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NEW Features on ACENA.org!

Check out our new website features including:

- [MEMBERS FORUM](#)
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Find information about upcoming events, the North American Conductor's Association or check out our member's forum.

If you are an ACENA member and would like to access to our Forum or if you have any questions, please contact Brittany Jennings at bjennings@marchofdimes.ca

GET INVOLVED!

There are many opportunities to have your voice heard in ACENA. Join a subcommittee today to help spread Conductive Education across North America. Here are some

Greetings from ACENA Board President

What a productive year it has been for ACENA! We introduced a new website, which includes an interactive member's forum and greater access to resources and research on Conductive Education; hosted a highly successful ACENA Conductive Education Conference in partnership with CECO; significantly increased membership; and continue to promote and expand the practice of Conductive Education throughout North America.

On July 1, 2016, the new ACENA year begins with Andrea Benyovszky taking over the leadership of ACENA as Board President. It has been an honor to work with the dedicated ACENA Board and members over the past two years and I look forward to assisting Andrea as she takes on this role.

I am also very pleased to announce the results of the June 2016 ACENA Board Elections:

- Elizabeth Filkins - Director of Membership
- Alana Curtin - Director of CE Practice
- Christina Bingham-Simko - Director of Program Operations
- Anita Keresztury - Director of Advocacy

Our sincere thanks to these generous professionals for committing so much of their time and talent in expanding and improving the field of Conductive Education throughout North America.

We are also grateful to fellow Board Members who will be continuing on over the next year:

- Brittany Jennings - Director of Communication
- Gabriella Molnar - Director of Finance
- Beth Lynch - Director of Continuing Education
- Katie Lightfoot - Secretary

A very special thank you to Chris Martin (Movement Centre of Manitoba) for Chairing the nominations and election and to Brent Page for continuing to offer advice and support.

Please join the ACENA Annual General Meeting this November to learn more about the Board of Director's Plan of Work for 2016/2017. If you are already an ACENA member - thank you! If you are not a member, please consider joining ACENA to get the professional development, resources and peer-to-peer support you

upcoming projects we would love to have your help with:

- ACENA Conference Subcommittee
- Membership Benefits Subcommittee
- NACA

To get involved today, please contact [Brittany Jennings](#).

CE CENTER FEATURE

We want to hear from you! Would you like to see your Center featured in our next newsletter? Next issue we will be introducing our CE Center Feature to share what Centers across North America are doing.

This is a great way to find about our neighbors in CE and share our successes, events and stories! If you would like your Center featured, please contact Brittany Jennings at bjennings@marchofdimes.ca

ACENA Facebook Group

Make sure you join our [ACENA Facebook group](#)



To learn about upcoming ACENA activities and receive information and articles relating to Conductive Education.

need in providing the highest quality Conductive Education programming with confidence!

Patricia Herbst
ACENA Board President

ACENA Summer Skype Session

July 20-21, 2016 (Time to be announced)

ACENA and The Center for Independence would like to invite you to participate in our second ACENA Skype Session!



Benefits of the skype session:

- Peer modeling
- Learn similarities and differences in CE Centers across North America
- Young students are able to meet older participants and share memories, experiences and stories
- Singing together
- Role modeling by the older students
- Can share common goals (Sitting, walking etc.)
- Helps to develop communication skills
- Promotes discussion in the group after the session

Centers that participate can plan to set up future skype sessions to

- Keep in touch and stay connected
- Develop friendships and partnerships among professionals and participants at each of the centers
- Plan to share resources and knowledge between the centers through these partnerships

If you would like to participate, please contact Anita Keresztury at akeresztury@cfice.org

ACENA Research Meeting July 27/28, 2016

We can't escape the fact that for CE to grow, thrive and gain mainstream acceptance research is required. Today's education and rehabilitative environments demand this, funders require it,

9th World Congress on Conductive Education

Budapest, Hungary
December 10th-13th, 2016

Welcome to the Home
of Conductive
Education

Abstracts will be accepted
until September 15th.

[Register today!](#)

Coming Soon!

World Congress
Scholarships at an amount of
\$1250 each will be awarded
to two ACENA Members.
Application forms and
general information regarding
this great opportunity will be
available soon. Stay Tuned!

ACENA 2016 Elections

The 2016 ACENA Election
took place in June. Please
join us in welcoming our new
and returning Board
Members:

Director of Membership
- Elizabeth Filkins

Director of Advocacy
- Anita Keresztury

Director of Practice
- Alana Curtin

families - who increasingly in the "Google Age" can access hundreds of potential interventions for their loved ones in seconds online - are looking for it. ACENA does have a role to play in research in the North American community and conductive education centers operating in Canada, Mexico and the United States can contribute and participate.

ACENA is hosting a research roundtable in Winnipeg, Manitoba - hosted by The Movement Centre of Manitoba - on Wednesday and Thursday, July 27/28. ACENA members and centers are welcomed to join these meetings! The two-day meeting will discuss the following projects:

- **PROJECT ONE: ADULT STROKE RESEARCH**

Can we propose a multidimensional multi-site study using MRI/DTI and functional outcomes to measure the impact of CE based on the work of Governor's State University and the Center for Independence through Conductive Education?

- **PROJECT TWO: ACENA RESEARCH SUMMIT**

Can we develop a conductive pedagogy research agenda for 2016-2020 and determine which centers want to do research and which centers want to act as recruiting sites.

For more information or to join the meeting please contact Margy Nelson, Executive Director, The Movement Centre of Manitoba at margy@movementcentre.ca

CE Research Study

Is a family-centred initiative a family-centred service? A case of a Conductive Education setting for children with cerebral palsy

From the moment a child is diagnosed as having cerebral palsy, families have to cope on a daily

**Director of Program
Operations**

- Christina Bingham-Simko

Thank you to Chris Martin for taking on the role of Chair of Nominations.

basis with the multifaceted challenges of life-long disability management. Family-centred service is embraced as a 'best practice' model because of accumulating evidence supporting its positive influence on parents and children's outcomes. Nevertheless, research comparing parent and provider perspectives on family-centred practices of educational service providers in education settings is scarce. The aims of this study were to compare the extent to which parents and conductors experience the service delivery in Tsad Kadima, the Association for Conductive Education in Israel, as being family-centred, as well as comparing parents' perception of different educational settings as being family-centred. For the full research study, go to ACENA.org and check out our [Research](#) section.

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