

An Update on Evaluation in Canada

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News and Events

The most pertinent news on the Canadian front is of course the 2005 joint Canadian Evaluation Society (CES)/American Evaluation Association (AEA) conference: *Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries*. The conference will be held October 24-30, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Proposals for the conference are due no later than March 11, 2005. For complete information on the conference including strands, topical interest groups (TIGS), submission procedures, and general information please visit the [CES/AEA 2005 conference Website](#).

The most recent [CES Newsletter](#) (Vol. 4, September 2004) focuses on unpublished evaluation-related articles, conference presentations, book reviews, interviews, and dissertations. This newsletter concentrates on contributions from the European and Australasian Evaluation Societies (EES and AES, respectively) and is divided into five sections; (1) Benefits, Consequences, and Effects of Evaluation, (2) Evaluation Outputs, (3) Evaluator Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies, (4) Evaluator Professionalism, and (5) Evaluation Process Issues. Over 90 complete papers and presentations (primarily from the conferences of the ESS and the AES) are available through links within the newsletter.

The Grey Literature Database and Evaluation Report Bank

The [CES Website](#) offers a wide array of useful resources for evaluators. Of notable interest is the [Grey Literature](#) database; a fully searchable bank of almost 500

evaluation-related documents encompassing diverse areas of interest to evaluators; for example, theory, policy analysis, ethics, and communication and reporting. The Grey Literature database is searchable by recent conferences (from 2000-2003; including those of the European Evaluation Society, the Australasian Evaluation Society, and the Canadian Evaluation Society), topic, author, date, or language (English, French, and Spanish). These documents include, for example, full-length evaluation reports, conference presentations, and unpublished papers. Also available on the CES Website is the [Evaluation Report Bank](#), a resource for evaluation reports related to Canadian academia, government, and the private sector. Both the Grey Literature database and Evaluation Report Bank are well organized, easy to navigate, and accessible free of charge to non-CES members.