



Canadian Evaluation Society



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About CES

The Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) has over 1500 members from every Province and Territory of Canada. Twelve Regional Chapters offer services such as resource networks, professional development and forums for CES members to explore, discuss and get involved with evaluation interests. In the field of evaluation the Society promotes:

- leadership
- knowledge and education
- advancement of theory & practice
- professional development
- advocacy

This is the 25th year for CES. Visit the CES website for more details and information: www.evaluationcanada.ca

Message from Student Chair

Welcome to the new Student Committee's first newsletter! As the Chair of the Student Committee, I am excited to introduce you to our newsletter. We hope that we will be able to provide students with valuable information to assist you in your evaluation work and help you to increase your interest in evaluation and facilitate networking and work opportunities. The committee was newly formed last summer, and we now have eight dedicated members. We have many plans for the upcoming year, including a student focused session at the local conference, and hope that our activities will encourage and facilitate your involvement in evaluation.

Erica Procter

CES - Ontario

CES – Ontario is the largest regional chapter with over 400 members. The Ontario chapter's mission is to foster a vibrant evaluation community in Ontario by promoting best practices in evaluation to achieve excellence in public, private, and non-profit action. One of the chapter's priorities is to involve students in the field of evaluation.

Volunteers are the heart of the organization and participation in Chapter activities are always welcome. The CES-Ontario chapter has several committees that you can get involved with depending on your interests. Visit the CES-Ontario website for more information: www.evaluationontario.ca

Joint CES/AEA Conference

This once in a decade event of a joint conference between CES and the American Evaluation Association (AEA) took place at the Sheraton Hotel, in Toronto on October 24-30, 2005. This was the largest evaluation conference ever held with more than 2500 participants from around the world!

The conference provided an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with the key players in the field of evaluation as well as learning and professional development. The conference had a total of 50 workshops and 885 concurrent sessions during the week. There were many opportunities for networking during coffee and lunch breaks as well as during receptions and socials organized by various societies, organizations and topical interest groups (TIGs).

CES 2006 Conference

The theme for 2006 annual conference is "Improving the Human Condition: Critiquing the Past, Confronting the Future". The conference this year is in **Charlottetown on June 4 – 7, 2006**. For more information, visit <http://c2006.evaluationcanada.ca>

Funding for students:

To be eligible to apply:

- 1) be or become a CES member (\$46) & register for the conference.
- 2) be enrolled/teach at a Canadian post-secondary institution.
- 3) Be presenting at the conference.
OR
- 4) have participated in the CES Case Competition or Student Paper Contest previously & are enrolled in a Canadian post-secondary institution.

What do you need to do to submit an application?

- a) Indicate your educational affiliation (name of the institution and your relationship with the institution)
- b) Your background in evaluation (e.g., courses taken, courses taught, evaluations completed),
- c) Your interest in attending the Conference (e.g., because you have submitted a paper for presentation, because you want to learn more about evaluation, etc.),
- d) the amount and sources of other financial support to attend the Conference, and the amount you still require.

Applications are to be mailed, faxed or e-mailed **by April 30, 2006** to

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ESSENTIAL SKILL SERIES

An introduction to evaluation concepts and techniques will be held at Queen's Park, Toronto during May 1-4, 2006. Discounted slots are available for students.

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

Contact: elanagray@rogers.com

Pub Nite!!

During the CES/AEA 2005 conference, the CES-Ontario Student Committee organized a Pub Nite to relax, meet and socialise with fellow students from universities in North America. Members of the student committee hope to plan similar events in the future – watch for details!

Student Committee

Erica Procter	- University of Guelph (Student Committee Chair)
Surbhi Bhanot	- University of Windsor
Jaime Lee Brown	- University of Guelph
Philip Darling	- University of Toronto
Hubert Paulmer	- University of Guelph
Heather Travis	- University of Toronto
Linda Yuval	- University of Guelph
Biljana Zuvela	- University of Belgrade

From The Editors

This is the first student newsletter. We intend to send it periodically by email to students across Ontario. Our goal is to provide information on events and activities relevant to students with interests in evaluation. We would love to hear your feedback on the newsletter and suggestions for future articles. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please email us at:

students@evaluationontario.ca

Heather Travis & Hubert Paulmer