

Tipping

Tipping is customary in sit down restaurants and is rarely included in the bill. Typical range is 10-15% of the total bill. For taxi fares, it is customary to add 5-10% to the total as a tip to the driver.

Telecommunications / Electricity

Cellular Telephones

Cellular telephone coverage in the Yukon is CDMA-based. While 3G or HSPA should work in Whitehorse, phones using a GSM system will not work. Visitors should check with their providers prior to travel. The exit code to place international calls while in Canada is 011 (followed by applicable country code + number).

The code to make international calls from Canada is 011 (followed by the country code + applicable number).

Electrical supply is 110-120 Volts, and outlets are the "Type B" North American standard. Adaptors may not be readily available.

Emergency

Dial local 911 for all health and safety emergencies.

Visiting Whitehorse

For information regarding tourist attractions and restaurants in Whitehorse please visit the tourism site at: <http://www.yukoninfo.com/whitehorse>.