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Dear Siena,

The summer is officially here and we know this is a very exciting time for our CASC members. As you prepare for a busy season of summer camps, community outreach and welcoming new and returning visitors, we want to wish you and your teams a safe and happy summer season.

The CASC team will be hard at work over the next few months to plan enriching opportunities for professional development and networking. As always, we invite you to reach out to any of the members of **our team** to share your feedback, ideas and opportunities you'd like to see more of as part of your CASC members.

This newsletter includes a brief recap from our recently celebrated conference, and a few updates on new and exciting programs and events to come this fall. We hope you'll take the time to read on, mark your calendars and share your thoughts and feedback.

As always, thank you for being here and for continuing to show up for STEM learners in your communities and beyond.

Thank you,
Dr. Marianne Mader
CEO, CASC



That's a Wrap on CASC 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined us in St. John's for the 2025 CASC Conference. Over 160 CASC members and supporters gathered in Canada's most easterly province to participate in three days of deep learning, meaningful connection and a celebration of the incredible work of our growing network. Here are some **photos** that capture just some of the many memories we made during our time together.



Congratulations to the 2025 CASCADE Award winners

The 2025 CASCADE Awards took place during the CASC Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland on **Thursday, June 12**. We are excited to announce the winners of the 2025 CASCADE Awards!

Category 1: \$1M and over

- **WINNER: TakingITGlobal** - Connected North Science Sessions

Category 2: \$250,000 to \$1 million

- **WINNER: Ingenium** - Snootli Hatchery Visitor Centre

Category 3: \$50,000 to \$250,00

- **WINNER: Lotus STEMM** - Multilingual and multicultural science communication

Emerging Professional

- **Lauren Szucki** - Science North

Exceptional Program/Project Leadership

- **Natasha Donahue** - TELUS World of Science Edmonton

Outstanding Career Achievement

- **Donalda Pelton** - TELUS World of Science Edmonton
- **Sandra Corbeil** - Ingenium

Next year's CASCADE Awards will take place at the 2026 CASC Conference in Sudbury, Ontario, hosted by Science North. Stay tuned for more opportunities to highlight the work of your organization and colleagues.



CASC in partnership with **Visions of Science** are proud to introduce **STEM Equity in Action**, a five-module professional development pilot launching in October 2025. This live, cohort-based series was created in direct response to a needs assessment that identified a clear call for practical tools, shared language, and deeper reflection around STEM equity.

For full details on the program, please [visit our website](#).

To kick things off, CASC is inviting up to 15 people to be part of a pilot program that will provide feedback towards the development of a final certification course. We have a few spots remaining in our pilot program, and we hope you might consider joining us.

By participating in this pilot program, participants will:

- Receive a \$200 grant from CASC
- Be acknowledged as a co-creator of the learning series
- Leave with a STEM Equity tool kit to put what you've learned into action.

If you're interested in being part of the pilot program, please [submit this brief form](#) by Friday, July 4. If you have any questions please reach out to info@casc-accs.com.



Join us from **October 6 - 12 to celebrate Science Literacy Week 2025!** This year's theme is ***From Sea to Space***. Spanning the vastness of our oceans to the outer edges of our atmosphere, this national campaign invites Canadians of all ages to discover how science shapes our world.

CASC, along with CASC members, educators and a growing ecosystem of STEM learning leaders from across Canada, will encourage a shared vision of a sustainable, curiosity-driven future.

Come along to learn more, get inspired, and take part.

ASTC 2025: Connectivity

This year's **ASTC Conference** is taking place from September 5-8 in San Francisco. To help CASC plan for how we will serve our members at the conference, we want to know your plans. Please email Amanda at amanda.f@casc-accs.com and let us know if you and/or your teams will be there.

CASC Communities of Practice

Our Communities of Practice are on a break for the summer, but we look forward to resuming our time together in September. Below is a brief description of the CoPs we offer. We invite you to join any of the CoPs that are relevant to you and your work. Please send us an email at info@casc-accs.com and let us know which group you'd like to join. If you're not sure which community of practice is best for you, let us know and we'd be happy to help.

> Indigenous CoP

The Indigenous CoP is facilitated by Dr. Melanie Goodchild, Anishinaabe systems and complexity thinker and Systems Changer in Residence with CASC. It is a gathering for those in the CASC network who self-identify as First Nations, Inuit and Metis. Together with Dr. Goodchild, participants explore the experience of Indigenous professionals working in the informal science engagement space. These gatherings take the form of

yarning sessions, a traditional Aboriginal form of conversation from Australia, rooted in narrative storytelling.

Register today

> Educators & Programmers CoP

This community is for programming and education staff across the CASC membership. It offers best practices, guidelines, and strategies that lead to quality educational and outreach programming in our science centres, museums and STEM outreach organizations.

Join the email list

> NELL CoP

Leading ongoing conversations and opportunities for our organizations (Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication – EECOM) to learn from each other and create a stronger informal environmental education sector.

I want to join

Members spotlight

> The Montréal Science Centre Celebrates its 25 Years as a Place of Innovation, Discovery, and Passion for Science

The Montréal Science Centre (MSC) proudly celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, marking a quarter of a century of popularizing science, engaging with innovation, and pursuing its mission to help every Canadian forge their future by making science and technology their own.

Since its opening in 2000, the MSC has welcomed more than 15 million visitors and has established itself as a vital space that stirs curiosity and critical thinking in the face of an ever-transforming world.

Learn more about their work on [their website](#).

Opportunities

> 4 Season of Indigenous Learning with Natural Curiosity

Natural Curiosity has opened early bird registration for the **4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning** 2025-2026 Course, featuring an incredible group of **Indigenous presenters**.

They are offering a 25% off if you use the coupon code: 4Seasons25%. *Super* early bird registration closes on June 30. **Register today**.

> The Department of Canadian Heritage: Call for proposals for French-language scientific knowledge mobilization projects is now open.

In response to the challenges facing the production and dissemination of scientific knowledge in French, the Government of Canada has introduced, as part of the **Action Plan for Official Languages 2023-2028: Protect-Promote-Collaborate**, a new \$8.5 million initiative over five years to support Canada's French-language research ecosystem.

Download the **Application form**

Download the **Budget form**

Guidelines for this program subcomponent are available **here**.

Any questions in advance, along with the completed and signed applications and all required documents should be submitted by email: **dglo-olsp@pch.gc.ca**.

> Call for contributions for the **1st Canadian Conference on Open Science and Open Scholarship**

The conference will take place in Montreal from October 9 - 10, 2025, hosted by Concordia University with the support of several partner institutions and sponsors.

*The **call for contributions** is now open, with abstracts due by June 30. They are committed to highlighting voices that reflect a wide range of disciplines, perspectives, and life stories.*

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