**CATR Conference Montreal Welcome and Important Notes**

**Friday May 28th – Monday May 31st 2010**

1. The programme is in the process of being finalized. We expect to publish the full programme on (or before) 1 April. Stay tuned. Until then, here are some important reminders and other notes as you make your travel and accommodation plans.
2. All conference presenters are required to be members in good standing of CATR. To become a member or renew your membership for 2010, you can download the form at <http://www.catr-acrt.ca/>
3. Don’t forget to register for Congress itself. There is a CFHSS portion of the registration fee and a CATR portion of the registration fee. Registration is online at: <http://www.congress2010.ca/content.php?id=539>. Please note that the deadline for a reduced registration fee is 31 March 2010.
4. **Field Trip to *Cirque du Soleil* with guide Sylvain Duguay: Friday 28 May 9am-11:45am**

 This field trip to *Cirque du Soleil* Headquarters will allow you to discover a unique creative research-driven and production setting which includes studios and workshops that are behind all of the Cirque's international productions. Meet the archival staff in the "Memory" department and a number of permanent research professionals who feed the creative forces of the Cirque. Tickets for this tour are $10 and must be purchased in advance. Places on the bus will be limited. The trip will leave from our main conference location in the John Molson School of Business Building room 7.265.

Please reserve your ticket for the trip by sending a cheque (payable to CATR) to:

Edward Little, Department of Theatre GM 5-55,

Concordia University, 1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. West,

Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1M8.

1. **Banquet: Saturday 29 May 7pm onward**

 The CATR banquet will take place at the Montefiore Club. The cost for the banquet is $55 for Regular Members and $30 for Graduate Students/Underemployed. Note that the cost for the Regular Members subsidizes the lower cost tickets. Banquet tickets are limited so please reserve yours in advance to guarantee your place.

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1. ***The Last 15 Seconds* by M.T. Space Theatre**

A 70-minute theatrical presentation followed by discussion. The play begins with the deaths of Syrian-American filmmaker Mustapha Akkad, his daughter and the suicide bomber killed in the 2005 attacks on three prominent hotels in Jordan. A movement-based imagining of both physical and verbal dialogue exploring the lives and memories of Akkad, the suicide bomber, and their families. Produced by Teesri Duniya Theatre in collaboration with CATR. Performed by M.T. Space Theatre.

Five performances: 26 May @ 2pm and 8:30pm; 27 May @ 8:30pm; 28 May @ 8:30pm; and 29 May 29 @ 8:30pm. The performance will take place in the John Molson School of Business Building (MB) Room 7.265. Tickets at the door: $15 reg / $10 Students. Members of CATR can reserve tickets in advance for pickup and payment at the door by emailing: info@teesriduniya.com

1. ***Cinq à Sept:* Thursday 27 May 5-7pm**

For those arriving in town the night before the conference, there is no need to sit alone in your hotel or residence room. Please come out for food, drink and socializing at McKibbins Pub (1426 rue Bishop, next to the Library Building). Sponsored by the Work/Life Balance Caucus.

1. **Women’s Caucus Dinner: Friday 28 May 7pm onwards**

The annual dinner of the CATR Women’s Caucus will be held at Restaurant Pino (1471 rue Crescent). So that we can reserve sufficient places, please email Roz Kerr at rosalind.kerr@ualberta.ca if you plan to attend.

1. ***Festival Transamériques*: 27 May – 12 June**

The complete FTA program will be unveiled on 29 March, the same day tickets go on sale. Visit [www.fta.qc/ca/en/home](http://www.fta.qc/ca/en/home) for more information.

1. **The Robert Lawrence Prize self-nominations**

The Robert Lawrence Prize was established in 1995 by the Association, and with the generous assistance of Mrs. Lawrence, to honour the contribution of Robert Lawrence, a valued and loved member of the Association. The prize recognizes the research of an emerging scholar (defined as a graduate student or someone who has been out of graduate school for less than five years) who has presented an outstanding paper at the yearly conference. To be considered for the prize, please identify yourself to the CATR Lawrence Prize committee, so that a member of the committee can attend your paper presentation during the conference. For more information and to add your name to the list of eligible papers, contact Shelley Scott by May 1: s.scott@uleth.ca

1. **Travel Bursaries**

CATR receives a small grant from SSHRC to assist with travel expense for members to attend the annual meeting. To apply for this money, please see the attached form. All details regarding eligibility and other requirements are outlined on the form.

1. **Audio/Visual requirements**

All conference presentation rooms will be equipped with a data projector and PC laptop. Please contact Jenn Stephenson jenn.stephenson@queensu.ca if you have other technical requirements.