

## Registration Form

Please check off the day(s) you are attending and the appropriate rate.

### Day 1 – Wednesday, May 25, 2011

#### Early Bird Rate – Paid before April 29

OSLA Member: \$200 + HST = **\$226.00**

Non-Member: \$225 + HST = **\$254.25**

#### Regular Rate – Paid after April 29

OSLA Member: \$225 + HST = **\$254.25**

Non-Member: \$250 + HST = **\$282.50**

**Student (with proof of student status):**  
\$150 + HST = **\$169.50**

### Day 2 – Thursday, May 26, 2011

Free (space is limited; please check if attending)

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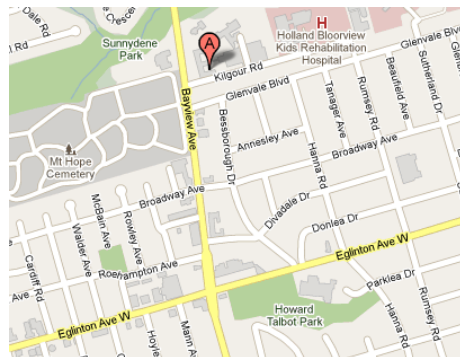
CEU certificate of attendance will be provided.

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**Allied Health Professional Development Fund (AHPDF):** Delegates are eligible to apply for course reimbursement through the HealthForceOntario's AHPDF. Applications and further information are available at [www.ahpdf.ca](http://www.ahpdf.ca). Forms will be available.

## Presented by OSLA in partnership with Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and University of Toronto, Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science

“Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Mark Ylvisaker”



CNIB location (1929 Bayview Ave, Toronto)



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(500 University Ave. Rm. 140, Toronto)

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**OSLA**

The Ontario Association  
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Are pleased to present:

## The Fourth Annual Brainstorming Brain Injury Conference

The 2011 Dr. Mark Ylvisaker Honorary Lecture  
“Advanced Perspectives on  
Communication, ABI and  
Evidenced-Based Practice”

by  
*Dr. Leanne Togher*



Join us for an exciting opportunity to hear Dr. Leanne Togher, an internationally recognized speaker and researcher who bridges research with clinical practice in the area of Acquired Brain Injury

**Wednesday, May 25 and  
Thursday, May 26, 2011**

### Conference Summary

Assessing and treating the communication problems that arise from acquired brain injury is a challenging task. Since a persistent communication problem with this population is engaging in conversation and maintaining interpersonal relationships, treatment approaches need to focus on these areas. However, there are few published assessment and treatment resources to assist clinicians in this area, and further research is required. This conference aims to describe novel assessment approaches which have emerged to evaluate a range of discourse genres, including jointly produced narrative, problem solving discourse and computer mediated discourse. Treatment approaches will also be described, including the results of two recent multi-centre clinical trials, one where the effectiveness of training everyday communication partners of people with ABI was evaluated and another where social skills training was used. The training programs will be described in detail. Finally, consideration of searching for and applying evidence-based practice will be discussed, with reference to the EBP databases, PsycBITE ([www.psycbite.com](http://www.psycbite.com)) and SpeechBITE ([www.speechbite.com](http://www.speechbite.com)). Participants will be introduced to an array of EBP resources which are freely available on the Internet.



**Leanne Togher** is a Speech-Language Pathologist who has worked in the area of Communication Disorders following brain injury for over twenty years. She is Senior Research Fellow of the National Health and Medical Research Council and a Principal Research Fellow of the University of Sydney, Australia. Leanne is a founding member of the multidisciplinary PsycBITE (Psychological database for Brain Impairment Treatment Efficacy) database which systematically evaluates the available evidence for psychological interventions for people with acquired brain injury. Leanne also leads the speechBITE (Speech Pathology database for Best Intervention and Treatment Efficacy) team based at the University of Sydney which documents treatment evidence for the SLP profession and is freely available. Leanne has published over 50 journal articles in international peer reviewed training manuals and co-edited a book about communication disorders following TBI. Leanne has received a national research grant where she is conducting randomized control trials on therapeutic interventions.

**Wednesday, May 25 – Day 1**

**9:00 – 4:00**

### **Advanced perspectives on communication, ABI and evidence-based practice**

A Full Day Conference with Clinicians

**Location:** CNIB (1929 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON M4G 3E8) on Bayview, north of Eglinton Ave.

**Intended Audience:** Multidisciplinary: Speech-language pathologists, Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Case managers, Rehabilitation therapists, Physicians

#### **Topics Covered:**

**PART 1:** Advances in assessment and treatment of cognitive-communication skills after ABI (9am – 12pm)

- Cognitive-communication deficits and impact on daily functioning
- Assessment of cognitive-communication in everyday contexts
- Contextualized vs. Decontextualized assessment approaches
- Social communication and social cognition interventions
- Communication partner training (significant others, police, peers, staff)

**PART 2:** Evidence-based practice and acquired brain injury (1pm – 4pm)

- Considerations in searching for evidence (levels of evidence etc)
- Considerations in applying evidence to clinical practice
- Searching for evidence to inform clinical practice: some case studies
  - PsycBITE
  - SpeechBITE
  - OT Seeker

**Day 1 CEUs: 5.5**

**Thursday, May 26 – Day 2**

**9:00 – 5:00**

### **Clinical research tools to advance the assessment and treatment of people with acquired brain injury**

A Research Collaboration Day

**Location:** University of Toronto Rehab Sciences Building (500 University Ave. Rm. 140, Toronto, ON M5G 1V7) University Ave & Dundas St,

**Intended Audience:** Multidisciplinary Researchers in ABI

*The focus of this presentation will be designing research studies with a description of the key elements to include in randomized controlled trials and single subject experimental design studies, applying for research funding and developing multi-centre research collaborations as well as providing an overview of the types of outcome measures our team has used in treatment studies.*

#### **Topics Covered**

**PART 1:** Lecture (9am – 11am)

- Intervention Research Methodologies
- How to evaluate risks of bias in RCTs and single case experimental design studies
- Designing randomized controlled trials for cognitive-communication or ABI research
- Funding structures in Australia
- Multi-centre collaborations
- Outcome measurement in cognitive-communication intervention studies
- Opportunities for International Knowledge Exchange, Collaboration

**PART 2:** (1pm – 5pm)

- Individual research meetings
- Collaboration with TRI researchers

**Day 2 CEUs: 5.5**