

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Prince Edward Island Branch of the Atlantic Planners Institute will be hosting the 2008 API Conference in Charlottetown from October 22 to 24, with the theme of the "Sustainability of Traditional Settlement Patterns in the 21st Century".

The Atlantic provinces are steeped in tradition and cherish many of the traditional ways of life. At the same time they wish to develop modern, contemporary societies that can successfully compete on a global basis. Can traditional settlement patterns and economic activities meet both of those objectives? Are small, diverse and dispersed communities capable of competing against, or thriving with, the mega-centres that are the engines of the world's economies?

In an attempt to address the broad issues surrounding continuing attempts to walk the line between traditional economies and settlement patterns in Atlantic Canada and the need for new, innovative, sustainable ways of living, working and prospering in a rapidly expanding world, we are seeking to bring together a series of provocative ideas to stimulate thought and discussion at the conference.

To that end, the selected sub-themes for the conference will be:

- Settlement sustainability
- Governance - municipal/regional/provincial
- Energy Costs - new/alternative technologies
- Natural resources - primary industries

We would appreciate receiving **submission summaries** (200 words +/-) for conference presentations by **June 16, 2008**.

For submissions or further information, please contact **Jack Saunders MCIP**, Conference Committee Co-chair, in Charlottetown at mjsaunders@gov.pe.ca or 902-368-4220, weekdays 8:00am to 4:30pm.