**Canadian Association for Research in Early Childhood Annual Report**

**2016-2017**

**CAREC organizational structure**

**SIG president and program chair**: Joanne Lehrer, Université du Québec en Outaouais (2016-2019)

**Members of post-conference organising committee**: Alaina Roach O’Keefe (UPEI), Scott Hughes (Mount Royal), Christine Massing (Regina); Rachel Berman (Ryerson), Rachel Langford (Ryerson)

**Current members 55** (up from 48 last year)

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| Brock | 3 |
| Concordia | 2 |
| George Brown | 2 |
| Laurentian | 1 |
| Mcgill | 1 |
| Mount Royal | 1 |
| Mount Saint Vincent | 1 |
| Nipissing | 2 |
| OISE - UToronto | 8 |
| Queen’s | 1 |
| Ryerson | 5 |
| Saint Francis Xavier | 1 |
| Thompson Rivers | 2 |
| UAlberta | 4 |
| UBC | 1 |
| UNewBrunswick | 4 |
| UOttawa | 2 |
| UPEI | 1 |
| UQuébec(Outaouais) | 1 |
| Western | 4 |
| Unclassified affiliation | 7 |

Regular members -34

Student members - 20

Low-income – 1

**CAREC activities this year**

**Postconference and knowledge mobilization day** – June 1, 2017

Theme: *Innovative professional learning in early childhood education and care: Inspiring hope and action!*

Highlights this year:

* Ryserson’s School of Early Childhood Studies sponsored the travel expenses of our keynote speaker, Mathias Urban, University of Roehampton, UK.
* 2 faculty members of Ryerson’s School of Early Childhood Studies served on our organizing committee, which facilitated organizing both the conference events (CAREC dinner) and the post-conference (choosing rooms, attending the program committee meeting)
* After two years of “bilingual” post-conferences with only 1 French speaking presenter present (Ottawa and Calgary), this year’s post-conference includes 5 (out of 15) French (4) or bilingual (1) presentations (compared to our congress sessions where only 1 is bilingual).

**CAREC AGM and first ever social event**

CAREC’s AGM will be held at lunchtime on May 31st.

The CAREC dinner will be held at the Elm Street Restaurant on the evening of May 31st – 17 people have pre-registered.

**CSSE sessions**

2 roundtable sessions (4 papers) – Play, assessment, social skills, French immersion

2 symposia (1 cancellation) – Inclusion, pedagogical documentation

4 multi-paper sessions (12 papers) – Literacy and language learning, families, culture, play

**Special capsule issue of the CJE**

The special capsule issue of the Canadian Journal of Education, edited by Alaina Roach O’Keefe, Joanne Lehrer and Debra Harwood was published in the Fall 2016 issue of the journal. Four articles (3 English, 1 French) and 3 book reviews (2 English, 1 French) were published on the theme of *Thinking differently about children’s play.* This special capsule issue call for papers was launched along with the post-conference on the same theme (2015).

**Special issue of the Journal of Childhood studies**

CAREC was invited to guest edit a special issue of the journal on the same theme as this year’s post-conference. Submissions are due on August 1st. Joanne Lehrer, Alaina Roach O’Keefe, Christine Massing and Scott Hughes are the guest editors.

**Future plans (to be determined at this year’s AGM)**

The creation of a CAREC website

The creation of a program committee for next year’s post-conference on Indigenous and decolonial early childhood education