



Association for Conductive Education in North America  
 “Setting the Conductive Education Compass –Connecting,  
 Communicating, Championing”

Toronto, Ontario CANADA

**Thursday / Friday, August 26-27, 2010**  
**Canadian National Institute for the Blind**  
**1929 Bayview Ave**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26		
8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:30 – 8:45 am	Welcome	<u>ACENA President</u> general greetings  <u>Conference Host</u> local greetings location of washrooms/fire exits overview of conference schedule Introduction of Keynote
8:45 – 10:00 am	KEYNOTE	<u>Dr. Franz Schaffhauser</u> Rector Peto Institute, Budapest, Hungary
10:00 – 10:20 am	Networking Break / Exhibitors	
10:20 – 11:00am		<u>Andria Spindel</u> President & CEO March of Dimes Canada Conductive Education in Canada
11:00 – 12:30 pm	Plenary Speaker	<u>Jennifer Mossop</u> Strategic Communications – Telling Your Story and Winning Support
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Networking Lunch Exhibitors	

Setting the Conductive Education Compass: Connecting, Communicating, Championing			
1:30 - 3:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Doing It All: Conductor-Teacher-Administrator</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gail Mores, National Director, National &amp; Provincial Programs, MODC</i></p> <p>Conductors working in North America face unique challenges. Many function in a dual role as both a Conductor and a Center administrator. Foreign-born Conductors face challenges in the "New World" that start with the visa process and continue with an unfamiliarity of employment expectations, and their rights as employees. Conductor-Teachers work in diverse employment settings that range from large interdisciplinary teams to small centers managed by a single parent. Often pressures to be profitable compete with the setting of class ratios and scheduling. Added to this is the commitment of Conductors - whether working as Conductor-Teachers or Conductor-Administrators - to champion their profession, and enhance their own learning and development. It is a heady mix.</p> <p>Guided by a pre-session questionnaire that will highlight pertinent areas to explore, this session is a must for Conductors, and Administrators, to discuss the complex and unique personae that is a Conductor in North America.</p> <p>Themes identified in this session will be forwarded to the ACENA Board for incorporation into their annual operation plan to improve both our understanding of the multifaceted personae that is a Conductor in North America, and inform how we can improve their practice in our classrooms.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Putting You First: A Caregivers Support Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sue Jones, Manager of Volunteer &amp; Chapter Services Canada, MODC</i></p> <p>This session will give caregivers an opportunity to speak about their experiences, explore their role within the family dynamic, understand the importance of allowing 'me' time, and review the real benefits their participation in a support group can have. We kindly ask that caregivers attend this session without their loved ones.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Constructing a Framework for ACENA Conductive Education Standards in North America</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Brent Page, National Manager, CE, MODC</i></p> <p>Using the ACENA <i>Policy &amp; Procedures Manual and Practice Manual</i> as a starting point, this session will work to create a common framework and language - a 'skeleton rubric' if you will - that ACENA can utilize to develop Center and Conductor-Teacher Standards acceptable within the North American CE community. Delegates will be asked to complete a questionnaire prior to their arrival to inform the discussion and provide a starting point.</p>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Networking Break / Exhibitors		
3:15 - 4:15 pm	<p><b>Research Updates:</b> Governor State/Center for Independence/Coleman Foundation Motion Capture Research Project <i>Dr. Roberta O'Shea, Governor's State University</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p><b>Expert Panel on Conductive Education Research</b> The June 10/11 Conference held by Percy Hedley Foundation in Newcastle, UK <i>Jerry Lucas, VP, MODC</i></p>		
4:15-6:15	Transfer to Reception		
6:30 -8:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECEPTION</b> CN Tower, The World's Tallest Tower &amp; one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World</p>		
8:00 pm	Dinner on own		

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
8:30 – 9:45 am	KEYNOTE	<b>Dr. Erzsébet Balogh</b> International Peto Association
9:15 – 11:00 am	Plenary Session	<p align="center"><b>International Steal, Share &amp; Support</b>  <b>A roundtable meeting of ACENA's Conductive Education minds</b></p> <p>Feedback from past ACENA Conferences recommended time be dedicated for CE Centers and their staff to share - in an informal fashion - an issue (that they would like the collective North American CE Community to ponder) or success (that they feel the collective North American CE Community could benefit from or emulate). This roundtable discussion will allow each CE Centre this time.</p> <p>Come prepared to share a story from your Center. This is <i>our</i> time to chat, ponder and communicate; learn and steal from each other and champion Conductive Education in a low-tech forum where PowerPoint presentations are prohibited.</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Networking Break / Exhibitors	
11:15 – noon	ACENA AGM	President & ACENA Board ACENA Members Guests
Noon – 1:00 pm	Barbeque Lunch	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Conductive Education Open Forum / Panel Discussion	Topics: Awareness Day 2011 - considering a joint 'a-thon' Conductor Professional Development Workshop Administrators Quarterly Conference Calls
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Conference close and farewells	