IWOCA 2021 in Ottawa

• **IWOCA** for the second time in Canada, third time in North America.

• Chaired by [Paola Flocchini](https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?aid=70063576323) and [Lucia Moura](https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?aid=70063576324) from the University of Ottawa.

• Local support from the Algorithms and Theoretical Computer Science groups, [School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science](https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?aid=70063576327), 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 pandemics 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 begin not safe to run the conference on-site we will be prepared to run it online.
The conference room (capacity ±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

Photos from https://perkinswill.com/project/stem/
MANY HOTELS AT WALKING DISTANCE (price in Canadian dollars)
OTTAWA  Parliament Hill view from the Ottawa River

photo from ottawatourism.ca
OTTAWA  Parliament Hill

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RIDEAU CANAL, VIEW OF THE PARLIAMENT

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RIDEAU CANAL: locks leading to the Ottawa River

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32nd International Workshop On Combinatorial Algorithms

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