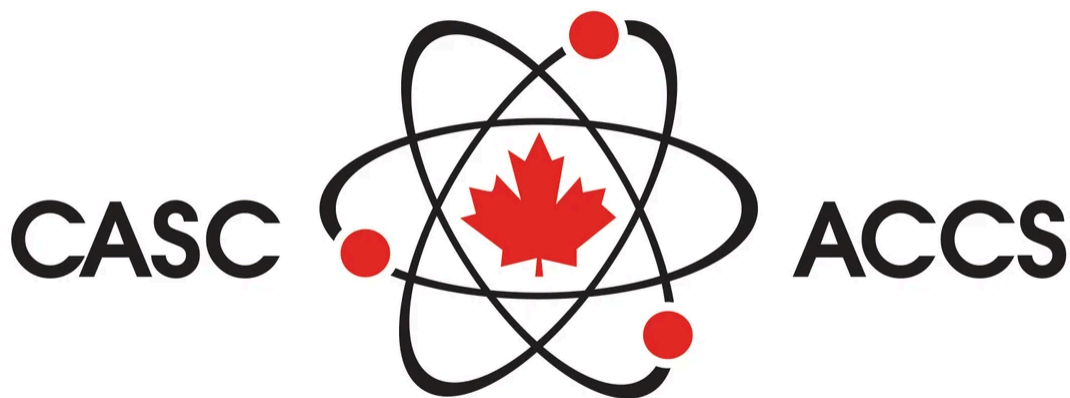


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Dear Siena,

It's exciting to see the momentum building across CASC's programs and the many opportunities for our network to connect, contribute and shape what comes next.

From our **Call for Conference Session Proposals** to the launch of our **STEM Equity in Action program**, we're creating new ways for our community to share expertise, strengthen practice and advance more inclusive STEM experiences across Canada. Through **Futures Curious**, alongside our Futurist in Residence, we're also inviting members to look ahead, explore emerging trends and imagine new possibilities for our sector. And with the **CASC Impact Evaluation Exchange**, we're building our collective capacity to better understand, measure and communicate the difference science centres make in their communities.

Each of these initiatives reflects the strength of our network and the power of learning from one another. I encourage you to get involved, share your ideas and take advantage of these opportunities to help shape CASC's work and the future of our sector.

We look forward to connecting with you this fall!

Thank you,
Dr. Marianne Mader
CEO, CASC



> 2027 CASC Conference: Submit Your Session Proposals!

CASC is thrilled to announce we are now accepting proposals for 2027 CASC Conference sessions!

This year's conference theme is **Convergence**. Celebrate the human connections that drive innovation, resilience, and meaningful change. As our sector navigates an increasingly complex world, we are reminded that our greatest discoveries are not made in isolation, but through collaboration, dialogue, and shared purpose.

For more details on our theme, sub-themes and and to submit your session proposal, **visit our website**.

Deadline to submit your session proposal is December 18, 2026.

> What makes a good session proposal?

Not sure what makes a good session proposal? Do you have questions about the criteria we use when we evaluate submissions? Watch our information video for step by step details on how to submit a session proposal using Pheedloop, as well as more information on our theme and criteria. If you still have questions, reach out directly to Siena at siena.d@casc-accs.com.

Watch the English walkthrough.

Watch the French walkthrough.

> Join the 2027 CASC conference program review committee

Interested in helping us shape the 2027 CASC Conference program? Email us at info@casc-accs.com to be part of our conference session review committee.

NEW Program: STEM Equity in Action

CASC in partnership with **Visions of Science** are proud to introduce **STEM Equity in Action**, a five-module professional development series launching in January 2027. This 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.

We welcome STEM educators, program planners, administrators and decision makers at various levels of all CASC member organizations to join us in this deep learning series.

Ready to dive in? You can register now to commit to the STEM Equity in Action program [using this form](#).

CASC Futures Curious

Over the next six months, CASC members will practice futures thinking together and build scenarios about how society's relationship with science could change by 2050. These scenarios will become tools for CASC's strategic planning process and will be shared with members. They will come with resources that anyone can access, use, and adapt such as; a toolkit with starter questions and bonus material including stories about the co-creation process and the Futures Curious informal learning journey.

"Futures thinking isn't about predicting the future; it's about becoming comfortable with change."

Drop in to any monthly session between November - March to try a new futures tool. Each session is a one off, stay tuned to your inbox for the descriptions ahead of time.

Maggie Greyson, Master of Design, kicked off CASC's new **Futurist in Residence** program. She is a specialist who helps an organisation explore possible futures. Maggie's PhD research is prototyping the innovative concept of "enclaves of the future"; these are spaces where people explore how complex topics might develop. The enclave draws on methods for exploring possible futures to support dialogue between the publics, other sectors such as health, education, and business, and science centres and museums.

Upcoming sessions: November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3 and March 3. Dates may change a little, so watch for registration links before each session.

See you in the future! ✨

[Register for the November session](#)

Impact Evaluation Exchange

The CASC Impact Evaluation Exchange provides a **quarterly opportunity** for members to learn from one another and directly influence change within the ISL sector. With a focus on social impact, the Exchange aims to bring Canadian research to the forefront, identify key impact indicators and evaluation tools, and collectively advance our understanding of societal impact across the ISL sector.

This opportunity is open to CASC members who are involved in, or interested in learning more about, evaluation, strategic thinking related to indicators and outcomes, strategic planning, impact measurement, and sector-wide benchmarking.

Participants can expect to:

- Learn from peers about unique impact indicators used across the network
- Access and provide live feedback on Research Taskforce initiatives
- Contribute input toward shaping broader network and societal surveys (e.g., ASTC, StatsCan)
- Strengthen the case for their organization's community impact

All sessions are from 2 PM to 3 PM EST

Next session dates:

NOVEMBER 19, 2026 - Bridging Academia and Practice

JANUARY 21, 2027 - Member Spotlight

MARCH 18, 2027 - Send-Off Session

Register for the November session

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.

> Tea with Elder Melissa CoP

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2026

CASC is thrilled to introduce a new series of events for our colleagues who self-identify as First Nations, Inuit and Metis.

Tea with Elder Melissa builds on the foundation of CASC's Indigenous Community of Practice and represents the next stage in creating meaningful opportunities for Indigenous colleagues to connect, reflect, and support one another.

Email Merrill (merrill.m@casc-accs.com) if you are interested in participating.

I'd like to join

> Educators and Programmers CoP

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Theme: Making Data Matter

Presenter: Katrina Pisani - Manager - Research and Evaluation, Science North

Collecting reliable and valid data is critical, but there is value in the depth of that data and knowing how to apply it. How can we go beyond general data and collect meaningful insights that drive impact within our physical spaces and throughout our communities?

Let's talk about gathering intentional community-specific data, using appropriate and innovative methods, and implementing actionable, evidence-based decisions that benefit our diverse audiences.

Email us at info@casc-accs.com and we will add you to our meeting invites and our communications list.

Join the email list

> Science Connection CoP

Theme: Rooted in Trust: Building Meaningful Relationships with Communities

New Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Presenters: Dr. Carolina Koutras, Dr. Roopali Chaudhary and Dr. Ripudaman Minhas

Time: 2:00 p.m. ET

What does it take to build trust and foster meaningful community engagement? Join three CASC-funded project leaders working with South Asian, Indigenous and other equity-deserving communities for an engaging conversation exploring practical strategies for building trust, navigating challenges and fostering meaningful relationships with communities.

Please note: This session has been rescheduled to November 10, 2026. We look forward to seeing you there!

Email Krishana (krishana.s@casc-accs.com) if you have any questions.

Join the CoP

From ScienceUp First, an initiative of CASC

> Thank you for joining us for Together Against Misinformation Day!

On October 8, as part of Science Literacy Week, ScienceUpFirst marked Together Against Misinformation Day, and the response was incredible.

Over 50 scientists, researchers, experts, and organizations came together to share one-minute videos debunking the myths they're tired of hearing in their fields. From sunscreen to healthy immune systems to raccoons, the variety was remarkable, and so was the engagement.

Thank you to everyone who watched, shared, and commented to help these videos reach more people. Missed a video, or want to watch them again? See them all at

TogetherAgainstMisinformation.com.

Thank you for helping us build a more science-literate and misinformation-resilient Canada.



Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating Science Literacy Week 2026. It was incredible to see people from coast to coast collaborate in such unique and exciting ways. We couldn't have done it without all of you. We want to especially thank our collaborators **Science Pour Tous** and **Actua** for their support.

As we look ahead to the future of Science Literacy Week, we want your input. If you participated in this year's events we want your feedback. Please take the time to complete this 3 minute survey.

[Share your experience.](#)

Opportunities

> Free science talks for science centres with ScienceKind

ScienceKind puts working scientists in front of the public in free live talks on Zoom Webinars, with plenty of time for questions. Several coming talks would suit visitors to a science centre.

Ravi Kumar Kopparapu of NASA Goddard gives "The Search for another Earth" on Wednesday 28 October. Jack Gilbert of UC San Diego gives "Translating the Human Microbiome into Clinical Practice" on Wednesday 4 November. Kim Cobb of Brown will talk about climate on Thursday 12 November. Vincent Racaniello of Columbia will speak on what people most often get wrong about viruses on Thursday 3 December.

Staff and visitors can sign up free at www.sciencekind.com, register for talks and watch the ones already recorded.

> 2026 Science Writers and Communicators of Canada Book Awards

The 2026 Science Writers and Communicators of Canada (SWCC) competition is now accepting entries.

The two main categories are:

- 1) Books for a general audience
- 2) Books for children and youth

SWCC will also offer the Paradigm Prize for Underrepresented Perspectives in Science Writing. The Paradigm Prize recipient will be selected from the shortlist of finalists for the two main categories and the prize may be held in tandem with one of the other awards. The award for each category of the 2026 Book Awards is \$1,000. The winner of the Paradigm Prize will receive \$500 in recognition of their achievement.

Information about eligibility (including new AI guidelines), judging criteria, the submission process (including revised payment criteria), and deadlines is available at <https://sciencewriters.ca/bookawards/submissions>.

> Natural Curiosity's Fall Introductory Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) Language Course

Course Details: Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm-8:00pm Eastern Time: October 27/November 3, 10, 17, 24

Virtual sessions + recordings for 3 months.

Instructor: Sarah Wood (Anishinaabemowin educator, member of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation)

Pricing:

- Non-Indigenous: \$280 (until September 30)
- Indigenous Learners: FREE

- Groups: 20% off for groups of more than 5 (code: XKJS3VJC)

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- Free access for Indigenous learners
- Ongoing language revitalization efforts

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