



ICFHR 2018 Proposal  
August 6-10, 2018  
Rochester, New York, USA

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High Falls in  
Downtown Rochester

# Committees

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## **Competition Program Chairs**

Harold Mouchère  
*(additional chairs TBD)*

University of Nantes, France

## **Tutorial, Workshop, Publicity Chairs, etc.**

*TBD*

**Our sincerest thanks to everyone above, all of whom agreed to be included on short notice**

# Frontiers of Handwriting Recognition: The Story So Far

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- 1st 1990 Montréal, Canada (first IWFHR)**
- 2nd 1991 Chateau de Bonas, France
- 3rd 1993 Buffalo, NY, USA**
- 4th 1994 Taipei, China
- 5th 1996 Colchester, UK
- 6th 1998 Taejon, Korea
- 7th 2000 Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 8th 2002 Niagara on the Lake, Canada**
- 9th 2004 Tokyo, Japan
- 10th 2006 La Baule, France
- 11th 2008 Montréal, Canada (first ICFHR)**
- 12th 2010 Kolkata, India
- 13th 2012 Bari, Italy
- 14th 2014 Crete, Greece
- 15th 2016 Shenzhen, China
- 16th 2018 Rochester, NY, USA\***

Rochester would be the fifth North American city to host IWFHR/ICFHR, but only the second American city after Buffalo, 25 years earlier.



# U.S. Visa Information

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Citizens of 40 countries are able to enter the United States without a visa for 90 days or less either directly (e.g. for Canadians) or through the U.S. Visa Waiver Program (VWP).

Citizens from countries not belonging to the VWP will require a visa.

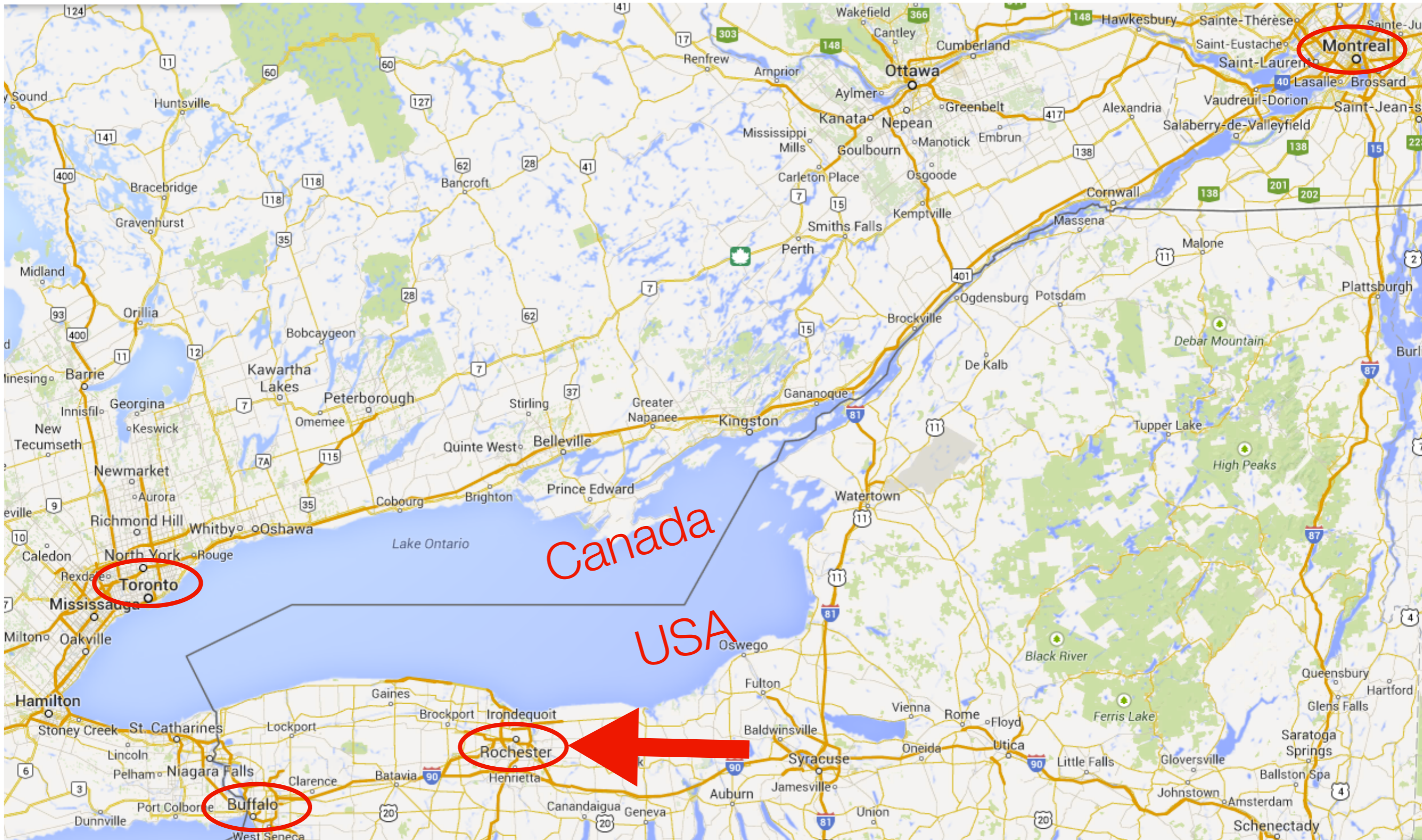
The organizing committee will provide letters of support where needed to secure a visa.

# Where in the World is Rochester, New York?



# Rochester, New York

(also circled: Buffalo, Toronto and Montreal)



# Rochester Weather in August

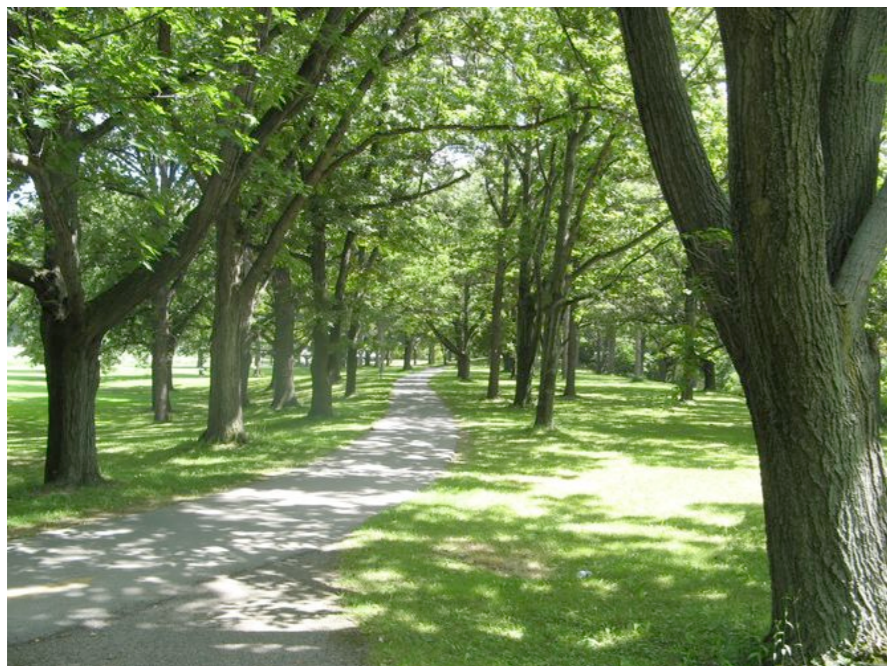
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August is in the middle of **summer** in Rochester.

avg. daily high: 27° Celsius (80° Fahrenheit)

avg. daily low: 15° Celsius (60° Fahrenheit)

Rochester is beautiful in the summertime. Often it is warm without being humid during the day, with temperatures cooling off in the evening.



*Genesee Valley Park*

*RIT Campus*





# About Rochester

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Rochester, New York is the third-largest city in New York State. In addition to the city's natural beauty, we believe that the city's **relationship with the history of imaging** will be of great interest to participants.

*“For decades, Rochester was known as the imaging capital of the world, and its scientists and engineers were awarded more patents per capita than nearly any other city in the United States. Innovation and invention by Rochester's imaging companies paved the way for the world we now live in, from medical testing to space exploration, digital capture and transmission, and more.” (from Eastman House Museum web pages)*

Rochester is the home of Eastman Kodak, and both Xerox and Bausch and Lomb have operations in Rochester. As recently as the 1990's tens of thousands in the Rochester area worked for these companies.



# Conference Site: The Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)



*Atrium of the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. The modern auditorium in which oral presentations will be given is beside the atrium.*

*An elevator is available near the stairwell shown in the picture.*

Founded in 1829, RIT is a privately endowed university with eight colleges emphasizing career education and experiential learning. The RIT student body consists of approximately 11,400 full-time and 1,600 part-time undergraduate students, and 2,350 graduate students. In addition to its strong engineering, computing and imaging programs, seven RIT alumni have won **eleven Pulitzer Prizes for photography**.

**Cary Library:** collection of rare books and materials pertinent to printing and typography (type design); Hermann Zapf & Chuck Bigelow and Kris Holmes (designers of the Lucida font family) have worked as faculty at RIT. Available for visits during the conference.

**Wifi is available throughout the RIT campus.**

# Accommodation

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**Left:** The courtyard at Global Village on the RIT campus. Global village is a modern facility with apartments, shops and restaurants surrounding the courtyard. **Right:** Radisson Inn on the RIT campus

- Global village on the RIT campus (2-3 minutes to conf. site) < \$57/night
- Radisson Inn on edge of RIT Campus (15-20 mins to conf. site) \$110-120 a night - *shuttle service to campus provided by the Inn*
- Other hotels also available

# Traveling to Rochester

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## Flying to Rochester (Rochester International Airport)

Regular flights to/from LaGuardia and JFK (New York City), Chicago, Newark (NJ), Washington Dulles, Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Toronto.

**Airlines:** Delta, US Airways, American Airlines, United Airlines, JetBlue, Southwest, and Air Canada

RIT Campus is about 10 mins. from Rochester International Airport by cab.

## Nearby Destinations

Buffalo (1 & 1/2 hours drive)

Niagara Falls (2 hours drive)

Toronto (3 & 1/2 hours drive)

New York City, Boston and Montréal (6 hours drive)

# Technical Program

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Tutorials: Monday Aug. 6th

Main Conference: Tuesday - Thursday (Aug. 7-9)

Two Keynote Talks

Paper Submissions: 160-200 expected

Accept: 130 (40 oral, 90 poster) ~ previous years

Competition Session

# Social Events

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**Monday:** Welcome Reception

**Tuesday night:** George Eastman House Museum

Former home of the Kodak founder, which provides a history of the company along with related technologies and developments in the city of Rochester. The museum provides exhibits of historic cameras and prints, a curated film museum, personal effects of George Eastman, and beautiful grounds complete with a large garden.

**Wednesday night:** Banquet (Vignelli Center, RIT)

The center has a banquet hall along with unique creative/technical exhibits.

Shuttle service to downtown will be provided.

*View of the gardens at George Eastman House*



# Registration Fees

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We estimate 150 participants will attend the conference.

Fees increased \$20 in all categories over ICFHR 2016 to account for inflation and other cost increases.

	IAPR Members	Non-Members	Students
Advance	\$570	\$620	\$370
On-site	\$620	\$670	\$420

# Budget (amounts shown in US \$)

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## Revenue

80,100 Registration Fees

5,000 Sponsorship

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**\$85,100 Total Revenue**

## Expenses

39,500 Social & Food (reception, banquet, Eastman House; br., lunch, breaks)

14,500 Proceedings (IEEE)

13,153 Facilities, Credit, Posters and Awards

5,000 Keynote talks

4,000 Registration packages (\$25/participant)

3,000 IAPR Sponsorship Levy

2,880 Shuttles to Eastman House, Downtown Rochester

2,800 Student help (5 students, 7 days)

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**\$84,833 Total Expenses**

**Estimated Profit: \$167**



See you in Rochester!





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