



# IWOCA 2021

# Ottawa, Canada



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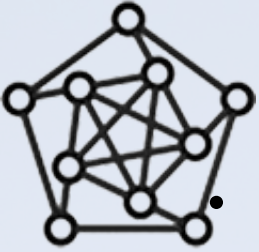




# IWOCA 2021 in Ottawa

- [IWOCA](#) for the second time in Canada, third time in North America.
- Chaired by [Paola Flocchini](#) and [Lucia Moura](#) from the University of Ottawa.
- Local support from the Algorithms and Theoretical Computer Science groups, [School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science](#), University of Ottawa.





# Ottawa

- OTTAWA is the capital of Canada, located 200 km to the West of Montreal and 450 Km to the East of Toronto.
- [OTTAWA](#) is a safe city, with many museums, parks, two rivers and the Rideau canal, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The [University of Ottawa](#) is located downtown, where there are many hotels, restaurants and several touristic sites can be reached by foot (Parliament Hill, Rideau canal, Byward Market, art galleries, museums, etc)
- The [Ottawa International Airport](#) in normal times has direct flights to Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Washington DC, Newark, Chicago, London-Heathrow, Frankfurt, and others.
- The government of Canada and local health authorities are considered trustworthy at a time of world pandemics.







## PROPOSED DATES

[IWOCA Conference](#) **July 5-7, 2021** *(updated)*

**Submission deadline** ~ February 21, 2021

[GraphMasters / StringMasters](#) **July 8, 2021**

## VENUE

STEM building

[University](#) of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

## LOCAL ORGANIZATION

[Vida Dujmovic](#), University of Ottawa

Paola Flocchini, University of Ottawa

Lucia Moura, University of Ottawa

(more people to be added)

## EXPECTED FEES

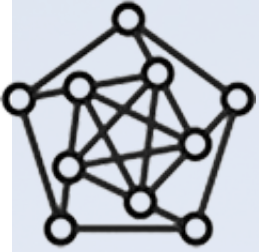
~ same as 2019

## PC-CHAIRS

[Paola Flocchini](#), University of Ottawa, CA

[Lucia Moura](#), University of Ottawa, CA





## **AWARDS**

Best paper award

Best student paper award

## **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:**

Springer LNCS

Lecture Notes in Computer Science

## **JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE:**

To be arranged

## **LOCAL SUPPORT FOR RELATED WORKSHOPS:**

[GraphMasters](#) (contact Alessio Conte)

[StringMasters](#) (contact Travis Gagie)

July 8, 2021 (updated to be the day after IWOCA)







# COVID-19 pandemic

If the pandemic is still an issue but if it is safe to run the conference onsite, we will take precautions:

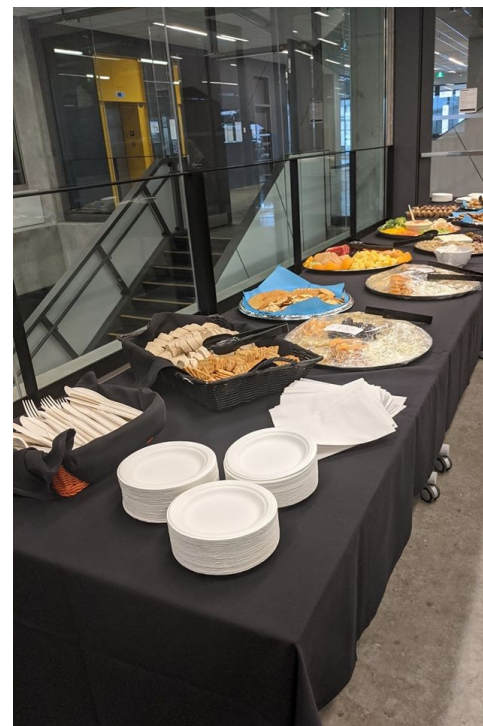
- Setup the conference room allowing physical distancing.
- Rely on health guidelines from the University of Ottawa health and safety.
- Adapt to the current situation, for example give preference to walking distance excursion/tour in open air.

If it ends up being not safe to run the conference on-site we will be prepared to run it online.





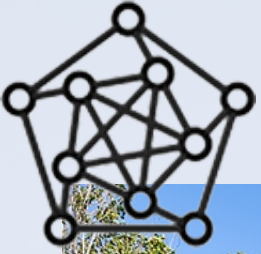
**The conference room (capacity  $\pm 120$  people);**  
Its flexible layout allows for setup with physical distancing



Photos from [Uottawa Women in Mathematics](#)



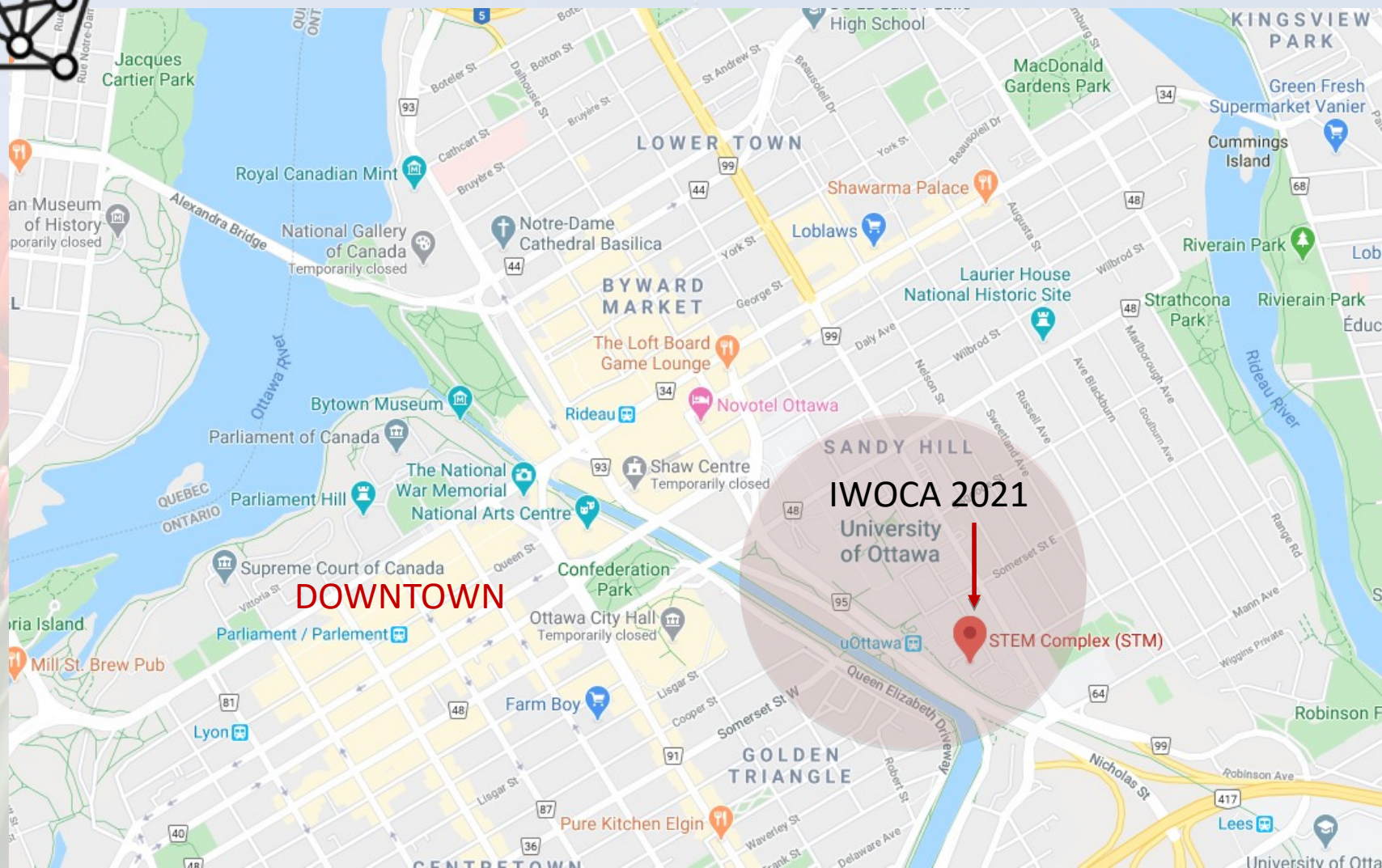
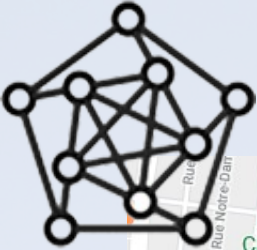




# uOttawa and STEM building are steps from the Rideau Canal



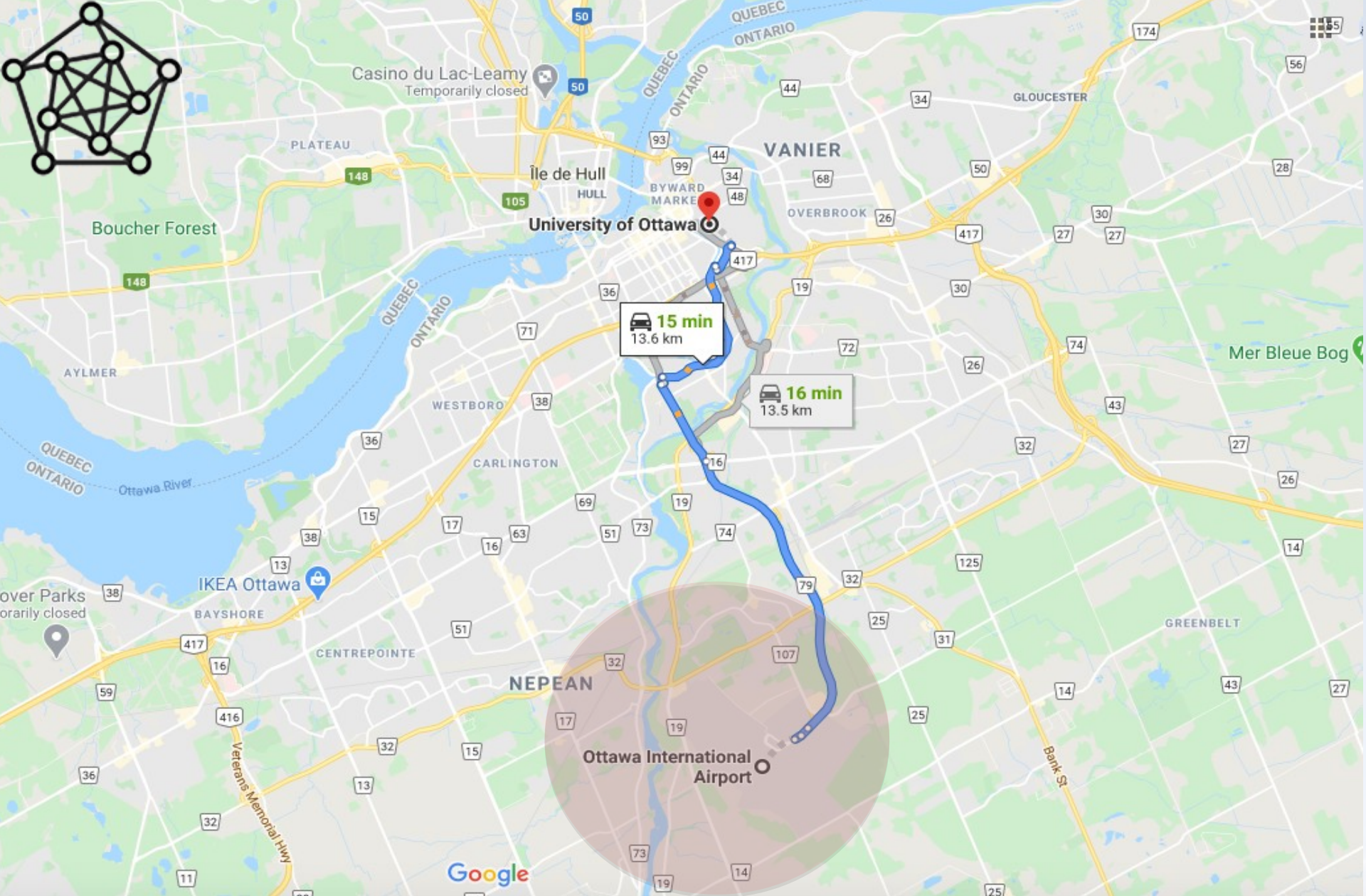
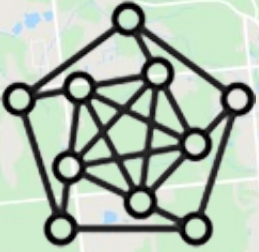




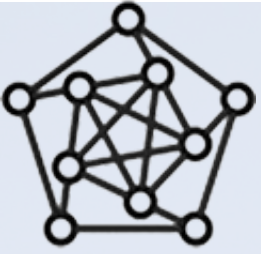










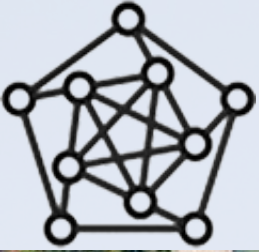


# OTTAWA

## Parliament Hill view from the Ottawa River







# OTTAWA Parliament Hill



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# RIDEAU CANAL, VIEW OF THE PARLIAMMENT



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# UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA a downtown campus



photo from the [University of Ottawa](https://www.uottawa.ca/)







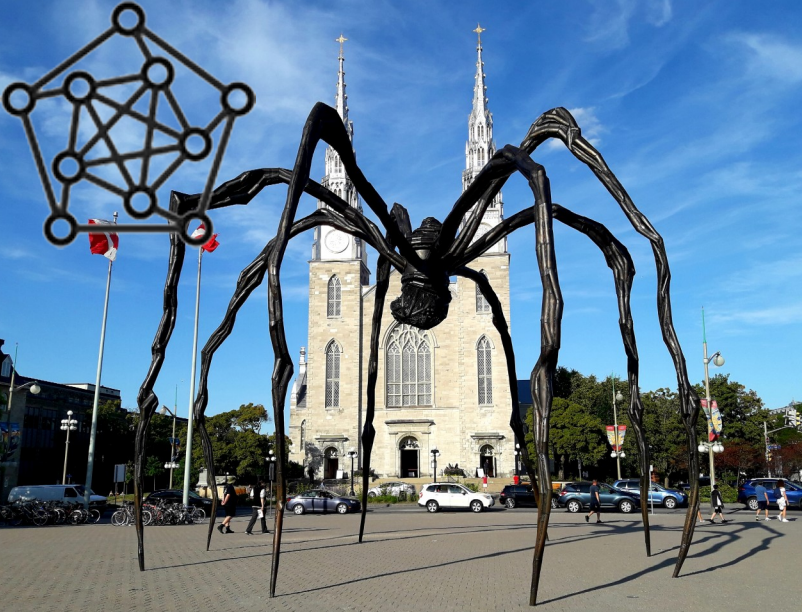
# RIDEAU CANAL: locks leading to the Ottawa River



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# Gatineau Park

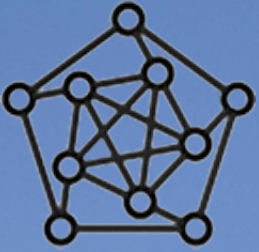
Canada's Capital Region's conservation park.



photos from [NCC Gatineau Park](#)







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# 32<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop On Combinatorial Algorithms

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