



UPCOMING
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- Ontario Chapter:
2010 Annual
Conference.
October 4-5, 2010
- Evaluator
Excellence Award
2010; Fall 2010

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2010 Annual Conference

Canadian Evaluation Society - Ontario Chapter

"Optimizing the Practice of Evaluation"

October 4 - 5, 2010

The Old Mill Inn & Spa

21 Old Mill Road, Toronto, Ontario

The evaluator's role and the work we do to help our organizations maximize program impacts has never been more critical. In the context of increasing accountability and a complex "hard-to-measure" world, our organizations, funding agencies and clients look to us to provide evidence-based information and insight:

1. ***Are our programs, policies and/or strategies efficient and effective?***
2. ***What are the lessons learned for program improvement and innovation?***
3. ***Do our programs contribute to organizational results and if so, how?***

The recent introduction of the CES Credentialed Evaluator Designation (CE) reflects the unique contribution and competencies of evaluators – as 'puzzle solvers', as 'communicators', as 'researchers'. This year's conference will explore the evolving, expanding practice of evaluation and the ways that evaluation practice and practitioners contribute to organizational success.

Join us for an exciting professional development and networking opportunity focused on the strategies, tools, methods and concepts critical for evolving evaluation practice in your organization. You will:

Learn new strategies and techniques

Explore and share best practices for enhanced practice

Prepare for professional designation

For more info: <http://www.evaluationontario.ca/Events/AnnualConference.html>

CES-ON 2010 Call for Abstracts!

Submit your proposal for an oral presentation, case study, workshop or poster, **highlighting how your work is making a difference in a rich variety of places and spaces** – submit before July 23rd, 2010 across one or more of three key conference themes:

Communities of Practice:

- How do we support the evolving, expanding role of the evaluator?
- What are the challenges, practices and innovative approach to enhancing capacity?

Actionable Measurement:

- Are we measuring the right things? What are important considerations for tools and methods?
- How can measurement frameworks enhance collaboration and integration across organizations?

Cultivating a Culture of Evidence:

- How do we contribute to the socialization of evaluation - in other words, contribute to the development of infrastructure and positive context for using results?

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To register or for more details visit:

<http://www.evaluationontario.ca/Events/AnnualConference.html>

or email: conference@evaluationontario.ca

**Submission of abstracts due by
Friday July 23, 2010**



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CANADIAN
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SOCIETY

Ontario Chapter

The Canadian Evaluation Society, Ontario Chapter (CES-ON) is a not-for-profit professional association, dedicated to the advancement of evaluation theory and practice.

To change your contact information, or update your membership, please contact our registrar:

Elana Gray: registrar@evaluationontario.ca

Other CES-ON 2010 Conference Events

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the CES -Ontario chapter to be held during the annual Ontario conference (October 4th and 5th, 2010). We would like to invite all members of the chapter to attend the AGM. The AGM is a great opportunity to meet other Board members and hear about the activities of the Chapter from the past year, as well as our plans for the upcoming year.

CES-ON Board Member Nominations

We encourage CES-ON Chapter members in central to northern Ontario to join the 2010 CES-ON Board of Directors. We conduct most meetings via teleconference. Board members contribute to the work of a committee by serving as chair, as well as providing input into the work of other committees and the ongoing business of the Board. The 2011 Nomination Form is attached. By the end of August 2010 please submit this form or questions to: **Elana Gray;** 1667 Ruscombe Close; Mississauga ON, L5J 1Y2; **Telephone and Fax:** (905) 855-2079; **Email:** registrar@evaluationontario.ca

**NOMINATION FORM FOR CES BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
ONTARIO CHAPTER 2011**

CANDIDATE

I, _____, agree to stand as a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Evaluation Society, Ontario Chapter for a three-year term.

Email address: _____

_____ Phone Number: _____

(Signature of Candidate)

NOMINATION

I, _____, nominate the above-named candidate for election to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Evaluation Society, Ontario Chapter.

Email address: _____

_____ Phone Number: _____

(Signature of Nominator)

I, _____, second the nomination of the above-named candidate for election to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Evaluation Society.

Email address: _____

_____ Phone Number: _____

(Signature of Secunder)

NOTE: Candidate, Nominator, and Secunder must be CES members.

Evaluator Excellence Awards

Has an evaluation made a difference in your organization?

Purpose

The Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) wants to recognize Ontario evaluators who have made a difference through their work.

We would like *you* to nominate an Ontario evaluator/evaluation unit/firm *OR* an Ontario student/class for an Evaluator Excellence Award.

Awards

Two prizes will be awarded –

- one for an Ontario evaluator (or an evaluation unit/firm) and
- one for an Ontario student (or a class) of evaluation.

Winners will be invited to our **Evaluator of the Year Award Ceremony** in the Fall 2010 as part of the annual Ontario CES Conference.

If eligible, charitable organizations that put forth a nomination for an evaluation will receive a small donation.

Nomination Criteria:

- Any Ontario evaluator/evaluation unit/firm OR an Ontario student/class can be nominated;
- Nominees and nominators can be from all sectors (e.g., public, private and NPO);
- Evaluations undertaken within the last 3 years; and
- Award entry form completed.

Submission details

Please tell us in 750 words or less, how your organization benefited from the evaluation, including:

- ✓ Information about your organization and/or programs;
- ✓ Members of the evaluation team and key stakeholders;
- ✓ Goals and objectives of the project;
- ✓ Rationale and timeline for the evaluation project;
- ✓ How the evaluation was conducted;
- ✓ Key findings from the evaluation;
- ✓ How the evaluation results were utilized or plan to be utilized; and
- ✓ What you and/or your organization learned from the experience.

Selection Process

The winning organizations will be selected by CES members in Ontario through our website.

Winning entries will be posted on our website and winners will be notified prior to the award ceremony.

Deadline

Please send your completed entry form via email to: advocacy@evaluationontario.ca by

Friday August 20, 2010

Evaluation Society Ontario Chapter Evaluator Excellence Award Entry Form

Please complete this entry form by **August 20, 2010** and send it to
advocacy@evaluationontario.ca.

Name (contact person):

Email:

Telephone Number:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

Website:

Entry Category:

Ontario evaluator (or an evaluation unit/firm)

Ontario student (or a class) of evaluation

Name of the Above Nominee:

Length of Time Nominee has been an Evaluator:

Contact Information of the Nominee:

Please share information about the evaluation using the following headings as your guide. Limit your submission to 750 words or less. Bulleted statements are acceptable:

1. Briefly describe your organization and programs

2. Briefly provide a general description of the evaluation experience including goals and objectives of the evaluation project.

3. Identify members of the evaluation team and key stakeholders (titles are acceptable) associated with the evaluation project.

4. Provide a rationale for conducting the evaluation

5. What was the timeline for the project (e.g., start and end dates)?

6. Briefly describe how the evaluation was conducted

7. What were the key findings stemming from the project?

8. How was evaluation results utilized or plan to be utilized?

9. What did you and/or your organization learn from the evaluation experience?

Thank you for your entry