CAVEWAS’ 2017 Conference and AGM

Take advantage of spring in Montreal by attending CAVEWAS’ 2017 Conference and Annual General Meeting at the OMNI Hotel on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. This is a full day event worth at least 6 CEUs. Your $225 fee includes CEUs, our always productive AGM, (agenda being sent shortly and a delicious lunch included) and an exciting line up of speakers:

1. **Presenter: Niall Trainor MA RRP CVRP(F)**  
   **Title: Chronic Pain – A Complex Issue in Forensic Vocational Assessment**  
   **Description:** Using real cases, Niall will explore chronic pain as a barrier to employment. He will also discuss assessment methods, case analysis models, ethical considerations, legal report writing, evidentiary problems, and the role of the vocational expert in legal proceedings. Participants will have an opportunity to analyse real case evidence and discuss their own findings and opinions. Niall will also identify areas for further research and development as it pertains to forensic vocational assessment and our profession.

2. **Presenter: Jason Harps RPA**  
   **Title: Real Work, Real Change: Implications and Insights for Successful Accommodation in TBI**  
   **Description:** This is one employer’s story of how hiring a person who suffered a TBI changed his work culture and his personal life. This should be very insightful to vocational evaluators and rehabilitation people who are looking to gain real insight into successful work reintegration for those with complex injuries such as TBI.
3. Presenter: Dr. Camille Hadida, DC QP CVRP(F) CCVE

**Topic: Anxiety, from its genesis to management: Practical information and interventions for Vocational Professionals.**

**Description:** Anxiety is prevalent among clients of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals (VRPs) and it presents in many different forms. This workshop will provide a clinically relevant overview of the various types of anxiety disorders and how they impact clients’ in and out of the workplace. Using an interactive approach, participants will explore and practice ways to effectively communicate with clients about anxiety, helping them gain a better understanding of their maladaptive reactions. We will also look at effective strategies for reducing anxiety symptoms, improving quality of life and participation in vocational activities.

Further details about the CAVEWAS conference and registration are now available on the VRA website: [http://2017conference.vracanada.com/program](http://2017conference.vracanada.com/program). There is still room for individuals or groups to sponsor the conference. Please email info@cavewas.com to get your media kit. We look forward to welcoming you to our Montreal events.

### Call for Nominations / CAVEWAS Needs You!!

As required by the CAVEWAS Bylaws, the Society is calling for nominations for the role of Director on the Board. A CAVEWAS Director is one of 11 individuals who provide guidance and direction for the management of the Society. They help to implement the strategic plans and policies of the Society, promote and grow the organization and manage CAVEWAS’ operations. Interested bodies should please review and complete the nomination form available at the CAVEWAS’ “info” address and submit it, along with their resume, to info@cavewas.com. Nominations must be in by April 17, 2017.