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Supporting the professions of
Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology in BC.

VISION
Optimal communication and
swallowing health
for all British Columbians.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HI EVERYONE,

Can you believe we are almost halfway through 2022? As the world adjusts to our new normal and many people are back in person, Speech and Hearing BC is looking towards the future. Later in June, I will be representing Speech and Hearing BC, in-person, by speaking to the Select Standing Committee for Financial and Government Services on our key initiatives to improve communication health access to all British Columbians. We are highlighting the need for increased funding for full-time equivalents (FTEs) in the public sector, increase seats in the graduate program and/or look at options to expand the program outside the Lower Mainland and increase funding for hearing aids.

Everyone can participate by completing the survey or submitting written comments by 3pm on June 24th. **Click here for more information**

Speech and Hearing also continues to meet with our provincial government on ongoing matters such as the amalgamation of colleges, the MCFD transition from individualized funding to Family Connection Centres, and on recruitment and retention, education and training and the role and scope optimization of Allied health professionals with the Ministry of Health and the Allied Health Policy Secretariat.


May was Speech and Hearing Month and this year we had a social media contest asking members to describe what is the best part of being an SLP or audiologist. It was great to see many submissions from members and all their reasons for being in our amazing professions. We also encouraged government officials to highlight the importance of communication health by posting about Speech and Hearing Month. We had responses from Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands; Nicholas Simons, MLA for Powell River-Sunshine Coast; Garry Begg, MLA for Surrey-Guildford; Katrine Conroy, MLA for Kootenay West; Jordan Sturdy, MLA for West Vancouver - Sea to Sky; Mike Starchuck, MLA for Surrey-Cloverdale; Brenda Bailey, MLA for Vancouver-False Creek and Mike Farnworth, MLA for Port Coquitlam and Deputy Premier. Search #IamSHBC on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to see all posts.

Speech and Hearing BC was also in the news and CBC radio in May speaking on the importance of communication health. **Click here to view.**

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MAY IS SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH



For this year's May Better Language and Communication month, Canadian Hard of Hearing Association-BC Chapter set the stage for increasing public awareness of hearing health and hearing loss. They presented, "The Way We Hear It! A Community Engagement Exhibition" at the Okanagan Science Centre in Vernon, BC. The exhibit was on display daily from May 1st to 31st daily. This exhibit provided an interactive, hands-on experience to educate the general public of all ages about our auditory system, hearing health, hearing loss, diverse treatments and solutions, as well as promoting our community of people with hearing loss.

Then, on May 12th the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association-BC Chapter (CHHA-BC) celebrated the success of The Way We Hear It! in Vernon, BC, with volunteers and community of people with hearing loss, community partners and organizations, professionals in the fields of audiology and speech pathology, ASL educators, and members of Vernon's city council. We had an attendance of over 60 people. This special event acknowledged the hard work of this innovative project and to come together to celebrate better language and communication month (also known as speech and hearing month). An exceptional group of guest speakers which included: Jessica Niemela, CHHA-BC-secretary, Victor Cumming-Vernon Mayor, Dione Chambers- Okanagan Science Centre executive director, and Dr. Ruth Warick CHHA-BC president. We also received an inspirational **pre-recorded video** message from The Honourable Carla Qualtrough-Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Disability Inclusion, which commended us on importance of an exhibition

The birth of this project began when member Jessica Niemela (CHHA BC Secretary and Vernon pediatric audiologist), approached her local science centre executive director, Dione Chambers, with her innovative CHHA-BC branded public education idea. Jessica observed that science centres in the province host a variety of special exhibits that are interactive for people of all ages. Hearing health is a concept that ought to begin early and continue across the lifespan. Providing an exhibit that is inclusive of young children will allow families to learn together and have an experience that is engaging and memorable. Dione was all ears and took to the project with open arms and the collaboration began!

The project took off via an outreach to community partners, sponsors, and volunteers with hearing loss who were willing to participate. The vision of the exhibit was to promote a sense of intersectoral action for the cause of hearing health awareness. CHHA-BC values the bringing together of other organizations in our province who care for our community of people with hearing loss. These partnerships are key to the development of the individual educational stations. Particular station topics and activities include: hearing screening, hearing loss simulation, hearing protection, hearing and assistive technology, sign language and so much more.

Now more than ever we are being called to spread awareness of hearing health and reduce the stigma. With the pandemic creating pronounced communication challenges for those with even a mild degree of hearing loss, and the launch of BC's own Accessibility Act, our hearing health is truly becoming everyone's affair.

SPOTLIGHT ON ÉMILIE: THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY INTERVENTION

Émilie Paquin was one of the first babies to have a hearing screening in Revelstoke through the BC Early Hearing Program (BCEHP) in the Fall of 2008. “The BCEHP is the province-wide screening program to check hearing for babies born in BC. The program provides integrated services from **hearing screening** to **hearing testing** as well as **early language support** following identification of hearing loss.” Currently, over 97% of babies born in BC are being screened, with about 1 in 400 babies being born with hearing loss.

Hearing and language are connected, and babies who are deaf or hard of hearing need support as early as possible. Émilie began receiving support from the BC Early Hearing Program once she was identified by an audiologist as having a hearing loss. From here, Émilie’s family was referred to Carolyn Duncan, Interior Health speech-language pathologist, to begin intensive and early intervention to guide Émilie’s communication and language development. Émilie and her family were seen weekly to help develop Émilie’s attention, speech sounds, gestures and words. The family, whose first language is French, were already accessing community programs in Revelstoke such as the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program and the StrongStart BC program. Émilie was also fortunate to be able to attend quality child care through the Revelstoke Child Care Society.

Émilie was nearly 5 months old when she was fitted with hearing aids for her severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss in both ears. The family was given support and resources from the BCEHP and offered options for outreach support to Revelstoke. Émilie’s family chose to receive outreach from the BC Family Hearing Resource Centre which was able to provide support, education and sign language instruction. This meant that Émilie had the opportunity to learn three languages!

At 11 months old, Émilie was referred to the Cochlear Implant team at BC Children’s Hospital to see if she would be a candidate for an implant for her right ear. After some disappointing delays due to middle ear infections, Émilie received a cochlear implant (CI) when she was 20 months old.





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SPOTLIGHT ON ÉMILIE (CONTINUED)

Émilie subsequently had a second CI implanted, as her hearing aid was not providing adequate amplification.

By Kindergarten, Émilie understood and expressed English appropriately for her age. She continued to learn to speak French at home and the family chose to enroll her in École Des Glaciers. With an involved and supportive family, early intensive intervention had certainly paid off.

Émilie is now in Grade 8 and recently participated in the DHHproud–Showcase which is a “contest designed for Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth to gain experience in public presentation, boost self-expression, gain self-assurance, and improve communication skills.” Émilie participated with 10 other contestants in her category and received second place. She was among 80 Deaf or Hard of Hearing students competing in British Columbia. Students competed live on a virtual platform and presented a 4-minute speech on the theme “What makes me proud to be Deaf or Hard of Hearing?” In her speech, Émilie described herself as a “sports person” being able to do all sorts of activities like skiing, swimming, kayaking, and rock climbing and that she is “able to do all of these things even as a deaf person”. She described her “Superpowers” – being able to listen to music through her implants (without anyone

My topic will be about what makes me proud to be deaf.
READY
Good morning!
I am a high school student. I am a sports person. In the winter, I go on skis and cross-country ski. In the summer, I go mountain biking and swimming in the ocean. I really like to play sports.

knowing!), being able to “take off her implants completely” when she is tired to help her restore energy. She cheekily mentioned her favourite part is being able to “mute” her brother! She described learning sign language as her “base language” and the ability to now speak French and English fluently.

Émilie spoke of the positive qualities of being deaf (Deaf Gain), and why she feels stronger because she is deaf. She experiences things better through touch and feel, often exploring with her hands while she is on the trail hiking. She finds she is more observant, noticing with her eyes what others might not. This gives her the ability to read people’s body language to know what they might be feeling.

Émilie is proud to be deaf “because of her awesome superpowers that turn the world on and off”, her ability to do things differently and the opportunity to learn three languages. Through early intervention and a supportive and active family, Émilie has achieved the power of Deaf Gain.

This article was written by Carolyn Duncan, Interior Health Speech-Language Pathologist, in celebration of May – Speech and Hearing Month.

2022 SPEECH AND HEARING BC CONFERENCE UPDATE

We have some exciting news for you. We are celebrating our 65th anniversary!

Mark your calendars! Registration will be coming in June.

Your 2022 Conference Committee is actively engaged in bringing you an incredible line-up. New this year: we are using a new virtual platform that we think you will find easy and more engaging to use.

Your registration will provide you with access to all the recordings for the ticket day(s) you purchased.

HERE IS A LIST OF OUR CONFIRMED PRESENTERS:

Presenter	Topic Area	Stream
Temple Grandin	The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism	Keynote
Dave Gordey	What Parents Want from Their Audiologist	Audiology
Steve Aitken	Hidden Hearing Loss, Unresolved Issues and Clinical Assessment	Audiology
Lauril Sachet	Motivational Interviewing for Audiologists	Audiology
Olivia Daub	Outcomes in Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Audiology
Marlene Bagatto	Hearing Loss in Infants, Screening for Risk Factors at Birth, Interdisciplinary Collaboration (SLP/Audiology for infants with hearing loss)	Audiology
Jessie Ginsburg	Sensory Regulation	Preschool
Keisha Nolan	Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy	Preschool
Hillary Koning	Preschool Assessment, Goal Writing and Therapy for Neurodiverse Children	Preschool
Gloria Soto	Culturally and Linguistically Affirming AAC Practices	Preschool
V Tisi	Introduction to Anti-Ableism and Being Culturally Responsive	Preschool
Nia Thomas	Culturally Responsive Dynamic Assessments	School
Scott Yaruss	School-Age Stuttering Therapy: A Practical Approach	School
Sheila MacDonald	Multidisciplinary Collaboration in Cognitive Rehabilitation for Acquired Brain Injury: Communicating Our Role	Adult
Lois Turner	Transitions for People who use AAC: from School to Adulthood and Creating a Life	Adult
Karen Sheffler	Dysphagia	Adult
Balbir Gurm	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Creating Culturally Safe Spaces for Ourselves and Our Clients	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Len Pierre	Indigenous Cultural Safety	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- 2022 SPEECH AND HEARING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

2022 SPEECH AND HEARING BC AWARDS

- CATEGORIES -

Honours of the Association

Honours members who have made outstanding contributions to speech-language pathology and/or audiology in areas such as education, research, organizational services, and/or administration.

Distinguished Service Award

Honours individuals who are not speech-language pathologists or audiologists, but who have made outstanding contributions to the professions and the communities they serve.

Award in Recognition of Service

Awards members whose special efforts and contributions, through volunteer service with Speech and Hearing BC and related organizations, have contributed to the growth of audiology and speech-language pathology.

The Audiologist and Speech Language Pathologist of the Year

These awards are given to individual members or teams who have been nominated by clients and/or client families and who are members of Speech and Hearing BC/registered with SAC/CSHHPBC. These awards are given based on client nomination. These awards will be presented to those individuals or groups that have contributed to the growth of the professions of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology exemplifying the vision or mission of the professions for client outcomes and care.

Please click the button below for more information and for the nomination forms:

[Nomination form](#)

Please send in your nominations by **August 15, 2022**, to janet@speechandhearingbc.ca or by fax: **604-736-5606**.



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Health care in BC has been undergoing a radical transformation. Recognizing the need for consistent, community-based care, the BC Government has mandated that primary health care should be delivered by a patient-centred, interprofessional team.

The UBC Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care was developed by the UBC Faculty of Medicine to support health care professionals in this transformation. It's an opportunity to build skills and apply the principles of team-based care, contribute meaningfully to an interprofessional team and lead change wherever you are working.

Working in an MBA-style cohort, you will collaborate with interprofessional peers to apply the principles of team-based care in your context, share experiences to avoid pitfalls, and develop a graduate-level understanding and articulation of best practices.

COURSES

There is a total of five **courses** that make up the 12-month, part-time program, with the cohort progressing as a close-knit unit. Weekly evening (online) meetings for courses 1-3 culminate in two in-person weekends for the final courses: one weekend specializing in primary health care in rural and remote communities, and the final weekend focusing on a capstone project. Specific topics will be determined by the experience and interests of the learners, but sample topics might include chronic conditions, primary health care for Indigenous populations, seniors' health complexities, or immigrant and refugee health issues.

Anyone working in healthcare, or with a passion for primary health care is **invited to apply**. The selected cohort will consist of professionals from a broad range of disciplines, ranging from nurses and physicians to a wide range of therapists, technicians, health administrators and of course, speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing the Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care, you should be able to successfully apply team-based care principles to enhance patient health outcomes in **practice, education and policy contexts**.

BENEFITS

This program is an excellent opportunity for professional development, to build networks with esteemed peers and expert clinicians, and to share and reflect on experiences in a facilitated program with academic and clinical instructors from across the sector.

We anticipate graduates of the program progressing to further study, moving into administrative or policy-level roles and/or implementing real change to practice in their local context.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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● ASIA PACIFIC ● SOCIETY OF SPEECH, ● LANGUAGE AND ● HEARING (APSSLH)

HELLO SLPS AND AUDIOLOGISTS!

Would you like to build a network with SLP and Audiology researchers and practitioners in the Asian and Pacific region?

Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing (APSSLH) provides a platform to learn, share, and collaborate with researchers and practitioners in the Asia Pacific region. I recently joined this group and am now the Canadian contact for the organization.

Please visit the APSSLH website to find the benefits of membership [here](#) and click "Join Now". The annual membership fee is \$50 USD (\$20 for student members).

As there are many speakers of Asian languages in Canada, speech-language pathologists and audiologists often encounter speakers of those languages in their clinical practice. The Asia Pacific Society hosts conferences and symposia for their members every year (some of which are free) and also gives free access to two journals (in English). This is an excellent opportunity for continuing education and to network with people in Asian countries, opportunities that do not exist solely through SAC and Speech and Hearing BC. For further information about benefits and privileges, please contact me through bernharb@mail.ubc.ca. Below are a few of the highlights.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Reduced fees to attend the APSSLH's conferences and scientific events*
- Opportunity to present your work at the APSSLH's scientific events such as Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Opportunity to build a network and collaborate with researchers, practitioners, and students in Asia and Pacific countries including the US
- Opportunity to serve as an Officer and a Committee member of the APSSLH
- Access to two scientific journals (Speech, Language, and Hearing journal, Folia Phoniatica et Logopaedica)
- We are also currently recruiting volunteers for SIGs. If interested, please let us know about your interest at info@apsslh.net after joining us.

Together, we can make a wave from the Asia Pacific and beyond!

Sincerely,

BARBARA MAY BERNHARDT

On behalf of The Membership Officers 2022-2023
(Paolo Mangune, Min Ney Wong, & Sunjung Kim Thao)
Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language, and Hearing





MEMBER BENEFIT REMINDER

ELECTRONIC HEALTH LIBRARY OF BC (EHLBC)

You may recall that Speech and Hearing BC is a member of the Electronic Health Library of BC (eHLbc) which gives members easy access to top online journals at no cost. The eHLbc's purpose is to support and improve practice, education and research in the health sciences.

So, what does this mean to you as a busy professional? Within a few moments you are able to search databases of peer-reviewed research, scan abstracts from a variety of research papers, and read or print articles with the most recent research in your field, supporting your ability to ground your practice in evidence.

What resources are available through the eHLbc? We have access to the following health information resources:

- **CINHAL Complete**
- **Medline Fulltext**
- **BioMedical Reference Centre**
- **PsycArticles/PsycInfo (APA)**
- **Ebsco's ebook Nursing Collection**

DESCRIPTION OF OUR RESOURCES:

CINAHL Complete (EBSCO) This database provides fast and easy full-text access to top journals, evidence-based care sheets, quick lessons and more.

MEDLINE with Full Text (EBSCO) This database provides full text for hundreds of top biomedical and health journals indexed in MEDLINE.

Biomedical Reference Collection: Comprehensive Edition (EBSCO) This database provides access to full-text, indexed and abstracted biomedical research journals covering a broad range of disciplines, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and pre-clinical sciences.

APA PsycArticles (EBSCO) This database offers access to the complete electronic catalog of APA peer-reviewed journals, giving researchers the ability to explore more than a century of trusted research across the full collection. Updated twice weekly, the database includes First Posting of the latest articles, ensuring access to the newest findings.

APA PsycInfo (EBSCO) This database is the world's largest resource devoted to peer-reviewed literature in behavioral science and mental health. Produced by the American Psychological Association, it is an indispensable tool for the discovery of global scholarly research.

eBook Nursing Collection (EBSCO) This database provides researchers with clinical guides and evidence-based practice manuals to practical handbooks and professional growth titles.

Accessing the eHLbc Login to your account on the Speech and Hearing BC website: speechandhearingbc.ca and click **here**. If you don't have an account go to the website and click on Sign-up to obtain your member account on our website.

For training in basic or advanced search, the eHLbc has instruction and online tutorials at **here**.

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QUICK LINKS



B.C. CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND HEARING PROBLEMS NOT GETTING TIMELY ACCESS TO SUPPORT, SAYS ADVOCACY GROUP

“Massive backlog in timely access to early childhood intervention” could be overcome by creating more seats in M.Sc programs, says Speech and Hearing B.C. president

[Click here](#)

ALL POINTS WEST WITH ROBYN BURNS

‘All Points West’ is the place where people from Victoria and Vancouver Island gather to catch up on the day’s news, meet some new and interesting people and get a few picks for the evening’s entertainment. In May they were speaking on the importance of communication health.

[Click here](#)

