Tuesday
April 14

9 am – 4 pm

2020 Director’s Symposium

Held offsite at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

By invitation only!

CMA Pre-conference Study Tours – Offsite Insights

Study Tours take advantage of local expertise to help you learn more about practical approaches to apply within your institution. You will enter each site through the front door and move through them systematically to get a thorough look behind-the-scenes. You will learn about the exemplary works that fulfills our traditional mandates. The 2020 CMA National Conference offers two Full-day or two Half-day Study Tours. All tours depart from the Le Sheraton Centre Montreal Hotel. A separate fee is applicable for each tour and includes admission to all sites, guided tours, food, and transportation as specified. Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots are a must, as is a warm, water and windproof jacket or coat. Add a hat and a pair of gloves and you’ll be prepared for any weather conditions, but we’re hoping spring will have sprung! Be sure to pack your camera!

8 am – 5 pm

Registration

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Full-Day Study Tour

The Wonderful Work of Science

Ignite your mind and discover the wonders of science during this Full-day Offsite Study Tour. Presenting more than 160 cultural and scientific activities, Space for Life is Canada’s largest natural science museum complex, welcoming more than two million visitors annually. Staff will share with attendees their strategic directions and introduce attendees to each of the institutions that comprise Space for Life:

- **The Biodôme**, freshly renovated as part of the Migration project, features a new layout of the public areas and a renewed visitor experience, focused on engaging with nature;
- **The Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium**, which in 2013 moved into its brand-new boldly designed building, is where cutting-edge technologies are used to present unique experiences of the universe that are both poetic and scientific;
- **The Insectarium**, currently closed through 2021 as it undergoes its Metamorphosis, is a marriage of architecture and nature that will enable insects, plants and humans to come together and live in symbiosis.

- **The Botanical Garden**, one of the city’s jewels and recognized as one of the world’s leading botanical gardens and its new Pathway to Phytotechnologies;
To begin the day, participants will be welcomed to the Botanical Garden, where they will be given a general presentation about Space for Life. They will then be divided into two groups to facilitate discussion. The first group will begin with a tour of the Botanical Garden and the Insectarium, while the second visits the Planetarium and the Biodôme. After enjoying a boxed lunch, each group will take the other tour so that everyone can spend approximately one hour in each location.

**Fee:** $75.00. This is in addition to the all-inclusive registration fee! Open to delegates and guests. Includes admission, presentation, guided behind-the-scenes tour, boxed lunch and transportation. **Limited to 40 participants.**

### Half-Day Study Tours

1:30 – 4:30 pm  
**Inside the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts**

The **Michel de la Chenelière International Atelier for Education and Art Therapy** is one of the largest educational facilities in an art museum worldwide and a leader in the area of research and promotion of well-being through arts. Welcoming close to 350 000 participants yearly, children, adults, seniors, and marginalized persons benefit from numerous programs and resources within its spaces. Conceived in collaboration with over 450 organizations associated with schools, community groups and healthcare institutions, these programs target issues such as school perseverance rates, stigmatization, violence, discrimination, poverty, illiteracy, radicalization, racism, homophobia, homelessness, body image issues, isolation, disabilities and suicide. Through this unique behind-the-scenes tour, led by the Director of Education and Wellness at the MMFA, you will not only visit the various spaces devoted to education, culture and wellness (studios, workshops, consultation room, Art Hive, exhibition spaces, etc.) and see them in action, you will also get to meet and exchange with diverse members of the Education and Wellness team, including the MMFA’s art therapist, the first to have been hired at a museum worldwide.

**Fee:** **FREE!** Open to CMA member delegates only. Tour includes presentation(s), behind-the-scenes tour and light refreshments. **Limited to 25 participants.**
1 – 3:30 pm
The Future MEM: A New Museum in the Works!

With a new site, three times larger, and a new approach, in 2021, the Centre d’Histoire de Montréal will transform into MEM–Mémoire des Montréalais.es. This event will present the key principles to be adopted by MEM and introduce the new spaces (still under construction). MEM will serve as a public venue for interaction and discussion where visitors can share experiences, discoveries and emotions inspired by exhibitions focusing on history and urban memory.

Fee: $20. This is in addition to the all-inclusive registration fee! Open to CMA member delegates only. Includes hard hat tour and light refreshments. Attendees will make the 20-minute walk from the Hotel to MEM. Limited to 25 participants.

7 – 9 pm
Optional Evening Event

Natural History and World Cultures Cocktail Reception at the Redpath Museum

Join your colleagues at the initial social event for CMA 2020! Established in 1882, the Redpath Museum preserves and displays impressive collections that showcase the diversity of our biological, geological and cultural heritage. Among the vast collections of paleontology, zoology, and mineralogy, discover spectacular specimens of Canadian rocks, minerals, taxidermy and fossils. The World Cultures gallery features artefacts from the Americas, the Mediterranean region, Asia, Oceania and Africa, including an important collection from Ancient Egypt. As an independent unit in the Faculty of Science of McGill University, the Redpath Museum’s Victorian architecture and ambiance will charm you: imagine yourself in the 19th century among researchers and students discussing Canadian dinosaurs while enjoying bouchées and cocktails. Guests will have access to all the galleries with background musical entertainment provided by McGill’s Tabla Ensemble.

Fee: $50. Open to delegates and guests. Fee includes gallery access, musical performance, bouchées and two complimentary glasses of wine or beer. Transportation not provided as it is only a short 10-minute walk from the Sheraton Centre Montreal Hotel.