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## Press Release

### Languages Without Borders National Conference for Second Language Educators 2011

The Canadian Association for Second Language Teachers will held its Languages Without Borders National Conference 2011 on April 7 to 9, 2011, at the Hilton Bonaventure, Montreal, Quebec.

This event will feature close to 135 presentations related to the teaching and learning of Second languages – French, English, Indigenous languages, Spanish, German and Japanese – cutting edge scientific research in the field and the latest developments related to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference). It will allow participants to further their knowledge on the teaching and learning of second languages, to meet colleagues, administrators and researchers and to link teaching skills and methods with teaching methods and research in the field. The Conference will also allow over 60 exhibitors to present the latest innovations linked to the teaching of languages.

The official opening of the conference on April 7 will be preceded in the afternoon by a round table under the theme "Second Language Teaching in a Multicultural Context: *Linguistic, Academic and Social Integration of Immigrant Students and the Role of Teachers in Intercultural Communication*. The panellists will be Ms. Monica Boyd, University of Toronto, Canada Research Chair in Immigration, Inequality and Public Policy, Ms. Marilyn Steinbach, Associate Professor in charge of the of the B.A. in Teaching of English as a Second Language at the University of Sherbrooke, Mr. Terry Lamb, President of the International Federation of Language Teachers Associations, and Director of Teaching, University of Sheffield, The School of Education, and Mr. Howard Duncan, Executive Head, The Metropolis Project. Ms. Sharon Lapkin of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) will be the moderator in this round table.

The official opening of the Conference will be launched upon the opening reception, in which Mr. Jim Howden will speak about the future of language teaching and the influence of innovations in this field, in a conference titled Perspectives & Innovations. On the morning of April 8 & 9, participants will be invited to assist to plenary sessions. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, in a conference titled "*Enseignement des langues et plurilinguismes*", Ms. Françoise Armand, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Educational Sciences of the University of Montreal, will speak on the plurilingual competency and education to

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plurilingualism in a context of globalization and migratory fluxes. On April 9, in a conference titled “A Guide to Using Technology for Second Language Teaching and Learning, Ms. Elizabeth Murphy will examine the use of technology in the teaching and learning of second languages, their adequacy in regards to the most recent approaches, the program goals, curriculum outcomes and philosophy and instruction, and the reality of the needs to be filled. The conference will end on April 9, 17:00.

Since 1970, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) increases awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the importance of second language learning and teaching throughout Canada and promotes the advancement of professional excellence among language educators. For more information, see the Conference Program at <http://www.caslt.org/conference11/lwb-2011-confprog.pdf> or contact Marc Delisle, CASLT Communication Officer, by phone at 613-727-0994, ext. 219 or by email at [marcdelisle@caslt.org](mailto:marcdelisle@caslt.org).

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