

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Annual Report 2010-2011



Valerie Pike, President, 2009-2011



Daniel Coste, Enrica Piccardo, Daniele Moore and Wendy Carr at Daniel Coste's workshop on the CEFR and the ELP 2010, Vancouver, BC



Guy Leclair, Executive Director of CASLT since June 2010



Larry Vandergrift (University of Ottawa) and Sharon Lapkin, Secretary of the Board of Directors, at the Stakeholders Meeting on the Implementation of the CEFR in Canada



Anthony Orlando, CASLT's National Council Representative for Nova Scotia (2006-2011) and Editor of *Réflexions*



Laura Hermans, Language Education Consultant, presenter of a number of CCVs workshops and project leader for the development of Assessment in Action: A new toolkit for second language teachers -CEFR-based assessment tasks

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CASLT IN 2010-2011

n line with its mission, its vision, its values and its strategic plan, CASLT continued with the projects it undertook during the 2010-11 fiscal year, and launched a series of initiatives, which fall under the association's strategic directions for the following specific areas:

- 1. Professional development for CASLT members;
- Teaching, educational and scientific resources offered to CASLT members;
- 3. Support for scientific research in the field of second language teaching and learning; and

4. Activities that encourage professional network and partnership development.

CASLT's strong commitment with regards to distributing the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages in Canada and its adaptation to the Canadian context should also be noted. It has been at the heart of several activities implemented by CASLT, which also supported a research project aiming to publish a language portfolio for teachers adapted to the Canadian context. This publication is currently offered in French; the English version will be available soon.

1. Professional development for CASLT members

- CASLT chez vous: CASLT offered eight CASLT Chez Vous workshops in 2010-11. Each workshop is a one-day professional development session that addresses a specific issue or that focuses on the speaker's expertise. Note that the theme for half of these workshops was the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
- Other activities: CASLT also implemented or participated in just under 15 events organized by our partners, and where training workshops were offered. CASLT also hosted the Stakeholder Meeting on implementing the CEFR in Canada; a report was published and can be downloaded from www.caslt.org.

2. TEACHING, EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESOURCES

2.1 Databases

CASLT made new teaching, didactic, educational and scientific resource databases available to members in 2010-11.

- LangCanada: Since November 2010, the LangCanada portal, a database offering a variety of resources applicable to the teaching and learning of both official languages, is available from the CASLT website;
- μ L2 Teacher learning opportunities inventory: database that introduces Canadian and foreign teachers to the wide range of teaching opportunities for both official languages in Canada and accessible at www.caslt.org/resources/general/teacherinventory_en.php;
- μ Inventory of L2 learning opportunities for youth: database that introduces Canadian and foreign youth to the wide range of learning opportunities for both official languages in Canada and available at

www.caslt.org/resources/general/youth-inventory_en.php;

Podcast and video series: 25 podcasts created by university researchers and second language teaching specialists in Canada, and 35 videos divided into seven themes and taken from the Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics Symposium held in Ottawa in 2009.

2.2 Publications

- **Réflexions**: this 32-page publication is published three times a year and provides news about CASLT's and its partners' projects and activities, research articles, advice from language teaching experts, and activities that teachers can use in class with their students;
- § Online newsletters: two online newsletters published every month, one for FSL teachers and the other for ESL and other modern language teachers;

- Our Mission
- Our Values
- Our Strategic Plan
- Our Strategic Directions
- § The Canadian Language Portfolio for Teachers: This publication will certainly become one of the association's benchmark documents since it contains the first language portfolio created in Canada, for Canadians and by Canadians, yet inspired by the European Portfolio for Languages. This is an essential tool for any second language teacher or student in the field of Education who is contemplating a teaching career in FSL, French Immersion or Intensive French. It allows the user to see objectively the level of his or her competencies in French, to prepare an individual action plan adapted to his or her needs and to monitor the evolution of those competencies;
- § Leadership for Successful French Programs: This publication contains six theme-based folios meant for school principals and vice-principals, teaching leaders in an educational setting, and administrative staff. The themes addressed summarize key points in best practices in teaching and learning from research and documentation related to FSL programs (Core French, French Immersion and Intensive French);
- **§** Speakarama: a new educational board game for teachers and their students aged 8 years and older.

3. SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

3.1 CASLT Research grants for teachers

During the fall of 2011, CASLT introduce a new initiative to provide financial support to teams of teachers wishing to undertake practical research designed to improve practices in class or to explore questions related to the teaching and learning of second languages, and who also hope to share their results. The grants can be used to cover the costs incurred because of a leave of absence for professional activities, as well as resources and expenses that are needed to allow teachers to share their research. Two \$1,000.00 grants have since been given to teams of teachers for research on the following topics:

- ▲ What is the efficacy of the use of a structured written and then spoken daily journal to affect spontaneous oral production of the target language as assessed by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)?, presented by Michelle Davies and Yvonne Kacy (Kelowna, BC);
- ▲ How will modifying the delivery model of grade 8 and 9 core French by integrating Intensive French strategies affect students' ability of communicate in French?, presented by Nella Amenta, Sandi Kostur and Greta Visscher (Burnaby, BC).

3.2 Database of L2 researchers

This database was created to increase exposure of second language researchers in Canada and encourage them to share information. http://www.caslt.org/resources/general/researcher-inventory_en.php.

3.3 Perceptions of ESL Teachers Across Canada: A National Survey of the English Second Language (ESL) Teaching Profession

This research report, which explores the challenges faced by ESL teachers in Canada, mirrors a similar study undertaken in 2004 regarding FSL teachers in Canada; the report will soon be available online.

3.4 Linking second language research to practice

This joint project between CASLT and *The Canadian Modern Language Review* was carried out under the control of Callie Mady, assistant professor of FSL Methodology at Nipissing University. Once completed, it will provide access to six research articles, each one accompanied by its own reading guide, which summarizes the target article, explains the author's thought process and methodology, and encourages reflective thinking on teaching practices.

CASLT day by day

July 9, 2010

"Variations francophones" workshop, presented in Shippagan, NB. Speaker: Louisel Pelletier-Robichaud

September 24, 2010

"Minimiser les défis, maximiser l'apprentissage : rendre l'inclusion utile dans des classes de langue seconde diversifiées" workshop, présented in Winnipeg, MB.

Speakers: Katy Arnett and Leif French

September 30, 2010

Participation in a roundtable organized for the *ConBat+ symposium-workshop*, held at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.

October 14-16, 2010

Workshop presented at the Canadian Association of Immersion Teachers (CAIT) Conference, held in Moncton, NB.

Speaker: Louisel Pelletier-Robichaud

October 22, 2010

Workshop presented at the NSLTA (Nova Scotia Language Teachers Association) Conference, held in Halifax, NS. Speaker: John Erskine

October 22-23, 2010

Workshop on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages presented at the OMLTA (Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association) Conference, held in Niagara Falls, ON.

Speaker: Laura Hermans

October 29-30, 2010

Workshop presented at the SLIC (Second Languages and Intercultural Council) Conference 2010, of The Alberta Teachers' Association, held in Edmonton, AB.

Speaker: John Erskine

November 2, 2010

Workshop on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, held in Prince Rupert, BC.

Speaker: Laura Hermans

November 11-30, 2010

Workshop presented at the SPEAQ (Society for the Promotion of the Teaching of English as a Second language in Quebec) Conference, held in Montreal, QC.

Speaker: Leif French

November 18-19, 2010

Introductory workshop to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, Fredericton, NB.

Speaker: Laura Hermans

November 25-26, 2010

Workshop presented at the "Association des enseignantes et enseignants du Québec" Annual Conference, held in Montreal. QC.

Speaker: Caterina Sotiriadis

January 24-25, 2011

Workshop on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, held in Niagara Falls, ON.

Speaker: Laura Hermans

February 4, 2011

Workshop on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, held in St. John's, NL.

Speaker: Miles Turnbull

March 9-10, 2011

"Incorporating Oral Language Skills and French Culture in the Core French Classroom" workshop, presented in Saskatoon, SK. Speaker: André Charlebois

March 11, 2011

Stakeholder meeting on implementing the CEFR in Canada, held in Gatineau. QC.

Facilitator: Miles Turnbull

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Our Results

STATEMENT OF REVENU AND EXPENSES

(FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2011)

	2011
Revenues	
Contributions from Canadian Heritage	\$620,500.00
Memberships	\$26,382.00
Publications sales	\$4,504.00
Other (conference and other registration fees, advertising, etc.)	\$27,883.00
Total	\$679,269 .00
Expenses	
Salaries and benefits	\$212,125.00
Contractuals and consultants	\$163,993.00
Travel and accommodations	\$143,887.00
Printing and publicity	\$80,454.00
Office expenses	\$19,255.00
Rent	\$18,499.00
Telecommunications	\$7,109.00
Insurance	\$1,855.00
Association dues	\$607.00
Professional fees	\$11,800.00
Interests and services charges	\$7,444.00
Amortization and capital assets	\$3,383.00
Teacher bursary	\$2,293.00
Total	\$672,704 .00
Excess (deficiency) or revenu over	
expenses	\$6 565 .00

Breakdown of members per province

Alberta	289
British Columbia	692
Prince Edward Island	32
Manitoba	201
New Brunswick	113
Nova Scotia	575
Nunavut	8
Ontario	700
Quebec	396
Saskatchewan	250
Newfoundland and Labrador	116
Northwest Territories	20
Yukon	3
Other	51

... CASLT day by day

March 17-18, 2011

Conferences presented at the symposium The Quiet Evolution of Language and Cultural Relations in Canada: A Tribute to the Work of Wallace Lambert, held in Montreal, QC.

Speakers: Sharon Lapkin and Janice Aubry

March 24-26, 2011

Workshop presented at the OMLTA (Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association) Spring 2011 Conference, held in Toronto, ON.

Speaker: Laura Hermans

ABOUT CASLT

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2010 - Helen Coltrinari

2009 - Larry Vandergrift

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1997 - Heike Sasaki

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1995 - Prix non remis

1994 - Monique Duplantie

1993 - Denise Bourassa

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1991 - Prix non remis

1990 - Janet Poyen

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1983 - Dr. H H. Stern

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2010 - Sonya LeGresley

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2001 - Kevin Flynn

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2010 - Graham Fraser

2009 - Stuart Wachowicz

2008 - L'honorable Claudette

Tardif

2007 - Boyd Pelley

2006 - Dvane Adam

2005 - Vincent Bueti

2004 - Hilaire Lemoine

2004 - Hilaire Lerrionie

2003 - Keith McLeod

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Sister Eileen Sesk (1975-1976)

James Jones (1974-1975)

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Robert R. Roy (1970-1972)

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- Second Language Teacher and Program Support (Core English and Core French);
- Educational Resources Database (LangCanada):
- Enhancing the appreciation and application of research among second language educators through the development of Teacher Professional Support Guides for CMLR (The Canadian Modern Language Review) Online;
- Common Framework and Portfolio for Languages Project, 2009-2011;
- Formative Assessment Tasks calibrated to the CEFR for use by Canadian Second Language Educators (FSL and ALS).



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A "must have" for all second language teachers or students in Education. Based on the Common European Framework of Reference, it allows you to ascertain objectively the level of your competencies in French, to set up a course of action tailored to your needs and to monitor the evolution of your competencies.



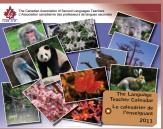
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Published 3 times per year, Réflexions provides information on CASLT and its partners, the evolution of research, professional development opportunities and technological innvations in the teaching and learning of second languages, along with feature articles and ideas for teachers and their students about activities to be realized in class.



An educational board game for teachers and their students aged 8 years and older. Speakarama increases the awareness of languages spoken in Canada and allow students to learn the meaning and origin of place names of Canadian cities and provinces.



The Language Teacher Calendar 2011 offers each month information on the World flora and fauna, on an idiomatic expression along with a suggested activity to be realized in class.





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