

OLYMPIC FEVER

APCO Canada 2010 Conference, Vancouver BC

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As we approach the final two months of preparation for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the pace of final preparation and planning is reaching its zenith. The confirmatory exercises have occurred, and front line training is the order of the day. Excitement is growing and for all of you who may be traveling here for the games, all indications are this will be an absolutely fabulous world-class event. Olympic fever has struck!

For public safety communications the Olympics are an enormous opportunity to showcase the interoperability that is in place in the Lower Mainland and Whistler regions. Combining that with the dedication and extraordinary amount of co-operation between local, regional, provincial, and federal authorities we are all looking forward to fulfilling our goal of providing a safe and secure games. As the 2010 APCO Canada conference organizing committee announced in Regina, our theme for the 2010 conference is “Olympic Fever – Managing Large Scale Events for Public Safety.”

Our conference will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from November 15th to November 18th, 2010. This conference is strategically timed to take advantage of the post-Olympic timeframe, and share lessons learned with the public safety communications industry. Our venue is the majestic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver in which all conference sessions, the tradeshow, and other planned social events will take place. The Hotel Vancouver is located right in the heart of world-class shopping, entertainment, and dining! Session and event planning are well underway and the conference website is up and running.

You also may have noticed that we have adjusted the dates of the 2010 conference from previous years. This was done for several reasons including the ability for APCO Canada to take advantage of an extraordinary room rate of \$179 per night for conference attendees! This is fantastic news for everyone’s budgets and for the opportunity to stay in a luxurious Fairmont hotel. In addition, starting the conference on a Tuesday allows delegates, vendors, and guests to travel during the workweek (if they so desire) or enjoy the weekends before or after the conference in our beautiful city.

We are also taking advantage of social media to help you keep in touch with what’s happening at the 2010 conference. You can follow us on our website, Twitter, and Facebook! Our website and Facebook page will shortly include a full photo blog of the venue including plenary session rooms, trade show space, and conference facilities.

The APCO Canada 2010 Conference Committee would like to cordially invite you to visit beautiful Vancouver, BC, November 15th–18th 2010 for the APCO Canada 2010 conference and tradeshow! Book early to take advantage of early-bird registration!

We look forward to seeing you in November next year!

APCO Canada would like to announce a Call for Presentations for the Vancouver 2010 Conference--deadline for these submissions is March 15, 2010.