



The Second Annual
Summer
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Squamish, B.C. 2003

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Wednesday, August 6 - Monday, August 11, 2003
Squamish, British Columbia, Canada

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The Second Annual Summer Interdisciplinary Conference (ASIC II) will be held in Squamish, British Columbia. Richard M. Shiffrin of Indiana University-Bloomington, is the conference organizer.

The conference uses the very successful format of ASIC I: Days are free for leisure activities and the talks are in the later afternoon/early evening. The date has been chosen to make it convenient for attendees to bring family/friends. The conference is open to all interested parties, and an invitation is NOT needed. The subject is interdisciplinary, within the broad frame of Cognitive Science.

Invitation

The conference is open to all scholars who fit the very general theme of the conference, and their family and friends. An individual invitation is NOT needed. Feel free to spread the conference information to friends and colleagues!

If possibly interested in attending this conference, please send an email at once saying:

"There is a reasonable chance that I will attend ASIC II. I and my family/friends would probably require (n/m) (rooms/suites), and I (would/would not) wish to give a presentation."

Conference Aims

The conference will cover a wide range of subjects in cognitive science, including:

- neuroscience, cognitive neuroscience
- psychology (including perception, psychophysics, attention, information processing, memory and cognition)
- computer science
- machine intelligence and learning
- linguistics
- and philosophy

We especially invite talks emphasizing theory, mathematical modeling and computational modeling (including neural networks and artificial intelligence). Nonetheless, we require talks that are comprehensible and interesting to a wide scientific audience. Speakers will provide overviews of current research areas, as well as of their own recent progress.

For information on submitting proposals for presentations (speaking or posters), see our [attendees and sessions](#) page.

Conference Format

The conference will start with a reception on the first evening, Wednesday, August 6th, at 5 PM, followed by a partial session.

Each of the next five evenings, the sessions will begin about 4:00 PM (time to be confirmed later). Drinks, light refreshments and snacks will be available starting at 3:45 PM, prior to the start of the session, and at the midway break. A session will consist of 6-7 talks and a mid-session break, finishing at approximately 8:00-8:15 PM. A banquet will be held following the final session of the conference.

Note well: The conference ends Monday evening with the banquet. Most people will have to use the following day, Tuesday, as a travel day.

There are no parallel sessions or presentations. We will have a separate room, day and time set aside for poster presentations, both for persons preferring this format to a spoken presentation, and for any presenters who cannot be allotted speaking slots. The time and date for the posters has yet to be decided.

It will not escape the savvy reader that this conference format frees most of the day for various activities with colleagues, family, and friends.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to:

Correspondence may be addressed to:

Annual Summer Interdisciplinary Conference (ASIC II)
c/o Prof. Richard Shiffrin
Psychology Department
Indiana University
1101 E. 10th St.
Bloomington, IN 47405



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To attend the conference, fill out the [printable registration form](#) and send it and a check for the registration fee by regular mail. Alternatively, you can fill out registration form [online](#). In either event, also **send a check** for the registration fee **by regular mail** to:

ASIC II, c/o Prof. Richard Shiffrin
Indiana University Cognitive Science Program
1101 E. 10th St.
Bloomington, IN 47405

Those wishing to give presentations may fill out the [online presentation application](#) or the [printable \(.pdf\)](#) version of the form.

Fees

The registration fee is:

Before May 1, 2003: \$140 USD
After May 1, 2003: \$155 USD
On-site payment: \$175 USD

All fees must be by check (no credit cards) payable to Annual Summer Interdisciplinary Conference (or ASIC II) and sent to the organizer at the address above.

Checks sent from attendees from countries other than the US should be drawn on a US bank, or be in the form of an international cashier's check, or the equivalent.

The registration fee includes the opening night reception, the food, drink, facilities for all sessions, and the final banquet. This fee must be paid by those attending the sessions, and/or those partaking of the food and drink at the sessions (at the start or at the break). Extra tickets are available for the opening reception for \$10 USD/person, and for the final banquet for \$35 USD/person.

Registration Form

[Online registration form](#) -- (send fee by regular mail)

The printable registration form is in .pdf format, and requires Adobe Acrobat Reader.

[printable ASIC 2003 registration form](#)



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Attendees:

Attendees & Sessions for ASIC II will be listed here as they become available

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Tentative Schedule

(**Note:** The complete list of speakers, full titles, and abstracts may be found on the [sessions](#) page of this site as they become available.)

Wednesday, August 6:

5:00 - 7:00pm **Reception**

7:00 - 9:00pm **Sessions TBA**

Thursday, August 7:

3:45 - 4:00pm Food and drink set out

4:00 - 5:45pm **Session TBA**

5:45 - 6:00pm Break

6:00 - 8:00pm **Session TBA**

Friday, August 8:

3:45 - 4:00pm Food and drink set out

4:00 - 5:45pm **Session TBA**

5:45 - 6:00pm Break

6:00 - 8:00pm **Session TBA**

Saturday, August 9:

3:45 - 4:00pm Food and drink set out

4:00 - 5:45pm **Session TBA**

5:45 - 6:00pm Break

6:00 - 8:00pm **Session TBA**

Sunday, August 10:

3:45 - 4:00pm Food and drink set out

4:00 - 5:45pm **Session TBA**

5:45 - 6:00pm Break

6:00 - 8:00pm **Session TBA**

Monday, August 11:

3:45 - 4:00pm Food and drink set out

4:00 - 5:45pm **Session TBA**

5:45 - 6:00pm Break

6:00 - 8:00pm **Session TBA**

8:00pm **Concluding banquet buffet**



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Travel to Squamish

Squamish is located on Howe Sound, in the Southwest corner of British Columbia. It is approximately 30 miles North of Vancouver; about halfway between Vancouver and the resort city of Whistler.



Most attendees will fly into Vancouver International Airport. The slow, but scenic drive from the Vancouver airport takes approximately 75 minutes. Rental cars are available at the airport. There is also [rail](#) service, [bus](#) service, and [limo/van](#) service available from Vancouver.

Attendees may opt to fly to Seattle, but the drive to Squamish would be substantial. There is a small airport in Squamish as well, and taxis are available.

For additional travel information, see the [Sea to Sky Hotel](#) website.

Lodging



The conference hotel is the Best Western [Sea to Sky Hotel](#)(40330 Tantulus Way, PO Box 310, Garibaldi Highlands, B.C. V0N 1T0), about 3 km North of the center of Squamish. The hotel has arestaurant, fitness room, sauna, jacuzzi, and there are several dining choices nearby.

We have reserved the entire hotel, which includes a substantial number of standard rooms with 2 extra long double beds, as well as several suites. In order to better plan for the number of rooms, it would help greatly if those wishing to attend would send an email indicating the probable number of people, nights and rooms/suites needed. Email to:

Attendees should make their own reservations directly by calling _____ or _____ or faxing _____ Tell them you are attending ASIC to receive the conference rates.

Standard (2 Doubles)	Canadien \$74
Suite (1 King, 2 Doubles, 1 Queen pull out)	Canadien \$84
3 Bed (2 Doubles, 1 Queen pull out)	Call for rate

If there is additional demand for rooms, or if families with children would like a waterslide and pool, the Squamish Super 8 Motel is about halfway between the Sea to Sky Motel and town. Rates are about Canadien \$10 higher than those at the Sea to Sky, but may be lowered later. The reservations number for the Super 8 is _____ local number is _____ Fax: _____

There is also inexpensive lodging in the area, including camping or at the Squamish Hostel. For more information see www.squamishrock.com.





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Squamish is situated amidst mountains at the tip of Howe Sound, near the mouth of the Squamish, Mamquam and other rivers.

It is adjacent to the most famous rock climbing face in Canada, the Stawamus Chief (~2000 ft. tall). In general, there is too much to do to list all activities that this area has to offer. Squamish is most famous for its climbing, windsurfing, fishing and mountain biking. Superb opportunities exist in many other sports and recreations as well.



Within easy distance of the hotel are:

- Golf courses
- Squash & Tennis
- Kayaking & Boating
- Swimming & Windsurfing
- ATV Tours
- Whitewater rafting
- Rock Climbing
- Mountain Climbing
- Hiking & Mountain hiking
- Glacier Air Tours
- Fishing
- Horseback Riding
- Wilderness Adventures
- Underground Mine Exploration
- Bird watching (estuary and bald eagles)

We suggest visiting the following websites for more information:

Outfitters, Area attractions:

BC Museum of Mining National Historic site:

www.bcmuseumofmining.org

Sea to Sky Eco Tours: ATV tours:

www.seatoskyadventures.com

Whistler River Adventures: Rafting, Fishing, Jetboating:

www.whistlerriver.com

Sea to Sky Ocean Sports: Kayaking, Windsurfing, Diving:

www.seatoskyoceansports.com

Canadian Outback Adventure Company: Whitewater Rafting, Family Rafting, Heli-rafting, Horseback riding

www.canadianoutback.com

Sea to Sky Stables:

www.seatoskystables.com

Squamish Estuary:

www3.bc.sympatico.ca/driftwood/sqpem.htm#squamest

Sunwolf Outdoor Centre: Whitewater rafting, Eagle viewing float trips

www.sunwolf.net

Glacier Air Tours: Helicopter and Airplane Tours

www.glacierair.com

Valhalla Pure Outfitters:

www.bcadventure.com/valhalla-pure/index.htm

Vertical Reality Sports: Guided Hiking, Climbing and Biking Tours

www.angelfire.com/biz/vertrealsports/

Furry Creek Golf and Country Club:

www.bcgolfguide.com/courselists/feature/furrycreek

General Squamish websites:

Squamish links:

www3.bc.sympatico.ca/squamish

District of Squamish:

('Squamish Area' section has good information)

www.district.squamish.bc.ca/

Links to Squamish activities:

www.squamishinfo.com/recreation

www.mysquamish.com