



## Specialist Conferences

**Second-day technical tour on September 17, 2010:**  
Baie Lavallière, Lac Saint-Pierre, World Biosphere Reserve and historical sites (Deschambault) on the north shore of the Saint Lawrence River from Quebec to Montreal.



From the hotel Manoir Victoria, Quebec City, we move to the region of Deschambault where you can enjoy the panorama of the St. Lawrence River and a short tour of the historic buildings of this village.



Afterwards, we move to Saint-Thuribe, cradle of the Niagaretté River. A visit of a restored site: agricultural pollution on the scale of small watersheds: marshes to filter water from dairies, buffer strips and retention ponds for sediment will provide the opportunity to learn more about the different methods used for site remediation.

We then travel to Sainte-Anne-de-Sorel for lunch. Located on the banks of the channel island of “Embarras”, this restaurant is the ideal place to taste typical regional dishes such as rabbit stew of the islands of Sorel, roasted yellow perch, golden roast, etc., and all in a warm traditionally Quebecois atmosphere.



After lunch, we visit the Bay Lavalliere which is located near the mouth of the Yamaska River, on the southern shore of Lac Saint-Pierre. Bay Lavalliere is a major natural habitat. It is composed of marshes, swamps and flooded farmland. In 1998, the territory of the Bay Lavalliere was recognized as a RAMSAR site and since the year 2000, it is part of the Lac Saint-Pierre world biosphere reserve. A one hour excursion by boat in the marshes as well as a description of the Sorel Archipelago (historical and natural attractions), and guided hike (indigenous flora and invasive plants, etc.) are proposed. Brief presentations of research projects carried out in the area: St. Francois Bay and Pot-au-Beurre River will also be conducted.



At the end of the day, we travel to Montreal (Montreal Bus Terminal, 6:00 pm, <http://www.stationcentrale.com/en/bienvenue/default.aspx>) from where some participants can connect to their hotels to participate to the IWA World Water Congress or to PET International Airport. Buses return to Quebec City (Quebec City Bus Terminal, Gare du Palais).

