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NEWS RELEASE

National Teachers Association Seeks Dynamic Presenters for its *Languages Without Borders* Conference in 2011

Ottawa, May 6, 2010 – The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) is once again hosting its *Languages Without Borders (LWB)* national conference for second language educators to be held on April 7-9, 2011 at the Hilton Montreal Bonaventure Hotel. This is a unique opportunity for language educators, particularly those from Central and Eastern regions, to share innovative teaching strategies with like-minded professionals.

LWB brings together language experts from across the languages and across the country to discuss the important trends and issues surrounding linguistic and cultural diversity in Canada.

LWB gathers over 600 second language educators of English, French, Spanish, German, Chinese, Japanese, Ukrainian, First Nations Languages, and American Sign Language, among others, representing every province and territory.

The *LWB* conference theme for 2011 is **Perspectives and Innovations**. The programme strands include:

- Effective Practices in Second Language Pedagogy
- Integrating Culture and Intercultural Understanding in Second Languages
- Assessment and Evaluation Approaches
- Student Learning Benefits and Opportunities
- Professional Learning Pathways

“I encourage all second language teachers to submit workshop and roundtable proposals for our conference, whether they’ve presented with us in the past or are new to *LWB* conferences,” said CASLT President Valerie Pike. “Sharing knowledge and learning with each other improves our teaching skills and increases learner motivation and retention in our language programs.”

Interested teachers, researchers and curriculum leaders are encouraged to submit a workshop proposal [online](http://www.caslt.org/conference11/conferences-form_en.php) (http://www.caslt.org/conference11/conferences-form_en.php) at the association website. The Call for presenters opened on 3 May, 2010 and will close on 10 August, 2010.

In 2009, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) launched a new brand for its biennial national conference: “Languages Without Borders”. It provides an opportunity for second language educators to connect with colleagues, researchers, exhibitors, and dignitaries from across Canada and around the world. Conference participants discuss and learn on topics of interest to all international language and culture educators. Visit our website often, www.caslt.org, for updates on the Call for Proposals as well as Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities.

Established in 1970, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) increases awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the importance of second language learning and teaching throughout Canada and promotes the advancement of professional excellence among language educators.

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