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Executive Director (ED) Report – February 2017

The following is a summary of the key activities regarding the TESL Canada Federation Executive Director (Claude Lloyd), and additional key TESL Canada activities.

TESL Canada 2017 Conference

Key Dignitaries

We are expecting a wide range of dignitaries as invitations have been sent to MPs, MPPs across Canada, as well as Municipal leaders. All three levels of government are expected to be in attendance.

Laura Albanese, Minister of Immigration and Citizenship of Ontario has informed TESL Canada that she will be attending.

Keynote Speakers

Keynote speakers scheduled for the Niagara Falls conference include ;

Tracey Derwing

Dr. Tracey Derwing is a Professor emeritus of TESL (Educational Psychology) at the University of Alberta, and an Adjunct Professor in Linguistics at Simon Fraser University (BC).

Presentation: "The Ins and Outs of ESL in Canada: How the Past Can Inform the Future"

Charles Boberg

Dr. Charles Boberg is Associate Professor of Linguistics at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

Presentation:

"The Evolution and Modern Features of Standard Canadian English: A Comparative Perspective"



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Murray Munro

Dr. Murray Munro is a Professor with the Department of Linguistics, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia.

Presentation: "Accents in Canada: Diversity and Adaptation in a Kaleidoscopic Context"

Conference Registrations

Registrations are building quickly. To demonstrate the international flavour of our expected audience, registrants to date originate from the following geographies ;

North America
South America
Africa
Middle East

Exhibitors

The following is a list of the paid exhibitors to date and their associated websites.

Canadian Resources for ESL	www.eslresources.com
Cambridge University Press	www.cambridge.org
ACE Education	www.aceducation.ca
Paragon Testing Enterprises	www.paragontesting.ca
University of Toronto Press/Pippin	www.utppublishing.com
SuccessinTESL	www.successintesl.ca
Teacher to Teacherpreneur	www.teacherpreneur.ca

Presentation Proposals

We had a fantastic response to the TESL Canada Conference Call for Proposals which closed on February 3rd. Thank you to all of you who submitted proposals. We received 277 proposals from right across Canada as well as internationally.



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A huge shout out of thanks to our team of 20 volunteer blind peer reviewers from across Canada (and two who are located internationally) who worked hard to review all of the proposals within a very short timeframe.

We are extremely pleased with the quality of the proposals and the range of topics represented in them. The proposals are evidence of the many talented English language teaching practitioners and researchers in Canada and of the high quality of work that we do in our profession. The substantive number of proposals received is indicative of the strong interest in the TESL Canada conference.

Conference Entertainment

We have great entertainment scheduled for the President's Reception on Thursday, June 8th in the evening. Guitar virtuoso Andrew Lopatin from Stouffville, Ontario will be performing. You can hear some of his music at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLh0Ds2XNYQ>. He can truly make a guitar sing! This event is complementary with your conference registration. Make sure you fit this networking event into your schedule.

2017 Conference Registration

The link to register is at www.teslcanadaconference.ca/registration. Make sure you take advantage of the Early Bird Full Conference Registration and Accommodation Package or the Early Bird Registration. The deadline for all Early Bird registrations is April 30th, 2017.

If you have any questions about the conference contact us at conference@tesl.ca.

Meetings

For the month of February, I engaged in meetings with;

- Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- Institutional sector stakeholders
- TESL Canada Standards Advisory Committee



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Productive meetings were held with many stakeholders. These conversations were an opportunity to increase internal communications, discuss operations and strategic initiatives.

I participated in a TESL Canada Head Office staff meeting. It was a great opportunity to convey our thanks to the staff for their support in terms of the services they provide TESL Canada membership, the Executive and the Board.

Thank you to all the volunteers who support TESL C

Strengthening the Federation

We continue to strive to build bridges with ESL organizations including our Provincial associations. We continue to communicate with BC TEAL and would like to do the same with TESL Ontario. With a stronger Federation, TESL members can have a stronger national and international voice.

Head Office

Our HR / Office Manager – Jessica Tomlin is now officially full time!

Jessica has been paramount in the improvements made in the Head Office operations to date. She has proven her worth tenfold by the value she delivers on various portfolios, this coupled with the importance of her role as HR/Office Manager, were catalysts towards my decision to have Jessica join the TESL Canada team full time. Welcome aboard Jessica!

Numerous process changes being made by Jessica, resulting in improved member service quality and reduced operating costs, additional key benefits from this initiative include reduced operational risks.

Key project - relocation of Calgary Head Office to Ottawa.

The transition from Calgary to Ottawa continues to move forward. We are looking forward to opening the door to the TESL Canada Ottawa head office on April 1st!



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We are growing in numbers, interest, TESL activities and more! Let's continue to plant seeds together and bear fruit for our TESL Canada members and all of our ESL stakeholders.

"To see things in the seed, that is genius"

Lao Tzu

I hope to see everyone at the conference June 8th to 10th, 2017. Thank you to everyone who has supported TESL Canada. I look forward to serving you the members and enjoying the great things we can do together!

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