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Speech, Language and Hearing the Focus of CASLPA Conference

Ottawa, ON – Scenic southwestern Ontario will host the 34th annual conference of the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA), April 29 - May 2. Professionals from across Canada will gather in the Forest City, London, Ontario, in pursuit of leading edge professional knowledge. Invited speakers will present on a wide range of topics including dysphagia, autism, stuttering, evidence based practice, dementia, swallowing, cochlear implants, cerumen management, audiologic rehabilitation, auditory neuropathy and more. In addition, for the first time ever, one full day of special programming will be offered for supportive personnel.

The conference kicks off with opening ceremonies on Wednesday, April 29. Thursday, April 30 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, will be held on Friday, May 1. CASLPA is also honouring 89 long-term members who have belonged to the association for more than 25 years. These individuals, along with a group of 541 other 25+ year members, together represent 15,750 years of service to the professions and the communities and patients they serve. Check out our website to see who from your community is on the list: www.caslpa.ca/english/professions/25year_award.asp.

The CASLPA conference also kicks off Speech and Hearing Awareness Month which is celebrated throughout North America during the month of May. Millions of Canadians have a speech, language, or hearing disorder. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists are professionals who evaluate and treat people with speech, language, or hearing difficulties and May month generates awareness that encourages early detection and prevention of related disorders.

Numerous partners have helped make this conference possible, including the generous support of Exceptionalities Inc, Barbershop Singers Harmonize for Speech, Canadian Language & Literacy Research Network (CLLRNet), University of Western Ontario, Logital Inc., AON Risk Services, Starkey Labs, Lifestyles Hearing Corporation and Alberta Health Services.

The Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologists is the national voice of 5,000 professionals. A not-for-profit association, CASLPA supports the professional needs of its members, champions the interests of those who require speech, language, and hearing services and promotes awareness of how speech-language pathologists and audiologists contribute to the well being of Canadians living with communication disorders. **Visit us at www.caslpa.ca/english/events/conference.asp**

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