

## PROPOSAL TO HOST THE 2020 GEOSTATISTICS CONGRESS IN TORONTO, CANADA

### WHO

R. Mohan Srivastava and Dolly Reisman are offering to plan and coordinate the 11<sup>th</sup> International Geostatistics Congress, and to host it in Toronto, Canada.

### WHEN

September is the perfect time of year to be in Toronto, the season often referred to as “Indian Summer” ... blue skies, comfortable temperatures, beautiful fall colours. A five-day conference could be run any time from the week of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, to the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### WHERE

The technical sessions will be held at one of the downtown universities (University of Toronto or Ryerson University) that has a tiered-theatre lecture hall that can seat up to 300 people, and three additional rooms that can each accommodate 100 people (for parallel sessions and poster sessions).

There is abundant hotel room accommodation in the downtown area, with many options ranging from hostels to five-star hotels.

### WHY

Toronto is the financial hub of the international mining industry, and home to many mining companies and engineering consulting firms that use geostatistics on a regular basis. Canada’s Nuclear Waste Management Organization is also based in Toronto, and has nurtured the development of new geostatistical simulation methods for fracture modeling. Near Toronto there are more than a dozen academic institutions that teach geostatistics and/or use it in research.

With strong ties to government and industry, the organizers expect to do well in attracting financial support that will help defray the direct registration cost to participants. With many users of geostatistics within a short trip of Toronto, we expect to do well in attracting participants.

Air Canada has offered airfares that are discounted 10-20% from their regular airfares. These apply to any flight into Toronto within a month of the conference, on any of Air Canada’s services, including their low-cost airlines, Rouge and Jazz. Toronto, Ontario and Canada are great summer and fall vacation destinations, and anyone who wants to add vacation time to the front or back of their trip to the 2020 Geostatistics Congress can use the discounted fares for themselves and their family.

The final, and most important reason to choose Toronto as the venue for the next Congress is that close analysis of the locations of the venues of all of the previous congresses reveals a secret message in the style of the Da Vinci Code ...



... now that’s just spooky!