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This year, the 49th annual meeting of the ISCEV will be held in Lac-Bauport, a spa center near the capital city of the Province of Québec, Canada, from the 18th to the 23rd of September 2011.

Comfortably nestled at the bottom of the Jacques-Cartier valley, less than 25 km from Quebec city, Lac-Bauport is a small municipality of about 6,000 souls that will seduce you with its breathtaking sceneries, its first class accommodations, enticing gastronomy and world renowned tourist and recreational attractions. Québec City is the only walled city in North America and the oldest city north of the Mexican border. Founded in 1608, the city is renowned for its European charm and magnificent scenery that attracts tourists from around the world. Québec City has been designated a world heritage site by UNESCO.

In this idyllic environment, the ISCEV 2011 will offer the right balance between high scientific content and opportunities to make scientific exchanges during social events.

We are proud to have Dr. Geoffrey B. Arden deliver the Emiko Adachi Award Lecture: “The pathophysiology and treatment of diabetic retinopathy.” For the first time, ISCEV will host the Dawson Lecture, delivered by Dr. Gerald A. Fishman who will discuss

“Has electrophysiologic testing become obsolete.” We also have two keynote lectures. The first one, given by Dr. Franco Lepore, on “The dynamic visual system; development and plasticity” will be followed by a lecture from Dr. Anthony Fisher on “Signals, sources and noise: un ménage à trois.”

The main topics of the symposium are the following: (1) The dynamic visual system: development, plasticity, and disease and (2) Methods for analysis of the visual signals: biopotentials and imaging.

More than 100 communications will be presented during this week, distributed between eight oral and four poster sessions. Furthermore, to continue the tradition, an active Clinical Case session, hosted by Dr. Michael Marmor, will precede the opening of the symposium. ISCEV will also sponsor two-day courses, during the weekend prior to the symposium. Dr. Graham Holder will coordinate the course on “Clinical electrophysiology of vision,” while Dr. Serge G. Rosolen will coordinate a parallel course on “Veterinary electrophysiology and electrophysiology of laboratory animals.”

On Sunday September 18th, Lac-Bauport will also be the site of the 32th symposium of the “Société d’exploration de la vision et d’électrophysiologie” (SEVE) that will reunite the francophone scientists interested in the clinical electrophysiology of vision.

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