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ACPI-ici! Professional Development Day

Description

ACPI-ici! days are professional development sessions for immersion educators in outlying regions.

An A+ member working in immersion can organize one of these events in cooperation with ACPI. For example, a teacher, an academic advisor, or a local or regional association interested in planning a session for immersion professionals in their region can submit an application to ACPI.

If the application is approved, ACPI will pay the speaker's fees and travel expenses up to \$1,000 for a full-day ACPI-ici! event, or up to \$500 for a speaker at an ACPI-sponsored workshop. The grant will only be paid out once the final report, evaluations, and other required documents are received. The maximum number of applications that will be approved each year is six (6).

As a formality, an invitation to the ACPI-ici! session will be sent to the ACPI provincial or territorial representative.

Suggested themes

ACPI can help you select a speaker if needed. Here are some suggested themes that are likely to be accepted:

- Immersion administration and leadership
- Inquiry-based learning
- Action-oriented approach
- Integrative approach
- Neurolinguistic approach in immersion
- Writing
- Evaluating language skills, quality of French, authentic experiences
- Personal and cultural identity, the Francophonie
- Indigenous perspectives, intercultural understanding
- Inclusion in immersion
- Literacy in French as a second language
- Mathematics, numeracy
- New teachers, best practices when starting out in immersion education, mentorship

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- Promoting oral production, oral communication, oral comprehension
- Science in immersion
- Enhancing French immersion education with technology
- Other (please explain your thinking)

Organizer

The organizer of an ACPI-ici! conference agrees to do the following:

Before:

- Be an A+ ACPI member in good standing. Contact bureau@acpi.ca for more information.
- Fill out the ACPI-ici! [application form](#). The application will be presented at the next monthly meeting of the board of directors and we will contact you with the response.

During:

- **Promotional materials.** Distribute ACPI folders* to all participants and set up the ACPI roll-up banner at the venue.
- **PowerPoint and member sign-ups.** Promote ACPI with the PowerPoint presentation* on the organization and strongly encourage participants to join (form in the folder or online). Invite them to visit our website www.acpi.ca.
- **Photos.** Take at least three high-quality photos of the session, preferably including:
 - Speaker
 - Organizer with the ACPI banner
 - Participants in action
 - **Funding partner.** Please mention the financial support of Canadian Heritage for these professional development events.

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After:

- **Evaluation.** Ask participants to fill out the **evaluation form** for the event. The link for the form will be sent to you.
- **Report.** As the organizer, fill out and submit the **electronic report** on your ACPI-ici!
- **Documents.** Send the following documents to cbourbonnais@acpi.ca
 1. **List of participants** with their email addresses.
 2. **Photos** of the session.
 3. **Short summary** of your session for publication in our newsletter or our magazine. If possible, please include an example of how this would be used or applied in the classroom.
 4. **Invoice to ACPI.** *After paying* the speaker's fees, the organizer invoices ACPI for reimbursement, including a copy of the supporting documents. No money will be paid until all of the documents, reports, and evaluations are received. Please allow approximately 6 weeks for your reimbursement.

*Thank you for your interest in ACPI. For more information on hosting an ACPI-ici!
Please contact cbourbonnais@acpi.ca.*

