



**IFPRI**

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Research Institute

**46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**June 15-19, 2024**

**Toronto Hilton Hotel**

**Toronto, Ontario Canada**

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# 46<sup>th</sup> AGM Notes and Directions

This year our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Toronto, Ontario Canada at the Toronto Hilton Hotel. Like our last two AGMs held in 2022 in Brussels, Belgium and in 2023 in Lafayette, IN USA , this AGM will also be a hybrid meeting with a portion of the meeting being both in-person and virtual. All times for the meeting are listed in US Eastern Daylight Savings Time (New York time). The sections highlighted in light gray will be available by zoom to those who are not able to attend the meeting in Toronto. During the pandemic we also learned that we can have a business meeting separate from the AGM and we will be doing so again in this meeting with our Business Meeting on June 5, 2024 being virtual. We also learned that having at least some portion of the meeting being virtual would allow more members to attend the meeting. Please note that this will our third hybrid meeting with many of the presentations and discussions available as a Zoom broadcast. We have made some adjustments to make the virtual portion of the meeting be better for those virtual attendees. On Monday and Tuesday the Academic Poster Presentations will be presented. For those in attendance you will be assigned a group for the poster sessions. For the virtual sessions there will be a Zoom room to allow you see the posters and ask questions of the academic presenters. Please note, that due to scheduling constraints with the hotel venue our meeting will start on a Saturday and not the normal Sunday start. The meeting will still be 5 days, but the meeting will end on Wednesday and not on Thursday as it normally would.

We will be in the Toronto downtown area with a tremendous variety of restaurants within walking distance.

As always, we will be having a number of happy hours during the meeting. On Friday June 14 we will have a welcoming happy hour at the Toronto Hilton Hotel. On Saturday June 15 we will combine our happy hour with the traditional IFPRI beer tasting competition. Be prepared to taste a number of good local beers and practice your poetry skills. After the meeting on Sunday we will have a sporting event and happy hour.

On Monday we will have our student poster session in the evening. On Tuesday we will have the banquet at the hotel.

We will close the meeting on Wednesday day with voting on project renewals, new projects to be funded and new proposals. We will also be discussing the succession candidates for IFPRI President, Technical Chairperson, and Vice Technical Chairperson and voting on those positions.

## **Annual General Meeting Site, Hotel Reservations, and Directions**

The workshop will be held at the Toronto Hilton Hotel located at 145 Richmond St. West in downtown Toronto. Phone number 844-208-8339. We have negotiated a conference rate for rooms at \$329/night CAD (Canadian dollars), but rooms have to be reserved by May 13, 2024 to

get that rate. Please note that hotels are quite pricey in Toronto, but there are many to choose from close to the venue, if you would like to consider other options. The link for rooms at the IFPRI rate is <https://book.passkey.com/go/IFPRIAnnualGeneralMeeting2024>.

Most of us will be coming to the meeting through the Toronto Pearson Airport. You have two options to get from Pearson Airport to the hotel. A cab from the airport to the hotel takes about 30 minutes (except during rush hour) and costs about \$70 CAD. Alternatively, you can take the train from the airport to Union Station (about 30 minutes) and walk about 1.1 km to the hotel. The cost for the train from the airport to Union Station is about \$12 CAD one way. You can reserve tickets on the train at the following link for any day ([https://www.upexpress.com/en/buy-tickets?%3F=&utm\\_campaign=UP%20Express%20Masterbrand&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=sem\\_paid&utm\\_term=conversion&utm\\_term=EN-US-Inbound&gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KQCjwztOwBhD7ARIsAPDKnkAHxfA\\_eFigqmQ04pDfX15tQq3h1mRBQ-qH4JKEHihdeyUAceOAKTkaAsP5EALw\\_wcB&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.upexpress.com/en/buy-tickets?%3F=&utm_campaign=UP%20Express%20Masterbrand&utm_source=google&utm_medium=sem_paid&utm_term=conversion&utm_term=EN-US-Inbound&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KQCjwztOwBhD7ARIsAPDKnkAHxfA_eFigqmQ04pDfX15tQq3h1mRBQ-qH4JKEHihdeyUAceOAKTkaAsP5EALw_wcB&gclid=aw.ds)).

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## 2024 IFPRI Annual General Meeting Overview

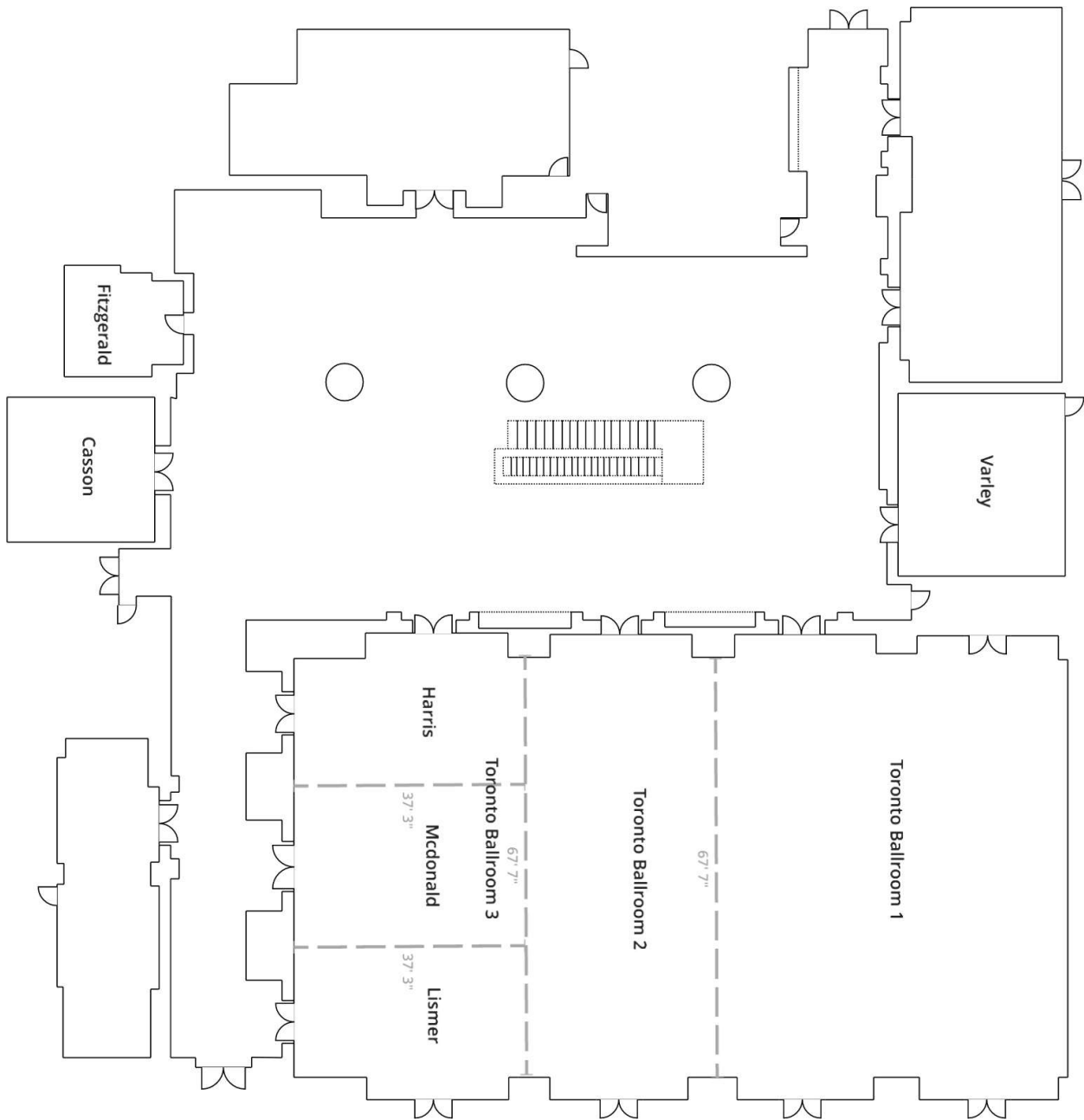
Toronto Ballroom 1

Toronto Hilton

First Business Meeting (Virtual) on Wednesday, June 5 from 8:30-10:30 EDT

All Participants		Members & Consultants Only		Social Program
Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<i>Forward Look</i>	<i>Program Review &amp; Ideation: Formation, Size Reduction, Characterization</i>	<i>Program Review &amp; Ideation: Wet, Dry, Systems Engineering</i>	<i>Technical Program Development</i>	<i>Technical Program Definition &amp; Final Business Meeting</i>
Introductions	Project Talks	Project Talks	Review of New Briefs	Prioritization of New and Renewal Proposals
Reviews	Project Posters	Project Posters	Discussion of Ongoing Projects	Prioritization of New Briefs
Plenary Talks	Ideation Sessions	Ideation Sessions	Members' Discussion of Ongoing Projects & Renewals	Budget Discussion and Final Project Selections
Review of New Proposals	Brief Writing	Brief Writing	Roundtable Discussion of Technical Program	Final Business Meeting
Happy Hour	Happy Hour & Sporting Event	Student Poster Session	Banquet	

Breakfast and Lunch are served in Toronto Ballroom 2



Map of Toronto Hilton Conference Rooms