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# MEDIA ADVISORY



## Québec City to host Great Lakes Commission

- What:** 2008 Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes Commission  
For agenda and details, visit [www.glc.org/meeting](http://www.glc.org/meeting)
- When:** October 5-7, 2008
- Where:** Château Laurier Hotel, 1220 Place George-V Ouest, Québec City, QC G1R5B8
- Who:** **Premier Jean Charest** will deliver a welcome to the Great Lakes Commission at the start of proceedings at 9:00 a.m. EDT Monday, Oct. 6.

**Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry**, Chair of the Great Lakes Commission, will preside over the Annual Meeting

**Illinois Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn**, Vice Chair of the Great Lakes Commission

### Speakers:

- **Dr. Hugh J. MacIsaac**, Professor, University of Windsor
- **Robert Masson**, President, St. Lawrence Economic Development Council
- **Caroline Gravel**, Director of Environmental Affairs, Shipping Federation of Canada
- **Marc Boucher**, Government of Québec Chargé d' affaires for Chicago
- **Dr. David Lodge**, Professor, University of Notre Dame
- **James Roach**, President, JLRoach, Inc.
- **Dr. Jennifer Read**, Executive Director, Great Lakes Observing System
- **René Paquette**, Director General, Electricity Div., Québec Ministry of Natural Resources

### Topics:

- Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway shipping: Economic benefits and environmental costs
- The 400-year-old Québec-Great Lakes connection
- The Great Lakes Observing System – monitoring real-time and historical lake conditions
- Québec's investment in wind energy

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