FIELD SESSION DESCRIPTION

In 1663, the same year that Louis XIV made Quebec the capital of New France, François de Laval, the first bishop of Quebec, founded one of the most important institutions of the nascent colony: the Seminary of Quebec. The vast Seminary complex includes historic buildings from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The oldest wings, grouped around an enclosed courtyard, are particularly remarkable. The institution began as community of diocesan priests to help the first bishop establish the foundations of the Catholic Church in North America. In 1668, he also founded a minor Seminary which has evolved over the years into a private school that now offers a secondary education to both boys and girls. In 1852, the priests of the Seminary established Laval University, the first French Catholic University in North America. This field session will begin with a walking tour of the Old City, which will include many of its most important sites and historic institutions - both French and British - prior to an in-depth exploration of the Seminary, where preservation specialists will discuss restoration efforts and adaptive-use projects, past and present, including the integration of the School of Architecture of Laval University into the oldest wings of the institution.

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SCHEDULE AND MAP

October 27, 2014
Meet at **12:15 pm** at the main entrance of Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel

**12:30 pm** Old Quebec tour
A- Dufferin Terrace  
B- Cote de la Montagne  
C- Place-Royale  
D- Funicular  
E- The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity  
F- Notre-Dame-de-Québec Basilica-Cathedral

**2:15 pm**  
G- Seminary of Quebec courtyard  
H- School of Architecture of Laval University  
I- Seminary of Quebec

**3:45 pm**  
J – “La Salle des Promotions” of the Seminary of Quebec

**4:30 pm**  
*All participants must be returned to the Fairmont Château Frontenac Hotel by 4:40 pm, Opening Session and Keynote Speaker at 5:00 pm at Frontenac Room*