

Hello Siena,

Kicking off this month's newsletter, I'm delighted to share that CASC has been **awarded the RCIScience William Edmond Logan Award**, which recognizes excellence in promoting public understanding of science by a Canadian organization. You can read the full press release **here on our website**. I am delighted to share this news with all of you – our members, partners, collaborators and supporters – and I want to thank you for your countless contributions to our ongoing and growing success.

Success for CASC doesn't just look like awards of recognition, though we are honoured to be recognized for our work, and are truly greatful to be in such great company.

Congratulations to our colleagues who are also being honoured with this year's awards.

Success for us also looks like a growing ecosystem of partners and collaborators, coming together to take on some of our most pressing global challenges; It looks like a growing team of CASC staff and volunteers whose time and hard work are paving the way for a thriving science and innovation culture in Canada; and success looks like the diverse voices sitting around the table (virtual or otherwise) to learn from each other so that we can continue to inspire a joy of STEM learning.

There are plenty of opportunities to be an active participant in the CASC community, and we hope you will take some time to explore what those are. Scroll down for **membership reminders**, information about how to get involved in the **2025 CASC Annual Conference**, and what's to come at our **communities of practice**.

I also encourage you to take a minute to read more about the **impact of ScienceUpFirst's**Together Against Misinformation Week campaign – a prime example of what can happen when we come together in the name of science.

Thank you again for being here and for being a part of our success. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you,
Dr. Marianne Mader

CASC Housekeeping

- Renew your CASC memberships! It's that time of year again CASC membership renewal time. If you are the primary contact for your membership, please look out for emails about membership renewal. We appreciate your immediate attention to this and thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to another great year of exciting programs and learning opportunities.
- Help us tell your stories! We want to share the ways that our members are making an impact in your communities, and how you're advancing Canada's science and innovation culture. Send your impact stories and photos to info@casc-accs.com and we will share them here in our newsletter and on our website. Also, tag us on social media so we can reshare the amazing work of our community. content



CASC 2025 Annual Conference

> Submit your session proposals

We are now taking session proposals for the CASC 2025 Annual Conference! For more details on our theme, sub-themes and to submit your session proposal, **visit our website**. A reminder that the submission **deadline** is EOD local time on **Monday, December 9, 2024.** We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you in St. John's.

> Join the 2025 CASC conference program review committee

Interested in helping us shape the 2025 CASC Conference program? Email us at info@casc-accs.com to be part of our conference session review committee.

Thank you for making Together Against Misinformation week a success!

We're so grateful to everyone who participated in this national campaign, brought to you by ScienceUpFirst. With the support of collaborators across Canada, including many CASC members, we came together through events, programs, resources and support to better understand the challenges we face from the rise of misinformation, and to seek solutions so that we can forge a better informed future.

Here's what we accomplished together:

- Started a national conversation about misinformation with participation from over 40 collaborators from across the country
- **Over 800 posts** were shared from over 450 unique authors to help stop the spread of misinformation.
- Two national conversations hosted in Calgary and Montréal with over 1200 registrants
- Over 40 events across Canada were hosted by collaborators!

If you were unable to attend the panel discussions or want access to the resources we shared, you can **catch up on what you missed here.**

CASC Communities of Practice

> Indigenous Practitioners CoP

Next meeting: Thursday, December 12

The Indigenous Community of Practice with Dr. Melanie Goodchild.

This CoP is open to all CASC colleagues who self-identify as First Nations, Inuit and Metis.

To register, please **fill out the form** below.

Register today

> Educators and Programmers CoP

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 17

Topic: Camps - DIEA Best Practices, Mental Health, Wellbeing, Allyship

Hello to our Educators and Programmers! We look forward to seeing everyone on **December 17** where our topic will be DIEA engagement and how we can create spaces within our science communities that welcome allyship and wellbeing.

If you'd like to join this CoP, click **here**to join the email list, receive monthly meeting invitations, and access shared resources.

Join the email list

> GenAction CoP

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5
Theme: A Celebration of our successes!

For our final GenAction community of practice meeting on **December 5**, we are taking time to celebrate. We have accomplished a lot together. Let's stop, reflect and enjoy our successes as a community!

Let's celebrate

> Together Against Misinformation CoP Next Meeting: 2025 Campaign Debrief

Our last CoP for the year was October 1, 2024. We will reconvene in the new year to discuss campaign activities. In the meantime, if you want **access to session recordings and supporting materials**, please join the CoP **(via this form)** and sign up for the Glue Up community.

I want to join

From GenAction

As the GenAction project winds down, we want to remind all CASC members of the resources that remain available.

CASC members have produced local climate research from science heroes in their regions, as well as climate actions that can be done at home, in your classroom or in your community.

Bookmark the **GenAction website** to **save these Science Spotlight resources**, and **share them** with the parents and teachers in your network.

They are available in French and English, to read online or download.

Member spotlights

> THEMUSEUM: Giraffe - a travelling exhibition opportunity

THEMUSEUM is looking for hosts for an original exhibition – **Giraffe | A Heightened Experience**, available for touring beginning in 2025.

This exhibition shares the story of pioneering Canadian zoologist Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, who was the first Western scientist to study giraffes in the wild.

Watch to learn more about the exhibition here.

> Telus Spark Science Centre has been awarded the a 2023 Silver Award of Excellence from Interpretation Canada!!

Their program, *Cloudy with a Chance of Science*, was a four-day in-school experience that introduced grade 4–6 students to the wonderful world of meteorology. *Cloudy with a Chance of Science* was part of **GenAction/GenerationAction**. Telus Spark's contributed 9,600 youth engagements between 2022 and 2024 to the GenAction's goal of 200,000 youths. Read more here.

> CCUNESCO - Memory of the World Call for Nominations

The Canadian Memory of the World Program recognizes archival collections of national significance. In honour of the United Nations declaring 2025 as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology, our Memory of the World Advisory Committee is launching a special call for the recognition of <u>nationally significant archival</u> <u>collections</u> relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

A one page Declaration of Interest explaining your proposed nomination is due to the Canadian Commission for UNESCO by January 31, 2025. **Learn more about the call for nominations**.

For more information, contact Daly Koffi at daly.koffi@ccunesco.ca

> Kei Space Design - Grand Opening of Lowell Observatory's Astronomy Discovery Center

November 16th marks the grand opening of Lowell Observatory's Astronomy Discovery Center - a project that is a STEAM and Accessibility innovation in the science centre world.

The Astronomy Discovery Center, a multi-million project that has been over six years in the making, combines cutting-edge exhibits with an 'ADA plus' approach to accessible design to redefine the way visitors experience astronomy.

Learn more about this groundbreaking centre.

The Canadian Association of Science Centres is a registered charity. (# 87543 9861 RR001)

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CASC empowers a national network of organizations who champion Science and Innovation by making science approachable, relevant, and accessible.

OUR VISION

Canada has a thriving science and innovation culture of engaged citizens.











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