

# Press Release

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## The CMA 2014 announces the colours of its Seminar and Conferences component

**Edmundston (N.B.)** – The Congrès mondial acadien (CMA) 2014 will propose, from August 11 to 23, a series of activities under the banner Conferences and Symposiums. This component will allow Acadians to exchange on major issues, thus encouraging reflections on today's and tomorrow's Acadia.

"We want the CMA 2014 to be more than a fun gathering. We hope that the Conferences and Symposiums component gives participants the opportunity to exchange on the major challenges that shaped Acadia while guiding their reflections towards the future by finding solutions to the new challenges of the Acadian people.", said Mr. Émilien Nadeau, President of the Congrès mondial acadien 2014.

Three institutions are responsible of the Conferences and Symposiums component. The Université de Moncton, Edmundston campus (UMCE), the Regional County Municipality (MRC) of Témiscouata and the New Brunswick Community College (CCNB) will be the leaders of the seven seminars and conferences and they will be assisted regional collaborators.

The first of the series is a conference on Acadia in all its challenges "Debates on Acadia and its Future" which will focus on themes such as: history, politics, society, languages and culture. This symposium, organized by the UMCE, will be held from August 11 to 14, 2014, and will provide a tribune to debate ideas and to reflections based on research on Acadia, on the Acadian identity, and the future of the Acadian people. The symposium, comprising six themes and a citizen's café, will be held on three and a half days and will reach people in the world of associations, of research, of universities and the general public. The second edition of the France-Acadie meetings will take place within this conference.

The second of the series, under the auspices of the Parc National du Lac Témiscouata, will be the seminar on parks and will be held on August 16 and 17 at the Parc National du Lac Témiscouata under the theme "The role of parks in the 21<sup>st</sup> century". This seminar will be an opportunity to share, to educate and of collaboration between provincial, national and international parks. It will examine the role of parks in our society today, on the equilibrium between nature and culture, the role of humans in the parks and the inclusion of newcomers.

The third seminar, organized in collaboration with the New Brunswick Community College, will be held August 17 and 18 2014, and will focus on the agricultural and agri-food sectors. Under the theme "The lands and forests at the heart of our territory", this seminar, which will be held in Grand Falls, will address the new agricultural research and techniques, people in the industry will have the opportunity to learn more on this key sector of Acadia of the Lands and Forests.

Subsequently, a seminar on forestry organized by the Faculty of the UMCE, will be held on August 18 and 19. This seminar will provide a point of encounter for the professionals in the forestry sector and will include a very interesting public segment which will help people discover forestry techniques, non-timber forest products, biomass and the new forest products.



## CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN 2014

L'ACADIE DU MONDE

du 8 au 24 août 2014

A fifth seminar, in partnership with the MRC de Témiscouata, on the future of energy in Acadia: A sustainable and responsible approach, will be held on August 20 and 21, 2014. The main purpose of the seminar will be to encourage greater visibility of green and sustainable energies, to promote a positive image of their impact, to identify the stakes associated with sustainable and community development, to find solutions and concrete tools to address the challenges of renewable energies and to learn from international models and adapt them to our reality.

The department of Nursing Sciences at the UMCE will orchestrate, from August 21 to 22, 2014, the seminar on health called: "The nursing profession in Acadia: A look at the history, analysis of the present and the future". Offering a wide range of guest speakers, the organizing committee will focus on subjects that affect the general public and health care professionals and will reflect openness on the world's diversity and contribute to the visibility and recognition of the nursing profession.

Finally, a seventh seminar on local governance, in collaboration with the MRC of Témiscouata, aims to be a stimulating, friendly and unifying event. The themes of the seminar will be regionalization of municipal services, women in local governance, the challenges of rural areas, local and regional development, the decentralization of governance and the role of municipalities in economic development. During two days, August 22 and 23, the participants and guest speakers will have the opportunity to attend discussion stimulating panels, conferences and exchanges on the challenges and successes in the area of local governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The organizing committees, all including people from each of the three regions of Acadia of the Lands and Forests, are guaranteeing quality events of international caliber. We remind you that the Congrès mondial acadien 2014 will announce, in the next weeks, its complete programming for 2014.

***In re...*** The World Acadian Congress is a gathering held every five years and it unites the Acadian diaspora from all over the world. Many activities are planned over a two week period, i.e. from August 8<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The event draws on the community's commitment and promotes the Acadian culture, heritage and amenities.

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