



8<sup>th</sup>

**NATIONAL WORKSHOP**  
*for Driver Rehabilitation  
Specialists*

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# **NMEDA CANADA CONFERENCE**

**Program**

Quebec City, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Organized by:



Institut de réadaptation  
en déficience physique  
de Québec

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**NMEDA**

**NATIONAL MOBILITY  
EQUIPMENT DEALERS  
ASSOCIATION**



# WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

## PRE-CONFERENCE

10:00 am Registration Open

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1:00 pm **Workshop: Case - Studies 101 (English Only)**

Dana Benoit & Alyssa Merilees, Occupational Therapists, CDRS, Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre  
Carol Morrison, Occupational Therapist, CDRS, Stan Cassidy Centre, New Brunswick  
Larry Bowen, CDRS, British Columbia

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will develop an appreciation of the many pieces involved in solving the vehicle modification puzzle, including environmental constraints, positioning needs and optimising a client's functional abilities.
  - Participants will explore potential solutions to complex needs with respect to vehicle modifications and adaptive driving equipment.
  - Participants will be exposed to differences in the intervention process in geographical regions outside of their own location of practice.
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3:00 pm Break

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3:15 pm **CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS**

**2A — Vehicle Adaptations for the Paediatric (English Only)**

Dana Benoit & Alyssa Merilees, Occupational Therapists, CDRS, Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will identify elements that are of critical concern when assessing the paediatric client and his family.
- Participants will identify key factors which will help determine whether a young client should remain in their mobility device during travel.
- Participants will appreciate the importance of seat belt positioning and mobility device tie-down systems for this clientele.

**2B — Entraînement des capacités à conduire pour les clientèles présentant des déficits cognitifs (bilingual workshop)**

Mélanie Couture, ergothérapeute, Institut de réadaptation en déficience physique de Québec (IRDPO)  
Isabelle Gélinas, ergothérapeute, Centre de réadaptation Constance-Lethbridge

Objectifs d'apprentissage:

- Knowledge translation with respect to a literature review targeting methods of driver retraining for clients with cognitive deficits.
  - Peer discussion of the relevance of pursuing with driver-training with this clientele and potential intervention methods.
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4:30 pm End

# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION IN FRENCH & ENGLISH WILL BE PROVIDED

7:30 am Registration and Breakfast

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8:20 am Welcoming Remarks

**Keynote - Work, Personal Life: Do I Still have Control of my Life?**

Dr. Serge Marquis, Community and Occupational Health Specialist

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9:30 am **CMVSS Compliance, Enforcement and Integration into the Prescription**

- Round Table with Transport Canada (CMVSS - Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards)

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10:30 am Break

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10:45 am Diamond Sponsor Presentation

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11:00 am **Safely Using a Wheelchair as a Seat in a Vehicle**

Michel Morency and Frédéric Brunet, Engineers,  
SAAQ - Société de l'assurance Automobile du Québec

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11:45 am Lunch

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1:00 pm **Cross-Examination of Policies and Procedures for Evaluating Medical Fitness to Drive in Canada:  
Informing Best Practices**

Brenda H. Vrkljan, Assistant Professor, McMaster University  
Anita Myers, Professor, University of Waterloo  
Robin Blanchard, Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Waterloo  
Shawn Marshall, Physician, Ottawa Health Research Institute

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2:00 pm **The Grey Area: Difficulties for Injury Prevention in Older Drivers**

Christine Dupuis, Occupational Therapist and Jamie Dow, Physician, SAAQ

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3:00 pm Break

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3:15 pm **The National Blueprint for Injury Prevention in Older Drivers**

Janet Craik and Claudia von Zweck, Occupational Therapists,  
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT)

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4:30 pm Cocktail in Exhibit Hall

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7:00 pm End

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION IN FRENCH & ENGLISH WILL BE PROVIDED

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	<b>Layout and Disposition Presented from a French Research &amp; Study Group on Driving for People with a Disability in the IIs-de France (GERCAH-IDF)</b> Angèle Massonneau, Occupational Therapist and Anne-Claire D'Apolito Physician, Hôpital Raymond Poincaré Garches (France)
9:15 am	Mobility Equipment Manufacturer Presentations
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	Exhibit Hall Opens
10:30 am	<b>CHOICE OF CONFERENCE</b> <b>3A — Vehicle Design for the Future: Considerations for an Aging Population</b> Brenda H. Vrkljan, Assistant Professor, McMaster University, Jan Miller Polgar, Associate Professor, University of Western Ontario Anita Myers, Professor, University of Waterloo Lisa Drew and Kendal Musgrave, Occupational Therapist, IRDPQ <b>3B — Developing a Training Protocol for Driving a Vehicle for People Having Undergone a Stroke</b> Mélanie Couture, Occupational Therapists, IRDPQ
11:15 am	<b>CHOICE OF CONFERENCE</b> <b>4A — The Evaluation of Driving Capacities at the SAAQ</b> Christine Dupuis, Occupational Therapist and Jamie Dow, Physician, SAAQ  <b>4B — In-Simulator Training of Driving Abilities in a Traumatic Brain Injured Patient</b> Pierre-Luc Gamache, Post-doctoral Researcher, Laval University Martin Lavallière, PhD student in Kinesiology, Laval University Martin Simoneau, Professor, Laval University Normand Teasdale, Professor, Laval University
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	<b>CHOICE OF CONFERENCE</b> <b>5A — How Can We Help Older Drivers to Increase their Driving Performance?</b> Martin Lavallière, PhD student in Kinesiology, Laval University Martin Simoneau, Normand Teasdale and Denis Laurendeau, Professors – Researchers, Laval University  <b>5B — The Effects Bracing a Lower Limb has on Driving</b> Jean-Christophe Murray, Medical Student, Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke Marc-André Tremblay and François Cabana, Orthopaedic Surgeons, Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke Hélène Corriveau, Physiotherapist & Researcher, Université de Sherbrooke Mathieu Hamel, Engineer, Centre de recherche sur le vieillissement, Université de Sherbrooke
2:00 pm	Mobility Equipment Manufacturer Presentations
2:30 pm	<b>Development of a Needs Assessment Protocol for Assistive Driving Devices for People with Motor Disabilities</b> Isabelle Gélinas, Occupational Therapist and Associate Professor, McGill University
3:30 pm	Break
3:45 pm	<b>How the Severity of the Medical Condition Affects the Risk of Accidents</b> Jamie Dow, Physician, SAAQ
4:15 pm	Closing remarks

## Work, Personal Life: Do I Still have Control of my Life?

Our lives have completely changed over the last decades and these changes are happening at a pace that is moving quicker and quicker. Major social changes have created an increase in the number of requests we have to fulfill.

We are facing multiple changes at work, in the family, in leisure, in our relations with children etc.; new concepts are changing our values, our culture and our relations with others.

The fast speed-up in the production has created an incitation never seen in the history of humanity. Excellence, performance and success at any cost are now guiding the way we organize our lives. The value of time is now totally obsolete. The reaction of stress is continuously activated. Somehow, can we protect ourselves, ensure our well being and balance and reach for the other? Do we have the power to take control of our lives? Are we able to re-discover, daily, the essential? Is it possible in this world to continue to grow?

This conference will try to give a few answers to these various questions. The objective, by the end of the conference, is to create the urge and give food for thought that could be developed further between people who have the same concern.



### **Dr. Serge Marquis, Community and Occupational Health Specialist**

Serge Marquis completed his medical studies in 1977. The following year, he developed an interest in labour medicine. He completed his master's degree in this field at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1980.

He became a specialist in community health in 1982. For over 20 years, he has been interested in organizational health. He has developed a particular interest in occupational stress and burnout. He has taken the position of consultant, coach and speaker for numerous public and private companies. He has also helped a large number of people who were dysfunctional at work.

Six years ago, he created his own consulting business in the field of workplace mental health, called: T.O.R.T.U.E. He acts also as a consultant for numerous organizations in the private sector, and the health and education networks. He is the author, with Eugene Houde, of "Bienvenue parmi les humains".

# CONFERENCE DETAILS

## DATE:

September 15, 16, & 17, 2010

## LOCATION:

Château Laurier Hotel  
1220, Place George-V West  
Quebec, Quebec G1R 5B8

## WHO WILL ATTEND:

Driver rehabilitation specialists, occupational therapists, researchers, vehicle mobility equipment manufacturers and suppliers, regulators and others interested in adaptive driving.

## OBJECTIVE:

This workshop will allow attendees to improve and share their knowledge regarding driver rehabilitation best practices.

Specifically:

- Inform attendees on specific driver evaluation processes & procedures;
- Inform attendees on different training practices;
- Identify safety issues related to transporting a disabled person in their vehicle;
- Identify elements that will allow safe, long term independent driving;
- Allow attendees to gain further knowledge of vehicle modifications designed for people with physical disabilities.

## REGISTRATION:

Registrations will be accepted until August 27th 2010. In order to simplify the registration process and for environmental reasons, we will favour online registration.

You will find the registration form at [www.irdpq.qc.ca](http://www.irdpq.qc.ca), under the menu 'Events'. You can also register by fax using the registration form and returning it to 418 529-3723. Please advise us if you have any special needs.

## REGISTRATION FEE:

**The fee for the pre-conference program (September 15th) is \$65.**

This fee includes lunch, a break and the related documentation.

**The registration fee for the National Workshop & NMEDA conference (September 16 & 17) are as follows:**

**\$275 early bird - before June 30th**  
**\$325 after July 1st**  
**\$200 for students**  
**\$200 daily rate**

This fee includes the conferences the breaks and meals, the evening cocktail event and related documentation.

## PAYMENT:

Please send cheque payable to "Institut de réadaptation en déficience physique de Québec" to:

Institut de réadaptation en déficience physique de Québec  
c/o Secrétariat - Formation réseau  
525 Wilfrid-Hamel Blvd. Room H-200  
Québec (Qc) G1M 2S8

Your registration fees are confirmed by the date we receive your payment.

Your registration is confirmed and ensured once we receive payment.

## CANCELLATION & SUBSTITUTIONS:

The registration fees are non-refundable.

Registration can be substituted without additional charges, if notice is given.

## ACCOMODATION SUGGESTION:

**Château Laurier Hotel: Special rates before August 16th**

Reserve your room at the Château Laurier hotel in Québec and be at the heart of the action of the 8th National Workshop for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists and NMEDA Canada Conference!

Beautifully situated right off the Plains of Abraham, a 5 minute walk from Old Québec and Parliament Hill, the Château Laurier Hotel offers you all the charm of Quebec.

Special rates are available to attendees of the 8th National Workshop for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists and NMEDA Canada Conference for September 15-18, 2010. (single or double occupancy)

**Old-Québec Rooms \$154**  
**Regular Rooms \$174**  
**Superior Rooms \$194**

**Act quickly! The tourist season starts soon and we have a limited number of rooms!**

All room reservations must be made by August 16th, 2010 at the latest by calling 1-800-463-4453 or by email [laurier@vieuxquebec.com](mailto:laurier@vieuxquebec.com).

**It is important to use confirmation #2522 to receive our reduced rate.**

For further information on the hotel, please check out their site: [www.vieux-quebec.com](http://www.vieux-quebec.com)

## CDRS CONTACT HOURS:

Approval is pending from ADED for CDRS contact hours.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please contact the organizing committee by phone: 418 529-9141, ext: 2522 or by email [conduiteauto@irdpq.qc.ca](mailto:conduiteauto@irdpq.qc.ca).

