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Dear Siena,

As the seasons change and we settle into fall, I find myself reflecting on the power of our work to offer both clarity and hope.

Earlier this month, during **Science Literacy Week**, we saw that power on full display. Across the country, our growing community opened doors – both literal and metaphorical – to thousands of curious minds. Through exhibitions, outreach, and conversations, you reminded communities that science isn't just something to study, but it's something to live, to question, and to share. Thank you for making this week not just an event, but a movement.

In times of challenge and change, your work is more than educational – it's essential. You are nurturing a generation that can think critically, ask better questions, and imagine solutions. That is no small task. And while the world may feel turbulent, I want you to know this: your efforts matter. They ripple out, farther than you can see.

Looking ahead, we're turning our attention to gathering again for the **2026 CASC Conference** in April. It's more than a conference; it's a reunion of minds and hearts dedicated to the same mission. Scroll down to learn more about submitting your session proposals and to join our Program Review Committee. We hope you'll send your voice to help shape a program that reflects the richness, complexity, and creativity of our community.

We're also preparing to celebrate excellence in our field through the **2026 CASCADE Awards**. These recognitions remind us that even in difficult times, innovation and inspiration are flourishing in our institutions. Nominations are now open! Read on for more information.

And while we're on the subject of leadership, we're also looking for members to join our **Audit & Finance Committee**. It's a critical part of ensuring CASC remains a strong and sustainable organization, and we welcome those with an interest in governance and stewardship.

As we move through this season together, I hope you can find moments of pride in your work, connection in your community, and confidence in the difference you're making. Science centres and educators have always been more than places or roles. They are beacons of possibility.

We see you. We're with you. And we're so glad to be walking this path together.

Thank you,
Dr. Marianne Mader
CEO, CASC

CASC Housekeeping

> CASC Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2025 CASC Annual General Meeting, and to everyone who voted in our advanced online voting. If you missed it or would like to revisit the presentation, you can find the recording [here](#).

> Join the CASC Audit & Finance Committee

This is an excellent opportunity for an individual with, or working toward, an accounting designation and looking to expand their experience. This opportunity is open to CASC members only. For more information, email finance@casc-accs.com.



Thank you so much to everyone for joining us and celebrating Science in Canada. It was incredible to see people from coast to coast collaborate in such unique and exciting ways.

The numbers are in and we had 291 registrants, 127 events and 46 collaborators across Canada. We want to especially thank our partner Science Pour Tous for their support. As we wrap up this week, **please check out their incredible work.**

We're already thinking about next year and need your feedback! Please **complete this short survey** and let us know what your Science Literacy Week experience was like. Stay tuned for more from CASC as we share the results of our collective reach and impact. And of course, stay tuned for big news about Science Literacy Week 2026!



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Curiosity **Unleashed**
La curiosité **en éveil**

> Call for Proposals NOW OPEN!

CASC is now accepting proposals for 2026 CASC Conference sessions! For more details on our theme, sub-themes and and to submit your session proposal, **visit our website.**

> Lunch and Learn

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2026 CASC Conference Session Proposal Lunch and Learn.

If you were unable to attend, you can watch the recording and view the presentation in **both English and French.** If you have any questions about the 2026 conference or submitting a proposal, please reach out to **info@casc-accs.com.**

The proposal submission deadline is Monday, December 11, 2025.

> Join the CASC Conference Program Review Committee

Interested in helping us shape the 2026 CASC Conference program? Email us at **info@casc-accs.com** to be part of our conference session review committee.



> 2025 CASCADE Awards submissions are open!

The 2026 CASCADE Awards will take place at the CASC Conference in Sudbury, Ontario, on April 29, 2026. The highly anticipated awards recognize individual CASC members and member organizations for the contributions they've made to Canada's thriving science and innovation culture.

CASCADE nominations are now open and will close on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

NEW THIS YEAR: We are using Good Grants as our award application platform. We hope that this will make the application and evaluation process easier for everyone. To learn more about Good Grants and our CASCADE award submission process, please watch the recording of our **Lunch & Learn in English and French**.

We look forward to celebrating the success of this thriving network with you at this year's conference!

> Join the awards selection jury

Are you interested in being part of the awards selection jury? We are seeking 10-15 people to adjudicate this year's Institutional Award submissions. **To express your interest, please email info@casc-accs.com with the subject line "CASCADE Awards Jury".**

If you have any questions about CASCADE Awards, please reach out to info@casc-accs.com

NEW DATE! CEO Roundtable

> What's Our Impact? Developing a National Impact Framework for our sector

This event is for CEOs and Senior Leaders across the CASC network.

On **Thursday, December 11** CEO's and Senior Leaders from across the CASC network are invited to join CASC CEO Dr. Mariane Mader and CASC Research Taskforce Chair Dr.

Julia Lalande for an important conversation about how we make the case for our sector, and how together we can work towards an impact framework that will help us tell our stories to our communities and stakeholders.

This session will provide

- An overview of CASC's goals and outcomes
- An update of CASC's approach in developing a national framework
- Sharing initial findings

There will be an opportunity for group discussion, reflection, and next steps for continued engagement. **Register Now.**

CASC Communities of Practice

CASC's Communities of Practice are a great way to connect with other CASC members to learn about topics that matter to our community.

Below is a brief description of the CoPs we offer. We invite you to join any of our communities of practice 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.

> Ji-misawaabandaaming (positive window shopping for the future)

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 2PM (EST)

Ji-misawaabandaaming is facilitated by Dr. Melanie Goodchild, **Anishinaabe systems and complexity thinker and Systems Changer in Residence with CASC**. This community of practice will contain a series of yarns exploring Anishinaabe futures methodologies for transformative change. It will include guest speakers and co-conspirators, who will join us on our journey towards systems change in our STEM engagement ecosystem and beyond.

This community of practice is open to those who identify as First Nations, Metis or Inuit. We welcome new members to this community of practice. Connect with us, and learn more.

I'd like to join

> Educators and Programmers CoP

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 at 3PM (EST)

Theme: Towards Anti-Ableism with Inclusive Experiences with Elisabeth Walker-Young and Shawna Lawson

The Educators and Programmers CoP was established in 2020. This community is for programming and education staff across the CASC membership. The CoP is a place for sharing, collaboration, and learning. It offers best practices, guidelines, and strategies that lead to quality educational and outreach programming in our science centres, museums and outreach organizations.

Join the email list

> National Environmental Learning Leaders CoP

Next Meeting: Monday, November 24, 2025 1PM-2:30PM (EST)

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.

Join the conversation

> Science Connection CoP

The **Science Connection Community of Practices** supports Canada's science culture and public engagement ecosystem. This CoP provides an opportunity for members to learn from experts and network with peers across the public engagement ecosystem and access a growing resource library.

Next session:

- Date: Tuesday, November 25th, 2025
- Time Zones: 10 AM PT/ 11 PM MT/ 12 PM CT/ 1 PM ET/ 2 PM AT/ 2:30 PM NT
- Topic: Navigating Misinformation and AI in the Digital Age
- Presenter: Dr. Lai-Tze Fan

Navigating Misinformation and AI in the Digital Age

Join Dr. Lai-Tze Fan for an interactive 90-minute session featuring breakout discussions that help participants critically assess online information, spot misinformation and deepfakes, and understand biases within AI systems. Through engaging activities and practical tools, attendees will build the skills and confidence needed to navigate today's complex digital landscape with healthy skepticism.

Join the CoP

From ScienceUp First, an initiative of CASC

> Coming Soon: New Funding Opportunity!

Get ready for "Action to Impact", a brand-new funding program launching the week of October 20th!

CASC members will have the chance to apply for up to two years of funding, with funding support of up to \$100,000 per year.

Stay tuned - more details will be shared soon!

> The Best Available Science - Perfect for Sharing

Check out some of our recent top posts, perfect for sharing on your social media channels.



Members spotlight

> Science World to Host North American Premiere of Soccer & Technology From The FIFA Museum, Coming May 2026

Science World announced that its upcoming feature exhibition **Soccer & Technology from the FIFA Museum**, presented in partnership with the Province of British Columbia, will be coming to the iconic dome to coincide with the FIFA World Cup 26 in Vancouver.

Launching May 15, 2026, and running until September 7, 2026, this exhibition offers a deep dive into soccer's evolving ecosystem, exploring how technology shapes the innovation, preparation, action, enjoyment and analysis of soccer games.

This is an excellent opportunity to welcome international visitors and local residents with unique offerings to coincide with the FIFA World Cup 26.

Read the full press release.

> Chris Hadfield's Generator is back at Toronto's Massey Hall on November 27.

The **annual sellout variety show** features a secret lineup of the world's best comedians, scientists, musicians and more; even playing host to our own CEO Dr. Marianne Mader! Join us for a fun night of laughs, entertainment, inspiration and positivity.

Members of the CASC who use the discount code SpaceBook will also receive a signed copy of Commander Hadfield's novel The Apollo Murders.

Industry updates

> The Science Writers and Communicators of Canada (SWCC) is excited to announce the recipients of the 2024 SWCC Book Awards!

SWCC warmly congratulates Jonathan N. Stea, Rachel Poliquin & Rachel Wada, and Dana L. Church for their exceptional contributions to Canadian science literature.

Learn more about the winners.

> Historica Canada launches Dr. Anne Innis Dagg Heritage Minute

Historica Canada is launching their newest **Heritage Minute** celebrating **Dr. Anne Innis Dagg**, a pioneering researcher who studied giraffes in Africa.

One of the foremost experts on giraffes, Dr. Anne Innis Dagg was the first Western researcher to study the animal in the wild in Africa. Zoologists still consider the book to be a seminal text and Dagg as a leading authority on giraffes. **Watch the Heritage Minute.**

Opportunities

> Indigenous Student Bursary through Indspire to students in the library and archival fields

The next application deadline for the \$2500 Ex Libris Association Indigenous Student Bursary is November 1. Applications can be made through Indspire, the charity that manages the bursary, **here**. More information about the bursary and its recipients can be found on the ELA website **here**.

> GreenLearning's challenges are now open for the 2025/2026 school year

These **free, hands-on, curriculum-connected challenges** provide learners in grades 3-12 with the opportunity to explore real-world environmental issues while building critical thinking, STEAM and leadership skills.

This year they are offering four hands-on engaging challenges:

- **Eco 360 Challenge:** Learners explore how to repurpose and rethink plastic waste in a creative way by developing innovative solutions that support a circular economy.
- **Energy Revealed Challenge:** Focuses on energy efficiency and conservation through hands-on energy investigations.
- **Re-Energy Challenge:** Encourages learners to build working models and explore renewable energy technologies (i.e. wind turbine, solar car, etc).
- **Flood:ED Challenge:** Engages learners in developing greening solutions and flood resilience strategies to mitigate the impacts of flooding.

In addition to the challenges, check out GreenLearning's upcoming free, interactive **webinars**.

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OUR MISSION

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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