

Report of the Vice-Presidents and Program Co-Chairs for 2013

We hope that our members enjoy this year's CASEA conference. We have attempted to create a program with a variety of session types and themes with presentations that reflect the diversity of our membership. A particular challenge this year was choosing the papers for the program from the large number of proposals submitted.

At every CSSE conference, each association is allocated a certain number of sessions based on its proportion of the total CSSE membership. For this year's conference, our allocation of 25 sessions was based on CASEA members representing approximately 8% of the total CSSE membership. In response to our call for papers, we received 99 proposal submissions. Each of these proposals was submitted to at least two reviewers. We are grateful to those of you who accepted our request to review proposals and who submitted reviews of these proposals. On the basis of these reviews, we chose the proposals that would best suit this year's program. After some changes that occurred after the first program draft, the resulting program has the following types of sessions:

- 13 multi-paper sessions with a total of 51 papers
- 7 symposium sessions
- 1 round table session with 18 presentations at 7 tables
- 1 graduate student seminar
- 1 session for our AGM
- 1 BELMAS session
- 1 session for our book launch
- 1 session shared with CASIE with 1 CASEA paper

We did have to reject a higher number of proposals submitted (16 individual papers and 2 symposia) this year compared to previous years. Reviewer recommendations and excessive length were the main reasons why proposals were rejected for this year's conference.

This year's CSSE conference included the Research Spotlight initiative, begun last year, on Day 1 of the conference. These sessions are aimed particularly at local educational professionals who are invited for the Sunday sessions. CASEA contributed a Knowledge Mobilization symposium chaired by Dr. Ben Levin to the Research Spotlight series this year.

As in previous years, our conference sessions do not normally include discussants, except for some symposium sessions where the organizers specifically choose to include them. We are grateful to our CASEA colleagues who have agreed to chair our sessions this year. This is an important responsibility as our chairs play a key role in successful sessions.

We continue to encourage and value the contributions of our graduate students at our annual conference. We have many papers throughout our program authored or co-authored by graduate students. In addition, we feature this year's graduate student seminar, organized and chaired by Heather Anderson, on the topic "The Academic CV: Understanding, Crafting, and Tailoring It." As always, we strive to welcome graduate students into the academic community throughout the year, and especially at our annual conference.

Special acknowledgements this year go to Dr. Sabre Cherkowski for organizing our annual CASEA banquet and to Ms. Heather Anderson for organizing our book launch and our graduate student seminar. We also express our thanks to Tim Howard and Barb Flood of the CSSE office in Ottawa and to Dr. Kathy Sanford and Ms. Lisa Starr of the CSSE program committee for their support in building this year's program. We are also pleased to welcome our BELMAS colleagues, Dr. Linda Hammersley-Fletcher, Dr. Chris Hanley, and Dr. Chris Brown. We appreciate our reciprocal relationship with BELMAS and several of us are looking forward to attending the BELMAS conference in July 2013 in Edinburgh.

Summary information for recent conferences:

Number of...	2011	2012	2013
Proposal Submissions	72	87	99
Conversation submissions	3	2	0
Multi-paper session papers accepted	52	69	52
Symposia accepted	4	5	7
Round table presentations	10	8	18
Posters	0	2	0
Presentations in French	2	2	1
Rejected Proposals	1	1	18
Proposals Not Conforming to Submission Guide	5	3	7
Proposal Reviewers	70	82	126
Books launched	2	10	5

Respectfully submitted,

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