

**Canadian Language Museum Report/ Musée canadien des langues
June 27, 2011**

I'm writing because you expressed interest in the Canadian Language Museum either at this year's CLA meeting or at a previous meeting. At this year's CLA meeting we formed an organizing committee for the Canadian Language Museum. I am very excited about what we have accomplished in the past month and I want to bring you up-to-date.

The committee members are:

Chair: Elaine Gold, University of Toronto
Committee: Mike Barrie, University of Ottawa
Liz Christie, Carleton University;
Brandon Fry, Université de Moncton
Patrick Littell, University of British Columbia
Keren Rice, University of Toronto
Nicholas Rolle, University of Toronto
Gerard Van Herk, Memorial University

Here is a brief summary of what we have accomplished:

- Website: We have decided that our focus for now should be a website. You can visit the sites at:<<http://languagemuseum.ca>> and<<http://museedeslangues.ca>> . All posted materials are in French and English.
- Mission Statement: Our draft mission statement is posted on the website.
- Email address: langmuse@chass.utoronto.ca
- CLA: Our committee has been accepted as an ad-hoc committee of the CLA and is listed on their website.
- Facebook: visit our facebook page at <<http://www.facebook.com/clm.mcl>>
- Logo competition: The competition for the museum logo closes July 31. See the website for details.
- Other Language Museums: Committee members have met with representatives of the National Museum of Language (Maryland) and Linguamon (Barcelona) to learn from their experience.

In the near future, the committee plans to:

- choose a logo by mid-August
- start on content for the website
- hire 1 or 2 work-study students to help with website content in the fall
- reach out to museums studies programs to draw on their expertise and get students involved in exhibit creation.
- meet with a lawyer to discuss the set up a non-profit corporation
- look into funding possibilities
- prepare materials to present to a variety of groups at next year's Congress

How can you help?

- Send us your comments and ideas!
- Help spread the word about the logo competition.

We appreciate your support!

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