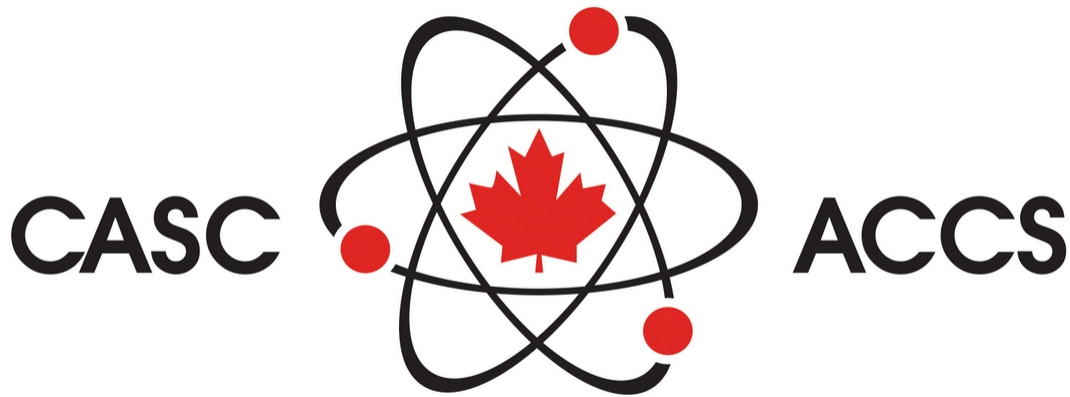


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Dear Siena,

The fall is here and there's something about this time of year that makes me want to welcome you all back! As we all settle back into regular schedules and routines, it feels like fall is a time for renewal and new beginnings.

As September draws to a close, we pause to reflect on the importance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Tomorrow, September 30, offers an opportunity to listen, learn and honour the Survivors, children and families impacted by the residential school system, and to consider our collective responsibility to reconciliation. As we enter a busy fall season at CASC, we carry this spirit of reflection and learning with us, while looking ahead to opportunities to connect, collaborate and strengthen Canada's science engagement community.

In our own fall planning, there is lots happening across the CASC network, and we're incredibly thankful to have you with us.

From **Science Literacy Week** to the launch of the **Call for Conference Proposals for CASC 2027**, there are plenty of opportunities to connect, contribute and help shape what's ahead for our sector.

We're especially excited about some important **brand research** we're conducting to support the future of CASC. We really want to hear from you so please participate in the short survey found below.

It's going to be a full fall and we're excited to share it with you.

Welcome back,
Dr. Marianne Mader
CEO, CASC

CASC at ASTC

CASC attended the ASTC Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, proudly representing our members and our country at a very important time. As our sector continues to navigate significant change, coming together in support of one another is more important than ever.

Congratulations to our friends at colleagues at ASTC on a very successful conference.

Here are **some photos** of our time together in beautiful Phoenix.



≥ 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**.

> 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 to 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.

CASC Brand Survey

As part of CASC's ongoing work to understand how we can best serve our members, our sector and the Canadian STEM learning ecosystem, we are excited to be participating in some ongoing brand research.

CASC is working in partnership with Ramp Agency to gather information in various formats that help us better understand who we are now and who we want to be in our future. We have conducted one-on-one interviews and small focus groups with various stakeholder groups, and we are now excited to be asking you for your input via a short survey.

Please click the link below and tell us what you think. This survey should take about 5 to 7 minutes to complete. Your individual responses will be kept confidential and shared only in summarized form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to info@casc-accs.com.

Thank you for your contribution.

Take our survey



Science Literacy Week is right around the corner! Keep an eye on our social feeds (**Facebook** & **Instagram**) throughout next week to stay updated on what our collaborators across the country are doing, and make sure to tag us with **#SciLit** or **#CultureSci** so we can share what you're up to throughout the week!

See you on Monday!

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.

> **NEW! Tea with Elder Melissa Community of Practice**

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, OCTOBER 20, 2026

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

Title: Rooted in Trust: Building Meaningful Relationships with Communities.

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

Date: October 6th 2026

Time: 2:00 pm ET

What does it take to build trust and create meaningful community engagement? Join three CASC-funded project leaders working with South Asian, Indigenous and other equity-deserving communities for a practical conversation about building relationships, navigating challenges and learning from communities.

Inspired by this year's **Science Literacy Week theme, Curiosity Unleashed**, we'll explore how creating space for questions, knowledge and curiosity can strengthen community engagement.

Join us for insights, stories and practical approaches you can take into your own work.

Join the CoP

From ScienceUp First, an initiative of CASC

> There is still time to participate in Together Against Misinformation Day!

On **October 8, 2026**, join experts, organizations, and everyday champions across Canada for one coordinated day of action as part of our Together Against Misinformation campaign.

Whether you have already chosen your topic, filmed your video or not, you still have time! As a reminder, we are asking folks to share a short video about one piece of misinformation that frustrates you. Unable to make a video? You can still help support the

campaign by checking out ScienceUpFirst's social channels on October 8 and amplifying videos! We will also be sharing these to our **TogetherAgainstMisinformation.com** where you can binge watch them all.

Questions? Please reach out to denis.c@casc-accs.com for details.

> 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

> NSERC renews British Columbia/Yukon Chair for Women in Science and Engineering

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is pleased to announce the renewal of **Dr. Jennifer Jakobi** as the British Columbia/Yukon **Chair for Women in Science and Engineering (CWSE)**.

A professor in the School of Health and Exercise Sciences at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus, Dr. Jakobi will receive \$800,000 over five years, including support for a postdoctoral researcher, to advance her vital work in promoting the participation and retention of underrepresented groups in science and engineering. Through her Chair's program, Dr. Jakobi will strengthen collaborative networks and partnerships across British Columbia and Yukon, including with Indigenous and remote communities, to foster a more inclusive STEM environment. The program will advance evidence-based practices and support experiential learning, leadership development, mentorship, and career transition, particularly for students from underrepresented groups.

NSERC is proud to continue supporting Dr. Jakobi's efforts to build more inclusive research communities and create equitable opportunities for the next generation of engineers and scientists.

> Crew-13 mission - new launch date

Thursday, **October 1, 2026, at 11:10 am (ET)** is the earliest **new targeted date** for the launch of the Crew-13 mission to the International Space Station, as announced yesterday by NASA and SpaceX.

If you are planning to organize an activity to celebrate the launch, The Canadian Space Agency invites you to contact us as soon as possible to be included on our **watch party map**. Their **guide** is also an excellent resource to help you prepare for the mission.

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