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CATG/ACPA AGM/AGA 2024

September 29, 2024 - 29 septembre 2024
Goethe-Institut Montreal



Agenda

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2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes from AGM/AGA 2023
4. Business Arising
5. Reports
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 - b) President's Annual Report
 - c) Membership and Financial Report





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6. New Business

- a) Election of President (2024-26)
- b) Election of Vice-President (2024-26)

7. Planning and Preparation for CATG/ACPA 2025

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment



1. Welcome and Call to Order

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Willkommen
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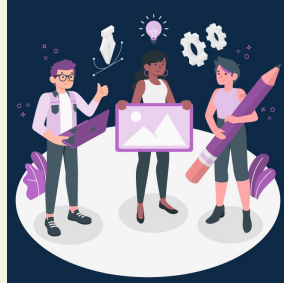
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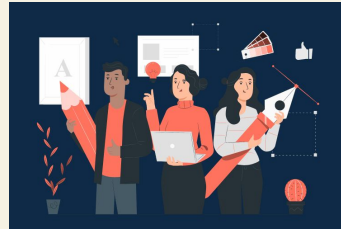
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2. Adoption of the agenda



3. Adoption of minutes from 2023

AGM



4. Business arising





5a. Member Organization Reports



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1. GSC/ÉAC

Graduate Studies

2. KVDS

DSS Kanadaweit

3. ACTG

Atlantic Canada

4. APAQ

Québec

5. OATG

Ontario

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Manitoba

7. SATG

Saskatchewan

8. BCCTG

British Columbia



GSC/ÉAC

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Status of Program(s):	Declining/ in Danger	Stable	Growing
	Some schools declining numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Overall numbers of students stable compared to previous year, but variations from school to school. About 2/3 of the total number of students pre-pandemic	

KVDS

Special Events through the past year:

- In fall 2023 we offered an online workshop with Dr. Marion Grein "KI – der neue Freund der DaF-Lehrkräfte".

e.g. language contest, exchange, etc.

Thanks to funding from German government through Netzwerk Deutsch our annual professional development conference was held August 24-25, 2024, again at Appleby College in Oakville, ON. 45 participants attended.

- Workshops were very well received and the positive effect of networking and exchange opportunities of the in-person conference was highly valued.
- Individual schools participated in ZfA Videowettbewerb, ZfA Jugend Debattiert

Other Information for CATG:

The key challenges for German language schools persist: funding, sufficient number of students, finding suitable language teachers

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Status of Program(s):	Declining/ in Danger	Stable	Growing
Details	Closed: Memorial U, UNB, MTA PEI	DAL, Halifax Grammar School Kings Edge Hill Private/ International Bac. School	Acadia

ACTG

Special Events through the past year:

e.g. language contest, exchange, etc.

Various cultural events, including indigenous project at St.F.X
Successful collaboration with DAAD: joint annual meeting/prof development seminar with DAAD

Other Information for CATG:

Concern about long term decline and disappearance of German taught in schools and even universities in the Atlantic Provinces, Concern about lack of funding from Netzwerk for regional conferences. Concern about decreased support from Goethe-institute. Urgent need of awareness raising at Universities and in the public of the value of language instruction.

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Status of Program(s):	Declining/ in Danger	Stable	Growing
Details	x		

Special Events through the past year: e.g. language contest, exchange, etc.	The APAQ (province Québec) together with CATG organized a conference in the Goethe Institute Montréal from the 23 rd to 24 th of September 2023.
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APAQ

On Friday, 22nd of September 2023, the APAQ board meeting was held. 15 members and 2 language assistants participated in the board meeting. Andrea Frings was elected president and Franz Schreiber vice-president. APAQ discussed its activities throughout the year and delivered the financial report.

In the past year, the APAQ also organized the eleventh CEGEP-student competition where pairs of student had to make a video with the following topics/questions : *Stelle in einem Interview dein Lieblingsbuch,-film bzw. deine Lieblingsserie vor.* Unfortunately, we could not secure funding for the prizes this year and they were paid by APAQ themselves.

For 2024 APAQ has not received any funding from Netzwerk Deutsch to help finance the CATG or other activities. Therefore APAQ has to find ways to organize a conference and board meeting on its own in November. The Goethe institute is supporting APAQ by hosting the conference in its rooms. Hueber will be sponsoring a workshop, in addition members will present workshops for free.

As the APAQ conference has not taken place at this point, we do not have any current member numbers. We expect members to sign up for the conference in October and November.

OATG

Status of Program(s):	Declining / in Danger	Stable	Growing	Members of the provincial Executive:		Contact Information, E-Mail:
Universities	Many are shrinking or holding on. German is offered at: Western, Waterloo, Toronto, York, Nipissing, Queen's, Guelph, Laurier, Windsor, Lakehead Universities, as well as a small number of colleges	U of Toronto has strong numbers again and several grad students; Waterloo has a robust program too		President:	Jimmy Steele	ogatpresident@gmail.com
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				Treasurer:	Maria-Luise Sebald	
				Official Delegates at CATG 2024:	Nicola Townend Jimmy Steele	
Continuing Education			Programs offered on weekends by school boards: high school growing ; elementary data not widely available. These have now replaced virtually all day school programs but provided additional opportunities to learn DaF. Elementary programs also receive some funding from provincial government; German is in limited offering compared to more recent (im)migration languages.			
Day schools		Numbers from 2023 show less than 10 high schools with German.				
Sprachschulen		Sprachschulen programs continue across the province with countless engaged teachers and principals, but some struggles persist; see KVDS report.				

OATG

Special Events through the past year:

e.g. language contest, exchange, etc.

- Shared a booth with the Goethe-Institut Toronto at the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association/Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers conference in April 2023
- Teacher certification course for German offered by Nipissing University: did not run in 2023 due to only one enrolled candidate
- Continued meetings with German Consulate, Ontario Teachers' Federation, other stakeholders
- U of Toronto's iPRAKTIKUM program again welcomed undergrad and grad students into one Toronto high school German class with German programs as a way to engage with school communities + multiple other community opportunities; OATG was also tapped on the shoulder to present at the annual DAAD seminar at U of Toronto, but we were unable to attend due to a conflict
- Made contact with the Swiss Consulate Montréal and Austrian Cultural Forum Ottawa to support our members
- Ongoing support of members via regular dissemination of information from Goethe-Institut Washington, Montreal, AATG, EU Film Festival, other stakeholders
- German Contests held in April 2023 and 2024 at McMaster University in Hamilton was a great success; more Sprachschulen participants helped our numbers; OATG gave some financial and organizational support. PAD-Reise was awarded in 2023 but not 2024; Goethe- Institut Toronto did provide one in 2024!

Other Information for CATG:

- No funding received in 2023 from Netzwerk Deutsch, so we elected to not collect any dues from members or run a Fortbildungstag. We are hopeful to return to "normal" for 2024. 1. We are happy to collaborate with other provincial Verbände for an online FB-Tag sometime in 2025 as well. 2. We are happy to share costs on a booth at Languages Without Borders Montréal in April 2025.

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Status of Program(s):	Declining/ in Danger	Stable	Growing
Details		X	X

Special Events through the past year:

e.g. language contest, exchange, etc.

MGLC: The 50th annual Manitoba German Language Contest was conducted on February 28th, 2024. With 385 participants of sixteen schools; 20 students and three school more than in the previous year. Various sponsored prizes by donors were awarded, monetary prizes were presented to the top three contestants in each category, and one student was awarded with a trip to Germany. The Committee is thankful to have received a scholarship from the Goethe-Institut Toronto this year.

MTG

PD Committee: A successful in-person PD day was offered on October 6th, 2023. Speakers were Andreas Meckes, Birgit Gärtner, and Martina Gombas, who shared quality ideas with the Backwards Learning Design in mind, for teachers of learners in all Grade levels. Ruth Buchweitz from Goethe Books and Susanne Hoffmann from Everything Deutsch offered a variety of resources for purchase. Other guests were Lisa Goolchara from Manitoba Education, who is the successor of Toni Tavares. The PD committee is thankful for the generous financial support from Netzwerk Deutsch and the German Canadian Congress. Changes: Svetlana Koos has joined the PD committee who has contributed with many new ideas.

Manitoba-Germany Student Exchange: 10 students from Germany arrived in August 2023 to spend three memorable months with the Westgate Mennonite Collegiate community. Various fieldtrips and camping experiences were part of the planned program. The following March, two German-Canadian Student Exchange coordinators took 10 Westgate students to Germany in March 2024. New students have been matched for the 2024/25 school year, who are currently spending their three months at Westgate Mennonite Collegiate. Any German learners in Grade 10 are welcome to apply for the Exchange program, provided their school is also in support of hosting students from Germany. The committee is thankful for the financial support from the Government of Manitoba and the Hamburg Government. Special thanks go to Charlotte Kroeker, who is now retired, for the tireless support and development of this program over all these years. Changes: Charlotte Kroeker has retired and Gabrielle Bishop-Wiebe has joined the committee.

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Details			
Saskatoon High Schools	Walter Murray - staff turnovers lead to decline		Aden Bowman - school is growing / German enrolment is growing
Regina (Luther College)			Growing numbers / New Exchange opportunity (Gernsheim)
Heritage Language Schools (Saskatoon and Regina)		Consistent numbers	

SATG

Special Events through the past year:

e.g. language contest, exchange, etc.

We piloted a new video/picture contest in lieu of our language contest. The first semester saw numerous entries, but the second semester saw fewer participants.

Other Information for CATG:

1. We have two new teachers in the high schools, so that is a sign of transitions as well as new energies.
2. (Not specific to DaF teachers, but a significant feature of the past school year) We also endured a year of strike actions as we entered the 2023-24 school year without a contract. The big issues were class size and composition (eg. we have gained 16 000 students in the province since 2016/17, yet have a net difference of only 10 additional teachers. Salary gains from the previous round of bargaining were not funded, so we lost much of the support (eg. school nurses, psychologists, teacher librarians, etc.), and dropping financial support has continued to erode capacity and service. High school class sizes in Saskatoon have risen to 34-39 students average. Impact: escalating actions meant occasional picketing (our first day was in January with a high of -29 C), cancellation of supervision (before school, after school, lunch hours), cancellation of extra-curricular activities (including Saskatoon's German Exchange Program). Most of the demonstration activities was with 48 hours notice, which inconvenienced teachers, students and parents (and made planning very difficult).
3. The strike was settled by sending the matter to binding arbitration, which will take place in Dec 2024, so that we hopefully will have our three year contract (2023-2026) in place by January, 2025.

BCCTG

Members of the provincial Executive:

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Status of Program(s):	Type of programmes	Number of programmes	Programmes that no longer exist	Declining/ in Danger	Stable	Growing
After school programs, age Kindergarten to grade 12	German Language Schools	4		1	2	2
After school, independent	German afternoon program	1			1	
Public Schools grade 10 - 12	High Schools	13	3	6	4	
Online Programme	High Schools	2			2	
Universities	Post Secondary	7		1	6	

The information about the decline/closure of the three of the high school programs is based on the fact that no German courses are listed on the high school's website (W. L. Seaton Secondary School Vernon, Kelowna Secondary School, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

BCCTG

Special Events through the past year:

e.g. language contest, exchange, etc.

- annual conference on the first week-end in October, dates for this year: October 4th and 5th, an in-person conference with online and in-person presentations: Diversity in DaF- Fostering Inclusive Learning Environments, no funds allocated by the German Govt. for the conference
- book sponsorship (subsidized by the German Consulate in Vancouver) for teachers of German on all levels in fall 2024 (7 participating schools and universities)
- PAD Contest did not take place as there were no funds allocated by the German governments
- 2nd annual German Day at UBC - planned for October 19th, 2024 - a camp-style event targeting high school students to increase the visibility of various benefits of learning German
- Social Media campaign to increase BC German programs' visibility, first [publication showcasing Maple Ridge High School](#) in Maple Ridge

5b. President's Report

Dr. Meaghan Hepburn - York University and Trent University



President's Report

Submitted by Dr. Meaghan Hepburn

Dear Members and Colleagues,

I had the pleasure to serve (record breaking?) second term as President, and it a wonderful opportunity to work with everyone again. I am excited, however, to pass over the helm of our amazing ship to the next President and Vorstand.

We have faced challenges across our regional Verbände this year with cuts to budgets, and this raises bigger questions and challenges going forward how CATG/ACPA can function and support our members through our annual pedagogical conference, and how the Verbände can survive with limited funding. We are extremely grateful this year for funding from the German government to allow us put on our conference.

We have seen that German Studies Canada/Études Allemandes Canada has moved to one year for in-person annual conferences, and one year for full online conferences. If we continually have cuts to funding, which looks to be the case, we will have to become creative and see how we can function. The annual conference is really the highlight of our year. We have never questioned the importance of seeing colleagues in-person for our exchange of ideas, but we will need to examine what is financially prudent, and doable!

With regards to the conference, we are excited for a wide array of presentations. We also took your comments in feedback from last year and have included a break-out session to exchange ideas for level specific groups (A1/A2, B1/B2, C+). At the time of me writing this I can only hope this was successful! Many of us, me included, are now only teaching at the A1/A2 to B1 level, and I am always searching for tools for my bag of tricks!

President's Report

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Goethe Institut Montreal and APAQ for their assistance and hosting for us this year. We rely on the local team so much, and it is great to have their assistance and support. Merci beaucoup!

We also have an Instagram account. You can follow us @catg_acpa !!

Thank you all of our regional Verbände in their support of the conference, and we wish you a successful start to your school years and semesters.

Respectfully submitted.

5c. Membership and Financial Reports

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CATG Treasurer: Isolde Winter
KVDS President

Comox Valley German Language School

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Financial Report

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF GERMAN

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Revenue	2023	2022
Conference fee	3,520.00	2,955.00
Conference-Netzwerk Deutsch (ND) grant	10,000.00	10,275.00
Membership fees	1,465.00	1,369.00
Donations (for conference)	695.70	375.36
Total revenue	\$ 15,680.70	\$ 14,974.36
Expenses		
Conference expenses	18,514.84	14,022.07
Postage and office expenses	0.00	19.32
Bank fees	8.00	0.00
IDV membership	745.80	695.47
Other expenses	48.73	0.00
Total expenses	\$ 19,317.37	\$ 14,736.86
Net revenue (deficit)	<u>(\$ 3,636.67)</u>	<u>\$ 237.50</u>

Financial Report

Financial Position

Book balance - 1 January 2023	\$ 8,543.78
Book balance - 31 December 2023	\$ 4,907.11
Net change	<u>(\$ 3,636.67)</u>

J. Winter

Isolde Winter
Treasurer, CATG/ACPA
Bowser, British Columbia

September 18, 2024

6. New Business

- a) Election of President (2024-26)
- b) Election of Vice President (2024-26)



7. Planning and Preparation for CATG/ACPA




8. Other Business



9. Adjournment

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