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FIRST INTERNATIONAL
**WOLF & CARNIVORE
CONFERENCE** OCTOBER
23-24 • 2012
THOMPSON, MANITOBA, CANADA
The Wolf Capital of Canada

WOLVES AS AN ECOLOGICAL & ECONOMIC ASSET

Northern Manitoba is a pristine wilderness area with few people and unknown number of wolves that prey on moose, caribou, and sporadically on polar bear cubs along the coast of Hudson Bay. Proposed new roads, mines, hydro dams, and electrical corridors may change the ecosystem forever. What research should happen before irreversible

changes occur? Can Manitoba shape best wolf management policies? Can Aboriginal traditional knowledge provide direction?

Wolf science, research, conservation, ecotourism and more will be discussed. Dialogue with some of the top wolf and polar bear experts in Canada, USA and Russia.
Space is Limited. Book Early!

Keynote Speakers:*

Dave
MECH

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Marco
MUSIANI

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Nikita
OVSYANIKOV

RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Paul
PAQUET

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

OPTIONAL:
Charter trip to Churchill
Polar Bear Capital of the World



*Some speakers are pending. All to be confirmed on www.thompsonspiritway.ca

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WELCOME!

Northern Manitoba, Canada is a 170,000 sq. mile area of dense boreal forest and taiga wilderness with thousands of lakes and rivers that stretch to edge of the Arctic and Hudson Bay. The region is larger than the state of California, yet only holds 81,000 people in small isolated communities. Manitoba's "North" is inhabited with caribou, moose, wolves, black bears and polar bears. This region is rugged, beautiful, and largely untouched and unstudied regarding wolves.

Thompson is the "Hub"... a modern city of 16,000 with many urban amenities - shopping malls, hotels, airport, regional hospital, and a new university campus underway. Thompson is linked to Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba 485 miles south, by a paved highway, daily bus service, and an 1 1/2 hour flight several times a day. Thompson is also the gateway by train or air to Churchill, *the World's Beluga Whale and Polar Bear Capital*.



CONFERENCE

Thompson is attracting attention due to its isolated location, virgin surroundings, and opportunities for scientific wildlife research and eco-tourism in conjunction with a state-of-the-art new university campus to open in 2013. This conference will explore the role of wolves in northern ecosystem dynamics. What should be studied here before large scale development projects occur? How will climate change impact wolves and the survival of polar bears in Canada? Who can support more research? Will ecotourism visitations grow? What has been learned in other regions? What are global trends in wolf management? These are some of the issues to be discussed.

CONFERENCE VENUE: RIVERLODGE PLACE, JASPER DRIVE. Near McCreedy Campground.



SPEAKERS

Thompson's First International *Wolf & Carnivore Conference* hosts these many experts:

Rick Baydack: University of Manitoba & The Wildlife Society.

Daryll Hedman: Wildlife Manager, Manitoba Conservation: Polar Bear Alert Program that was established to protect polar bears and the public in Churchill, Manitoba.

Dave Mech: University of Minneapolis, USA, world renowned wolf research scientist.

Marco Musiani: University of Calgary: Wolf ecology and ecosystem management findings from the books: *'The World of Wolves'* and *'A New Era for Wolves and People'*.

Paul C. Paquet: Scientist, researcher, professor, author of 100 reports, articles and books. Recognized authority on wolves. Serves on various international organizations including IUCN, WWF, LCI.

Nikita Ovsyanikov: Russian Academy of Sciences: Survival strategy of polar bears during global warming period, and how they may deal with terrestrial wildlife and wolves in particular.

Speaker updates will be posted on www.thompsonspiritway.ca



THEMES

This conference will be of interest to natural and social scientists, conservationists, students, wildlife managers, environmental planners, and to people in eco-tourism. Other groups and individuals interested in wolves as captivating animals are welcome. Themes of discussion are:

- 1- Wolf Ecology, Management, & Policies.
- 2 - Wolves & Polar Bear dynamics along the coast of the Hudson Bay.
- 3 - Defining a *Wolf and Carnivore Centre of Excellence*.
- 4 - Current & future Wolf Research Projects in unstudied regions.



CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS

Researchers or students who would like to present a scientific paper or poster to an exclusive audience should contact **Kathryn McNaughton, V.P., University College of the North** (www.ucn.ca). Accepted papers may be published. Email PDF or MS Word files to kmcnaughton@ucn.ca

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THEME - WOLVES AS AN ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ASSET.

Tues. & Wed., October 23-24, 2012. Thompson, Manitoba, CANADA

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• REGISTRATION FORM. *Thompson Unlimited. Toll Free: 1-866-965-3386. wolfconf@yahoo.com*

(Includes presentations, keynotes, poster viewing, bus shuttle from hotel to Riverlodge Place, meals for 2 days.

NAME (for name tag): _____

REPRESENTING: _____

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CITY: _____ PROVINCE/STATE: _____ CODE: _____

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: REG. \$330 pp. STUDENT \$239. (with meals for 2 days). DEADLINE: June 30, 2012 \$ _____

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GUIDED BUS TOUR of Thompson, new campus, wolf mural, etc. Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. 4:30 pm. \$20 pp \$ _____

AIR CHARTER TO CHURCHILL - Tundra Buggy tour to see polar bears & visit Northern Studies Centre. **See back page.**

PAYMENT

Bank Check or Money Order (full amount required). Payable to "Spirit Way Inc." TOTAL of above \$ _____

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REFUNDS on registration will apply only if written or email notification is received by September 15, 2012 to wolfconf@yahoo.com

PRIORITY AREAS OF YOUR **WOLF** INTEREST (Check all that apply):

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or **FAX to** - Thompson Unlimited. Fax 1-204- 677-1909.

or **SCAN & EMAIL to** - wolfconf@yahoo.com

• ACCOMMODATION. Info Only. Reservation Code: "Wolf & Carnivore"

Attendees are responsible for their own transportation to Thompson & accommodation. Hotel space in Thompson is limited.

Best Western Thompson Hotel & Suites: Ph. 204-778-8887 • Toll Free 1-855-778-8880 • www.bestwesternthompson.com

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Other hotels include: Interior Inn, Meridian Hotel, Northern Inn, Thompson Inn

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