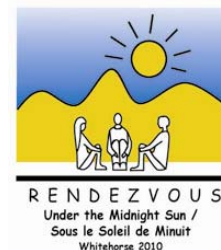


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Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Rendezvous Under the Midnight Sun

Ottawa, ON – The land of the midnight sun will host the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA), May 18 to 22 as the organization holds its 35th annual conference “North of 60” in the beautiful capital city of Whitehorse, Yukon. Professionals from across Canada will gather in this spectacular location in pursuit of leading edge professional development and continuing education. Invited speakers will present on a wide range of topics including oral language skills, autism, swallowing, counseling, ear disease, services to First Nations, fluency, palliative care, genetics, pediatric audiology testing, ototoxicity and more.

The conference kicks off with opening ceremonies on Wednesday, May 19 with Tahltan Nation Wolf Clan storyteller Rhonda Merkel. Friday, May 21 will feature the CASLPA annual general meeting and the annual CASLPA awards ceremony and dinner, which recognizes both members and non-members for their significant contributions to the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology. CASLPA is also honouring 100 long-term members who have belonged to the association for more than 25 years. Check out our website to see who is on the list from your community:

www.caslpa.ca/english/profession/25year_award.asp.

The CASLPA conference also kicks off Speech and Hearing Awareness Month, which has been celebrated throughout North America during the month of May since 1927. Millions of Canadians have a speech, language, or hearing disorder. Speech-language pathology and audiology professionals evaluate and treat people with speech, language, hearing, swallowing, balance and other related difficulties. May month generates awareness that encourages early detection and prevention of these types of disorders.

Numerous partners have helped make this conference possible, including the generous support of premium sponsors Government of Yukon, Education and Government of Yukon, Health and Social Services, preferred sponsors AON Reed Stenhouse and Pearson Clinical Assessment and a number of other speaker and refreshment break sponsors.

The Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists is a not-for-profit organization that represents the professional needs of more than 5,500 speech-language pathologists, audiologists and supportive personnel. For more information about the role these professionals play in the management of communication disorders or to find a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in your area, visit CASLPA’s website at www.speechandhearing.ca. For more information on our conference, visit www.caslpa.ca/english/events/conference.asp.

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