

A Survey of Opportunities for Professional Development in Education-Related Associations Fall 2009

The Canadian Journal for University Continuing Education is seen as an excellent way for CAUCE members to share academic research in the discipline, but there are a great many practitioners who are not part of the academic research community and who have 'on-the-ground' experiences that they may like to share. What might be the best mechanism for CE/DE practitioners to exchange 'learning' and experiences? With this question in mind, a grad student was hired to conduct an environmental scan to determine if there are other organizations who are providing some kind of mechanism for this type of exchange, and to identify what those mechanisms are. The following table provides a summary of these investigations.

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APACUE Atlantic Provinces Association for Continuing University Education http://www.apacue.ca/ A community of educators and promoters of adult learning in Atlantic Canada	PD sessions through Elluminate Live		
IABC International Association of Business Communicators http://www.iabc.com/ A professional network of over 15,500 business communication professionals in over 80 countries	Conferences, teleseminars, web seminars, two week on-line seminars, Facebook, podcasts, posting boards, forums, Twitter		Very dynamic site
OCULL Ontario Council for University Lifelong Learning http://www.ocull.ca/ OCULL is a professional association of those working in the field of lifelong learning at Ontario Universities	Annual meeting, newsletter, membership forum, conferences, research funds, bursary initiatives		
SALT Society for Applied Learning Technology http://www.salt.org/salt.asp?ss=l SALT is oriented to professionals whose work	Conferences, videos on large number of interactive tools		

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requires knowledge and communication in the field of instructional technology; a professional society, designed for individual membership participation with classes of membership keyed to the interest and experience of the individual			
<p>TESL Canada</p> <p>Teachers of English as a Second Language in Canada</p> <p>http://www.tesl.ca/Home.htm</p> <p>TESL Canada is a national organization dedicated to advancing communication and coordinating awareness of issues for those concerned with English as a second language and English skills development</p>	<p>TESL journal, national conference, learners conference, TESL Canada Bulletin, TESL Canadian Education Foundation, four day weekend conference, lunch and learn activities, learning tools, online resources, teacher training program</p>		
<p>SAHRP</p> <p>Saskatchewan Association of Human Resource Professionals</p> <p>http://www.sahrp.ca/</p> <p>SAHRP is an association for human resource professionals, business owners, managers, employers and HR students; provide leadership in strategic human resources management, professional development opportunities and the Certified Human Resources Professional designation (CHRP)</p>	<p>HR conferences, seminars, luncheons, interactive courses, keynote speakers, pre-conference workshops, national forum, program involving 40 modules (participants will achieve a Certificate of Completion recognized by SAHRP)</p>		
<p>CASAE</p> <p>Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education</p> <p>http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/CASAE/maineng.html</p> <p>CASAE is devoted to research and aims to promote the study of adult education and to promote research and dissemination of knowledge in adult education</p>	<p>Web links, refereed journal, annual conference, newsletter</p>		
<p>Learning Resources Network</p> <p>LERN</p> <p>http://www.lern.org/</p>	<p>Free webinars, 2 day LERN seminars, annual conference, online programs, blogs, twitter</p>	<p>“In the 20 years I’ve worked here, LERN’s Program Review was the most productive mechanism for change</p>	

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LERN is an international association of lifelong learning programming, offering information and resources to providers of lifelong learning programs.	webinars, audio files, LERN radio, online courses, E-LERN emailed newsletter Members only: LERN club and free consulting	I’ve ever used.” Sara Aeschbach, Ann Arbor, Michigan	
ACHE Association for Continuing Higher Education http://www.acheinc.org/ The Association for Continuing Higher Education, Inc. (ACHE) is an institution-based organization of colleges, universities, and individuals dedicated to the promotion of lifelong learning and excellence in continuing higher education	Annual meeting, mentors, newsletter, a refereed journal published three times a year, ACHE Guidebooks in pdf form, regional offices		Extensive resources
UCEA University Continuing Education Association http://www.ucea.edu/ The University Continuing Education Association attaches high priority to meeting the professional development needs of its members. Through its programs, publications, conferences, institutes, seminars, and public advocacy, the Association seeks to advance university professional and continuing education	Publications, blogs, conferences, seminars, modules, UCEAConnect (a portal where members can download files, find important dates and announcements, and share experiences with others)		Interactive; extensive resources available to members
Elearnnetwork.ca http://elearnnetwork.ca Elearnnetwork.ca is partnered with Ontario’s Colleges and Universities to provide access to over 7, 500 online courses and 700 online programs. Elearnnetwork.ca has 17 centres throughout Ontario and provides students with elearning work stations, each equipped with the latest in audio and videoconferencing technology and high-speed Internet to help learners access their programs and courses online	Demonstrations of elearning technologies research assistance, technical support, moral support, personalized support by full-time eLearning Coordinator, exam invigilation services, referrals to community and employment agencies	While practitioners can’t share their stories individually, there are promotional video clips that tell the stories of some elearning practitioners	Interactive. Very accessible and easy to navigate

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<p>ATESL</p> <p>Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language</p> <p>http://www.atesl.ca/cmsms/index.php</p> <p>The Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language (ATESL) is a professional organization that promotes the highest standards of teaching and English language program provision for all learners in Alberta whose first language is other than English.</p>	<p>Online resources, newsletter and journal subscriptions, event registration discounts, and the opportunity for professional accreditation</p>		
<p>TESOL</p> <p>Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc</p> <p>http://www.tesol.org</p> <p>TESOL’s mission is to develop and maintain professional expertise in English language teaching and learning for speakers of other languages worldwide.</p>	<p>Video and Digital Media, TESOL’s Annual Convention, academic sessions, workshops, poster sessions, colloquia, demonstrations, plenary speakers, product exhibitions, online Teaching Certificate Program, online courses, TESOL virtual seminars and webcasts, online discussions, resource centre features over 200 peer-reviewed resources, ranging from lesson plans to professional papers</p>		<p>A lot of resources available</p>
<p>CBIE</p> <p>Canadian Bureau for International Education</p> <p>http://www.cbie.ca/index_e.htm</p> <p>The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) is a national, bilingual, not-for-profit, membership organization dedicated to the promotion of Canada's international relations through international education: the free movement of ideas and learners across national boundaries.</p>	<p>Annual conference, briefing and pre-departure sessions in-country, on-arrival orientation sessions in Canada, study tours and work experience programs in Canada, program monitoring and performance and results evaluation</p>		
<p>CPRS</p> <p>Canadian Public Relations Society</p> <p>http://www.cprs.ca/</p>	<p>Annual conference, workshops, seminars and tutorials. Other educational offerings include home study programs, videos, conference attendance and PRSA Special</p>		

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The Canadian Public Relations Society (CPRS) is an organization of men and women who practice public relations in Canada and abroad.	Interest Section event, webinar, social media summit, forum		
<p>SQPRP</p> <p>Société québécoise des professionnels en relations publiques</p> <p>http://www.sqprp.ca/home.aspx</p> <p>La Société québécoise des professionnels en relations publiques est le plus vaste réseau de professionnels en relations publiques au Québec.</p>			Unable to translate web site
<p>IABC</p> <p>International Association of Business Communicators</p> <p>http://www.iabc.com/</p> <p>IABC, the International Association of Business Communicators, is the leading resource for effective communication practice</p>	Web seminars, teleseminars, blogs, member online library, member handbook, sponsorship, bulletin, conferences		
<p>Montreal Board of Trade</p> <p>http://www.btm.ca/en/</p> <p>The Board of Trade aims to be the most relevant, credible, and influential organization in Greater Montreal, in terms of both representing the business community and delivering services to that community</p>	Public forums, bulletin board, conferences, luncheons		
<p>CAUT</p> <p>Canadian Association of University Teachers</p> <p>http://www.caut.ca/home</p> <p>Founded in 1951, CAUT is the national voice for academic staff. Today, representing 65,000 teachers, librarians, researchers and other academic professionals and general staff. CAUT is an outspoken defender of academic freedom and works actively in the public</p>	Media workshops, facilitated workshops, forum, bulletins		

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interest to improve the quality and accessibility of post-secondary education in Canada			
CDAA Career Development Association of Alberta http://www.careerdevelopment.ab.ca/ The Career Development Association of Alberta (CDAA) is a professional association of career development practitioners	Conferences, consulting, sponsorship, training programs		
Saskatchewan Council for Educators of Non- English Speakers http://www.saskculture.sk.ca The Saskatchewan Council for Educators of Non-English Speakers (SCENES) is an organization of professional English as a second language (ESL) teachers, administrators and volunteers formed in 1980. Its objective is to further the professionalism of ESL teachers through a better understanding and communication with the multicultural sector in Saskatchewan.	Training opportunities, scholarships, resource centre, SaskCulture Gathering, Learning 101 programs, Annual General Meeting, member consultations, forum Members: e-updates, cultural news magazine, annual MLA reception, culture building campaigns, membership mailout		
The Chair Academy http://www.mesacc.edu/community/chair/academy/index.html The Academy for Leadership and Development, hereafter referred to as the Academy, offers opportunities to acquire and understand major research and theoretical developments in leadership	Leadership training program (ten full-day leadership sessions scheduled over one year) college mentors, an Academy liaison and coach, Academy listserv, international conferences, forums, pre-conference workshops		Attractive website
Academic Impressions http://www.academicimpressions.com/ Academic Impressions was founded by two students at the University of Denver, Amit Mrig & JB DeVries. Their passion for higher education first emerged with the formation of campuscounselor.com, a portal aimed at helping high school students make the right college choice based on both an academic and social criteria. By offering innovative formatting, Academic Impressions creates an environment specially suited to discussions about emerging trends in higher education.	Wiki, conferences, web conferences, online courses, live sessions online, CD archive, customized workshops	"WOW! This conference delivered beyond my expectations! Not only did the conference actually include what was promised, the resources that I left with – especially those that were housed online – were excellent and immediately transferrable to my needs!" –Karen J. Barr, Ph.D., Professor, Nicolet Area Technical College	Very interactive

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		<p>"The Academic Impressions conference was the most informative conference that I have attended in my 10 years of higher education. I like the fact that it concentrated specifically on just the phonathon." –Rhonda Creighton, Dillard University</p>	
<p>DistanceEdCanada http://www.distanceedcanada.ca/index.cfm</p> <p>Let Canadian universities help you reach your educational goals. Choose the time, place, and means best suited to you. Learning at a distance is a new experience for many. Some of these learning resources are designed to help you learn in this new environment—like how to do research on the Internet, or how to work together in online groups</p>	<p>Internet research and online group work, library resources, course and program databases, list of participating universities</p>		<p>Search engine type website, useful for finding resources</p>
<p>NUTN National University Telecommunications Network http://144.162.197.249/index.html</p> <p>The National University Telecommunications Network (NUTN) is a consortium of over fifty institutions of higher education and consists of professionals responsible for the administrative support and management of telecommunications networks, with specific emphasis upon distance learning and videoconferencing.</p>	<p>Resource groups, satellite videoconferencing for higher education, annual conference, NUTN listserv, videoconferences</p>		
<p>New Media Consortium http://www.nmc.org/</p> <p>The New Media Consortium (NMC) is an international not-for-profit consortium of learning-focused organizations dedicated to the exploration and use of new media and new</p>	<p>Horizon Project is the centerpiece of the Emerging Technology Initiative, scholarship, conference, podcast, Virtual Symposia, online seminars, presentation archive, research reports, newsletters and other publications, focus groups</p>		<p>Website is difficult to navigate</p>

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technologies.			
<p>SLOAN-C</p> <p>Consortium of Institutions and Organizations Committed to Quality Online Education</p> <p>http://www.sloan-c.org/</p> <p>The Sloan Consortium is an institutional and professional leadership organization dedicated to integrating online education into the mainstream of higher education, helping institutions and individual educators improve the quality, scale, and breadth of online education</p>	<p>Conferences, workshops designed to improve online programs, discussion boards, teaching certificates, awards program, catalogue of degree and certificate programs, provides speakers and consultants to help institutions learn about online methodologies;</p> <p>publishes the Sloan-C View, the Journal of Asynchronous Learning Networks (JALN), and annual volumes of applied research studies; conducts research, annual surveys on online learning and forums to inform academic, government and private sector audiences</p>	<p>Workshop Testimonial</p> <p>“I was pleased to participate in the recent workshop on “Fair Use and the TEACH Act.” I found the workshop distinctly helpful in understanding a poorly defined and difficult to navigate area of educational practice. I was especially pleased to find the instruction being handled by an attorney with experience in this particular area of intellectual property law. As an online workshop, it was well organized and included discussions with other participants which were valuable in covering the current "real world" aspect of this controversial topic.”</p> <p>Wm. A. Beasley, Ed.D.</p>	
<p>EduCause</p> <p>http://www.educause.edu/</p> <p>EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology</p>	<p>Conferences, seminars, mentoring information kit, international events, development programs, learning initiative meetings, blogs, discussion groups, wiki, podcast, teaching and learning initiatives, online information services, print and electronic publications, EDUCAUSE Quarterly, and EDUCAUSE Review</p>		
<p>CASE</p> <p>Council for advancement and support for education</p>	<p>E-Headlines, listserv connect, e-newsletter, workshops, annual conference, surveys,</p>		

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<p>http://www.case.org</p> <p>CASE, an international membership association, advances and supports educational institutions by providing knowledge, standards, advocacy and training designed to strengthen the combined efforts of alumni relations, communications, fundraising, and so forth</p>	<p>benchmarking and research, networking, awards, scholarships</p>		
<p>BCACEA</p> <p>British Columbia Association of Continuing Education Administrators</p> <p>http://www.bcacea.org/</p> <p>The purpose of the Association is to be a voluntary, non-profit, non-partisan association of public education administrators of Continuing Education within the Province of British Columbia, having the object of promoting and co-ordinating the interests of Continuing Education in all its phases, primarily within British Columbia, but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing</p>	<p>Conference</p>		<p>Members only access</p>
<p>AMA</p> <p>American Marketing Association</p> <p>http://www.marketingpower.com</p> <p>The American Marketing Association (AMA) is the largest marketing association in North America. It is a professional association for individuals and organizations involved in the practice, teaching and study of marketing worldwide</p>	<p>Resource conference, AMA seminars, workshops, Hot Topic events, articles, case studies, best practices.</p> <p>AMA’s website, MarketingPower.com, is the everyday connection to marketing data publication called Marketing News</p>		
<p>ADETA</p> <p>Alberta Distributed Education and Technology Association</p> <p>http://www.adeta.org/home</p> <p>ADETA is a voluntary, non-profit association made up of individuals and corporate members interested in distributed education and technology in Alberta</p>	<p>Links, web feeds (RSS), your sandbox (open source applications to try), forums</p>		<p>Has a member profile corner</p>

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<p>CACHE</p> <p>Canadian Association for Continuing Health Education</p> <p>http://www.cachecanada.org/</p> <p>CACHE promotes and supports Canadian continuing health education (CHE) initiatives. CACHE draws together a spectrum of educators, administrators, and representatives from health care, academia and industry</p>	<p>Conferences, CACHE summit, web resources, open access library, networking, mentorship opportunities, forum</p>		
<p>Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada</p> <p>http://www.afmc.ca/about-e.php</p> <p>The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) is the national voice of Canada’s 17 faculties of medicine</p>	<p>Conferences, journal articles, AFMC press releases</p> <p>AFMC publications: Gravitas, iMPACT, and Datapoint!</p>		
<p>MPI</p> <p>Meeting Planners International</p> <p>http://www.mpiweb.org</p> <p>Meeting Professionals International (MPI), the meeting and event industry’s largest and most vibrant global community, helps our members thrive by providing human connections to knowledge and ideas, relationships, and marketplaces</p>	<p>Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Member Directory, blogs, message boards, World Education Congress, MPI tool, certifications, online learning</p>		
<p>Canadian Public Relations Society</p> <p>CPRS</p> <p>http://www.cprs.ca/aboutus/</p> <p>The Canadian Public Relations Society (CPRS) is an organization of men and women who practice public relations in Canada and abroad</p>	<p>workshops, seminars and tutorials, national conference, speakers network, forum</p>		
<p>Canadian Marketing Association</p> <p>CMA</p> <p>http://www.the-cma.org</p> <p>The Canadian Marketing Association (CMA)</p>	<p>marketing week, conferences, seminars, breakfast sessions, national convention, showcase forum, webinars, professional marketing certificates</p>		

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embraces Canada’s major business sectors and all marketing disciplines, channels and technologies.			
<p>Human Resources Association of Ontario</p> <p>http://www.hrpa.ca/Pages/home.aspx</p> <p>The Human Resources Professionals Association (HRPA) regulates the HR profession in Ontario. It is committed to protecting the public and advancing its members careers and professional capabilities</p>	<p>professional development events, including more than 150 live and on-demand webinars and the Annual Conference and Trade Show, the second largest human resources conference in the world.</p> <p>mentoring, webinars, workshops and seminars, executive forums.</p> <p>online learning via live and on-demand webinars and PD in a Box™—(ready-to-deliver seminar kits)</p>		
<p>CIM</p> <p>Canadian Institute of Management</p> <p>http://www.cim.ca</p> <p>The Canadian Institute of Management is recognized as the premier provider of excellence in management development. Its mission statement is to lead in the delivery of quality programs that will promote the continuous education and professional growth of our members.</p>	<p>Individual courses or a complete certificate program, key note speakers, national conference</p>		
<p>Human Resources Association of Nova Scotia</p> <p>http://www.hrans.org</p> <p>HRANS is the professional association for Human Resources in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and is the grantor of the Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP) designation in our two provinces</p>	<p>Conference, webinar, workshop, workplace coach, Networking, Professional Development (seminars and workshops to members), monthly chapter meetings, job opportunities, volunteer opportunities</p>	1,	
<p>CAPLA</p> <p>The Canadian Association for Prior Learning Assessment</p>	<p>Annual meeting, portfolios and professional skills record, models and tools, pre-conference workshops, outside resources</p>		

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<p>http://www.capla.ca/Background.php</p> <p>The Canadian Association for Prior Learning Assessment (CAPLA) has been the national voice for prior learning assessment and recognition for many years</p>			
<p>WASSA</p> <p>The Western Association of Summer Session Administrators</p> <p>http://www.summersessions.org/</p> <p>Stated purpose is to exchange information regarding summer session programs and administrative practices, with the annual meeting as the principal forum for the exchange of ideas and information</p>	<p>List serv, conferences, annual meetings, e-newsletter, membership directory, networking</p>		
<p>CST</p> <p>Canadian Society of Telehealth</p> <p>http://www.cst-sct.org/en/</p> <p>The Canadian Society of Telehealth (CST) is the first Canadian non-profit health association devoted to Telehealth. The organization promotes all aspects of telehealth, which is the use of information and communications technologies to deliver health services and transmit health information over both long and short distances</p>	<p>eTELEMED, conferences, sponsorship opportunities,</p> <p>Members can access: live education and information sessions about telehealth initiatives across Canada via videoconference, telehealth workshops, telehealth publications, presentations and reports, and CST newsletter</p>		<p>Members only website access</p>
<p>CCSBE</p> <p>The Canadian Council for Small Business & Entrepreneurship</p> <p>http://www.ccsbe.org/index_en.htm</p> <p>The Canadian Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (CCSBE) is the only national membership-based organization in Canada whose goals are to promote and advance the development of small business and entrepreneurship through research, education and training, networking and dissemination of scholarly & policy-oriented information</p>	<p>Conferences, newsletter, research, education and training, networking, and dissemination of scholarly and policy-oriented information</p>		

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<p>CSTD</p> <p>The Canadian Society for Training and Development</p> <p>http://www.cstd.ca/AboutUs/tabid/58/Default.aspx</p> <p>CSTD is Canada's professional association focused on training, learning and performance in the workplace</p>	<p>certification opportunities, workshop and seminars, annual conference, symposium</p>		
<p>HRPAO</p> <p>http://www.hrpa.org/ (inaccessible to non-members)</p> <p>HRPAO is the professional association for human resources management in Ontario, meeting the needs of the profession and business community for leading-edge human resources management</p>			<p>HRPAO is inaccessible</p>
<p>Canadian Centre for Ethics and Corporate Policy</p> <p>http://www.ethicscentre.ca/EN/about/</p> <p>Ethicscentre is a registered charity governed by volunteers and supported by organizations and individuals who share a commitment to ethical values</p>	<p>Luncheons, monthly speaker series, seminars publication called Management Ethics, links, speeches, articles and other resources about ethics and corporate policy</p>		
<p>SWAAC</p> <p>Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada</p> <p>http://www.swaac.ca/About.htm</p> <p>The Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada organization was founded in 1987 to provide a forum and a collective voice for women in senior administrative ranks in Canadian universities, colleges and technical institutes</p>	<p>Annual and regional conferences</p>		
<p>ALT (UK)</p> <p>Association for Learning Technology</p>	<p>Workshops, meetings, conferences, focus groups, newsletter</p>		

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<p>http://www.alt.ac.uk/</p> <p>ALT is a professional and scholarly association which seeks to bring together all those with an interest in the use of learning technology.</p>			
<p>NAASS</p> <p>The North American Association of Summer Sessions</p> <p>http://www.naass.org/</p> <p>The North American Association of Summer Sessions is an association of deans and directors of college and university summer programs located throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico</p>	<p>Bulletin, conferences</p> <p>Members: lListserv, statistical survey reports, group email, mailing lists</p>		
<p>STLHE</p> <p>Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education</p> <p>http://www.stlhe.ca/en/stlhe/</p> <p>The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) is a national association of academics interested in the improvement of teaching and learning in higher education</p>	<p>Conferences, teaching fellowships, project links, teaching centres, the International Consortium for Educational Development (ICED), teaching programs, publications</p>		
<p>CSSE</p> <p>The Canadian Society of Safety Engineering</p> <p>http://www.csse.org/</p> <p>The Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) is the leading health, safety and environmental organization for professionals in Canada.</p>	<p>Annual conference, online exhibition, education brochure, networking, certifications, WIKIs</p>		
<p>INIE</p> <p>The Innovations in Nuclear Education and Infrastructure</p> <p>http://www.ces.clemson.edu/inie/</p> <p>The Innovations in Nuclear Education and Infrastructure (INIE) Program was established in 2001 by the Department of Energy's Office</p>			

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of Nuclear Energy, Science, and Technology, to strengthen the Nation’s university nuclear engineering education programs through innovative use of university research and training reactors and encouraging partnerships between the universities, the Department of Energy national laboratories and US industry			
AERA American Educational Research Association http://www.aera.net/ The American Educational Research Association (AERA), founded in 1916, is concerned with improving the educational process by encouraging scholarly inquiry related to education and evaluation and by promoting the dissemination and practical application of research results	Webcasts, annual meeting, fellowship and grants, publications (Educational Researcher)		
Canadian Evaluation Society http://c2009.evaluationcanada.ca/index.cgi?_lang=en Dedicated to the advancement of evaluation theory and practice. In the field of evaluation, the Society promotes: Leadership, Knowledge, Advocacy, and Professional Development	Annual CES conference, travel scholarships, presentation, workshops, forums, essential skills series, publications (The Program Evaluation Standards, Guidelines for Ethical Conduct)	"CES is a strong and vibrant multidisciplinary association with members from every province and territory in Canada as well as other countries." Nancy Porteous, Past President of the CES	Hard to navigate the website
AEA American Evaluation Association http://www.eval.org/aboutus/organization/aboutus.asp The American Evaluation Association is an international professional association of evaluators devoted to the application and exploration of program evaluation, personnel evaluation, technology, and many other forms of evaluation.	Web links, forum, AEA library, publications: (The American Journal of Evaluation and New Directions for Evaluation) New in 2007, members receive electronic access to both current and back content from Evaluation Review and Evaluation and the Health Professions right from their desktops		
PEO Philanthropic Educational Organization	International convention, STAR Scholarship, P.E.O. Program for Continuing		

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<p>http://www.peointernational.org/</p> <p>Philanthropic Educational Organization, one of the pioneer societies for women, was founded on January 21, 1869, by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Originally a small campus friendship society, P.E.O. soon blossomed to include women off campus. Mission: promoting educational opportunities for wome.</p>	Education (PCE)		
<p>ACM</p> <p>Association for Computing Machinery</p> <p>http://www.acm.org/</p> <p>ACM, the world’s largest educational and scientific computing society, delivers resources that advance computing as a science and a profession</p>	Conferences, digital library, ambient intelligence forum, workshops, interactive online books and courses		
<p>COHERE</p> <p>http://lrc.umanitoba.ca/cohere/index.php?title=Main_Page</p> <p>COHERE is an alliance of leading Canadian research universities, working together to improve access to online learning opportunities and to integrate online learning with our research culture and values.</p>	Conference, blog, online articles, creator of “blended learning” in participating universities	<p>“The convergence of classroom and online education is the single greatest unrecognized trend in higher education today.” (Young, 2002)</p> <p>"By and large, colleges and universities have not yet begun to realize the promise of technology to improve the quality of student learning, increase retention, and reduce the costs of instruction. "(Pew Learning and Technology Program, 2003)</p>	
<p>AASHE</p> <p>http://www.aashe.org/</p> <p>Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education</p> <p>Association of colleges and universities dedicated to a sustainable future.... resources, professional development, and a network of support to enable institutions of higher</p>	Conferences, workshops, interest groups, blogs		

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education to model and advance sustainability in everything they do, from governance and operations to education and research			
LDAS Learning Disabilities of Saskatchewan http://www.ldas.org/ The LDAS is only one of many Learning Disabilities centres in Canada.	Web links		
MCCE Metro Council on Continuing Education http://www.mcce.ca MCCE’s mission to “promote adult learning communities” continues. Established in Halifax as a non-profit organization in 1973, MCCE strives to increase and improve learning opportunities for adults at the community level.	meetings, luncheons, discussions, publications, social events Members: special panel discussions, annual general meeting, discounts on PD activities, monthly email updates, Opportunities for Learning booklet		
CNIE Canadian Network for Innovation in Education http://www.cnie-rcie.ca/?q=node CNIE is a national organization of professionals committed to excellence in the provision of innovation in education in Canada. CNIE connects educators, administrators and practitioners in a bilingual, pan Canadian network. Our group promotes research and advances practice in both open and distance education and the use of educational technologies.	Conferences, Instructional Technology Program, Multimedia Developers Learning and Teaching Centre BCIT, blog posts, online journals, Wise and Witty Weekdays and Asynch discussions. Conducts surveys of PD activities, recruit facilitators for PD, handles registration, evaluations events		
ACDEAULF Canadian Association for Adult Education of French-language universities http://www.acdeaulf.ca/ ACDEAULF was founded in 1965 and was originally a group concerned to establish amicable relations for the discussion and solution of common problems or	Disseminate standards, training programs, intranet for members only, symposiums, events, publications, bulletins		

Name of organization/scope/ web address	Kinds of PD and how PD is enabled	Evidence of “story” initiative (place where practitioners share successes, best practices)	Other comments
individuals with regard to adult education.			