



**Promoting the Dream**

**18<sup>th</sup> World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children**  
**August 3 - 7, 2009**  
**THE SHERATON VANCOUVER WALL CENTRE HOTEL**  
**Vancouver, Canada**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Online Abstract Submission Opens	01 October 2008
Online Registration Opens	01 October 2008
Abstract and Paper Submission Deadline	19 January 2009
Author Notification of Acceptance	30 March 2009
Youth Summit Early Registration Deadline	27 March 2009
Conference Early Registration Deadline	15 May 2009
Youth Summit Registration Deadline	26 June 2009
Conference Hotel Reservation Deadline	01 July 2009
Conference Regular Registration Deadline	15 July 2009

**VANCOUVER AND ATTRACTIONS**

Vancouver is consistently ranked as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It's a city of stunning natural beauty, nestled between the snow capped Coastal Mountains and the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean, as well as being a cosmopolitan city, bustling with activity. Bring a camera to capture the breathtaking panoramic views while walking along the Seawall, relaxing in Stanley Park, or taking a boat ride to Granville Island. Imagine going sailing, playing a round of golf on an internationally-renowned golf course, and enjoying a sunset dinner with a view of the majestic mountains at Whistler/Blackcomb Resort—all in the same day!

**SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION INFORMATION**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Conference offers a tremendous opportunity to showcase your company's products, services, and achievements to one of the largest international gatherings of researchers, teachers, and administrators. More than 800 participants from around the world are expected to attend. For information regarding sponsorship and exhibition opportunities, please, contact

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**1<sup>st</sup> Announcement & Call for Papers**

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**WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

On behalf of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, Inc. and the Local Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Conference taking place in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Educators from around the world will attend. Please, join us in this unique educational and cultural experience.

This is an exciting time for those in the field of education for high-ability children. The 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Conference will be a great opportunity for teachers, researchers, parents, and students from around the world to share the most up-to-date information regarding the science and advances in programs and practice. Many specialists from a wide range of disciplines will participate in the program, and their presentations will provide participants with information on the latest developments. A special Youth Summit will be held during the week with exciting topics of great interest to young investigators.

In addition to the outstanding Scientific Program, visitors will be able to enjoy the culture and sights of Vancouver and surrounding areas. Your options are limitless with the Vancouver Aquarium, the Capilano Suspension Bridge, fantastic views from Vancouver Lookout Tower, Grouse Mountain, Science World, Stanley Park, many fantastic restaurants and shopping areas, the beautiful Pacific Ocean, or a short ferry trip to Vancouver Island. There are many excursions to suit your interests. August is a wonderful time to visit, and we encourage you to extend your trip and get to know the rest of British Columbia, as well.

We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver for a stimulating and enjoyable Conference.

**Janice Leroux, PhD | Chair**  
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- Conference Chair:** Dr. Janice Leroux
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## 18<sup>th</sup> World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The **18<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children** is the largest international gathering of teachers, administrators, faculty, researchers, and parents in the field of gifted and talented learners. Those interested in all aspects of this field, from experienced teachers to junior teachers, faculty members to administrators, human resource promoters to parent advocates, are all encouraged to attend this Conference.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Share and discuss recent advances in programs, planning, and practices in the field of high-ability learners
- Review advances in classroom practice and how they apply to personalizing your teaching
- Discuss administrative options emerging throughout the world
- Review developments in parenting for families with special needs children
- Provide youth summit activities to increase skills and networking in high-ability learners
- Support the career development of educators and researchers with an interest in gifted and talented children

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Keynote Speakers
- Featured Sessions
- Workshops
- Debates
- Panel Discussions
- Symposia
- Parent Strand
- Poster Display
- Youth Summit (off-site)
- Networking Social Events

For up-to-date Program information, please, visit the Conference website at [www.worldgifted2009.com](http://www.worldgifted2009.com).

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- **Dr. Lloyd Axworthy** (Canada), President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg
- **Robert Bateman** (Canada), artist and naturalist
- **Dr. John Geake** (United Kingdom), researcher and educator
- **Dr. Lannie Kanasky** (Canada), researcher and educator
- **Janet Matthews** (Canada), inspirational speaker and author
- **Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli** (USA), researcher and educator

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

Abstracts and Papers for the **18<sup>th</sup> World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children** will be accepted by online submission beginning October 1, 2008. More information, including detailed submission guidelines and subject classifications, can be found on the Conference website at [www.worldgifted2009.com](http://www.worldgifted2009.com).

**ABSTRACT AND PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 19 January 2009.**

### YOUTH SUMMIT

The Youth Summit will unite 180 young students from around the world for a week of exciting programming. Participants will

- meet like-minded students from around the world (57 countries represented at the 2007 Conference);
- be inspired by keynote speakers, such as Simon Jackson, founder of the Spirit Bear Youth Coalition ([http://speakers.ca/jackson\\_simon.aspx](http://speakers.ca/jackson_simon.aspx)), Elizabeth Torres, poet and motivational speaker (<http://poet.oflight.org/>), and Dr. Joseph Renzulli, as well as other leaders in Gifted Education;
- enjoy student living at the University of British Columbia's scenic campus ([www.ubconferences.com](http://www.ubconferences.com)); and
- investigate, problem-solve, and create action plans that will unite students from around the world in realizing a dream for a better future.

Registration for 15 to 18-year-olds begins in October 2008.

#### Youth Summit Early Registration Fees (all fees in Canadian dollars)

01 October 2008 - 27 March 2009

Youth Summit Registration (includes all accommodation and meals)	\$495.00
Youth Summit Vancouver Activities Fee	\$150.00



For more information on the Youth Summit, please, contact Pegi Furanna-McIntosh at [pfuranna@ndrs.org](mailto:pfuranna@ndrs.org).

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration will open on October 1, 2008. For further information, please, visit the Registration Information section of the website at [www.worldgifted2009.com](http://www.worldgifted2009.com). If you wish to receive a copy of the registration package, along with a more complete description of the Conference, please, complete and return the self-addressed reply card found within this brochure.

#### Early Registration Fees (all fees in Canadian dollars)

01 October 2008 - 15 May 2009

Member Fee	\$485.00
Non-Member Fee	\$585.00
Student Fee	\$260.00

For more information on Registration, please, visit the Conference website or contact [conference@world-gifted.org](mailto:conference@world-gifted.org).

### CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

#### The Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre ★★ ★★

1088 Burrard Street, Vancouver

Located in the midst of dynamic, "Spectacular-by-Nature" Vancouver, the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel is a striking environment that embodies the classic "Art of a Fine Hotel". On arrival to the grand courtyard, it is apparent that this Sheraton is a sanctuary that soothes the senses with its spectacular gardens, cascading water, and Roman-styled, hand-laid paving stones, which provide a dramatic counterpoint to the hotel's stunning architecture and innovative glass design.

Sheraton guests find themselves in the heart of Vancouver, surrounded by the boutiques of trendy Robson Street and Yaletown, outdoor markets, clubs, art galleries, and theatres, along with a wide variety of local and international dining choices. Guestrooms, with floor to ceiling windows and dazzling panoramic vistas, exhibit distinctive furnishings, duvets, and superior bedding.

The Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel has been contracted by the WCGTC 2009 to offer discounted room rates to Conference attendees. Room rates and reservation information will be available in October 2008. For additional information on accommodations, please, refer to [www.worldgifted2009.com](http://www.worldgifted2009.com).

