

CANADIAN VISION TEACHERS' CONFERENCE 2007
"Steps Toward A Balanced Vision"
(10th Anniversary)
c/o W. Ross Macdonald School
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CALL FOR PAPERS

Introduction

The Canadian Vision Teachers Conference will be held at the W. Ross Macdonald School in Brantford, Ontario, on November 9-11, 2007. The theme of the conference is: "Steps Toward a Balanced Vision"

The conference is to help meet the needs of professionals working in the field of blindness and low vision, as well as an opportunity to network with your peers, share your own knowledge and expertise and tour the facility at the W. Ross Macdonald School (An Education and Resource Center for the Visually Impaired and Deafblind).

Deadline for Submission: January 31, 2007

The theme of the conference will be developed through:

- a) **plenary sessions** with keynote speakers,
- b) **workshops**,
- c) **poster sessions** (a poster presentation is a display where the author attends the display and distributes material as requested to attendees.)
- d) **round table" discussion** (a round table discussion is a less formal presentation where the presenter and a small group of attendees, learn about the presenter's work. The format offers hands-on, practical suggestions.)

Presenters Wanted!

- Share your experience as a professional, consumer, parent, etc!
- Share your practical strategies!
- Share your research!

Please consider the following suggested topics for your presentation.

Suggested Topics

- Do you have strategies/best practice for teaching components of the ECC to students who are visually impaired including those who have multiple exceptionalities (compensatory or functional academic skills, including communication modes, orientation and mobility, social interaction skills,

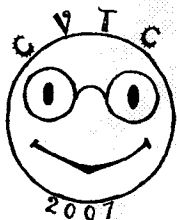
independent living skills, recreation and leisure skills, career education, use of assistive technology, visual efficiency skills, self-determination)

- Have you found a way to promote the Expanded Core Curriculum to administrators, parents, and fellow vision teachers? Does your Board have specialized training in all areas for Vision teachers to become more comfortable in teaching ECC? Does your province or Board have specific mandates and standards for teaching ECC?
- Do you have research or documentation that you can share with colleagues on any aspects of the ECC, Optometry, Ophthalmology, or other topics related to vision?
- Do you have strategies to foster strong relationships within a team to help better serve children, students, and young adults?
- Do you have strategies for including a child with a visual impairment in your preschool setting?
- Do you have developmentally appropriate strategies for programs for young children who are blind or who have low vision with multiple exceptionalities in a preschool setting?
- Are you a student who can share your ideas on how professionals have improved your educational experiences?
- Have you discovered techniques that allow you as a professional to be better organized, less stressed, and more focused on your work?
- Do you have strategies to promote social activities, sports, and peer support in the community?
- Do you have an opinion on a topic on which you could lead a discussion?

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by the Program Committee based on a number of factors including:

1. Relevance to the theme
2. Innovation
3. Practical application to the field

Please complete the attached “Call for Papers Submission Form” and submit by electronic mail, fax, or mail, **no later than January 31, 2007**. An acknowledgement will be sent to you by email (only email) upon receipt of your submission.



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1. Presentation Title: _____

2. Presentation Format: (check one)

_____ Workshop (Indicate: 1 hour, ½ day, full day)

_____ Poster Session

_____ Round Table Discussion

3. Has this topic or paper been previously presented? If yes, where and when?

4. Conference Program Description

(In approximately 50 words, specifically describe the contents of your presentation and for whom it is directed. This will appear in the Conference Program)

5. Abstract: Attach a one-page abstract, including 3 learning objectives.

6. Primary Presenter:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

*Email: _____

(*Acknowledgements will be sent by email only)

7. Co-Presenters

Name(s): _____

Title(s): _____

To promote accessibility for all attendees, please ensure that all print handouts are available electronically to ensure alternate formats (large print and Braille) can be completed by the conference secretary.

Deadline: Please submit this form and your one page abstract no later than **January 31, 2007**, via email to: duncan.mcgregor@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

OR via mail or fax to: Ms. Margot Neill, Programming Committee Co-Chair, CVTC 2007, c/o W. Ross Macdonald School, 350 Brant Avenue, Brantford, ON N3T 3J9. Fax: (519) 759-4741