

**V<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IALC CONFERENCE PROGRAM**  
**JUNE 26-27, 2019 • ARCADIAN, TORONTO, ON**

**Wednesday June 26th, 2019 • 8:30am – 4:00pm**

**7:30** | Breakfast Buffet – *Main Ballroom* – Arcadian

**8:30** | Conference Opening, Master of Ceremonies: **Tasha Kheiriddin**, *Ellipsium Communications*

**8:40** | President's Address: **Rónán Ó Domhnaill**, *IALC Chair*

**8:50** | Host's Welcome: **Paul Dubé**, *Ombudsman of Ontario*

**9:00**

Opening Keynote Speaker – Introduction by **Paul Dubé**  
**Perry Bellegarde**, *National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Canada*  
**All Languages Matter: The Establishing of the Indigenous Languages Commission in Canada**

**9:30**

**Plenary Panel – Main Ballroom**  
**Indigenous Language Preservation, Global Perspectives**  
MODERATOR: **Mark Power**  
**Prof. Rawinia Higgins**, *Chairperson of the māori Language Commission, New Zealand*  
**Kirsi Pimiä**, *Non-Discrimination Ombudsman, Finland*  
**Prof. Candace Galla**, *University of British Columbia*  
**Prof. Pamela Palmater**, *Chair in Indigenous Governance, Ryerson University*

**10:45 – 11:00 • BREAK**



**11:00 – 12:15 • GROUP SESSIONS**

**Group Session A – Arcadian Loft #2**  
**Effective Representation of Linguistic Minorities through Independent Institutions**

MODERATOR: **Anne Robineau**  
**Raymond Thériège**, *Official Languages Commissioner of Canada*  
**Loránt Vincze**, *President, Federal Union of European Nationalities*  
**Lora Vidović**, *Croatian Ombudswoman*  
**Aled Roberts**, *Welsh Language Commissioner*

**Group Session B – Arcadian Loft #5**  
**Linguistic Duality in Canada, Challenges and Perspectives**

MODERATOR: **Martin Normand**  
**The Honourable Senator René Cormier**, *Senate of Canada*  
**William Floch**, *Assistant Secretary, Secretariat for relations with English-speaking Quebecers*  
**Maitre Roger Lepage**, *Miller Thomson LLP*  
**Prof. Stéphanie Chouinard**, *Royal Military College of Canada and Queen's University*

**12:15 – 1:15 • LUNCH**

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1:30 – 2:45 • GROUP SESSIONS

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Group Session C – Arcadian Loft #2

**Respecting Linguistic Diversity: Limits and Opportunities in Multilingual Societies**

MODERATOR: Eleri James

Dr. Nomfundo Mali, *Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Pan South African Language Board*

Slaviša Mladenović, *Language Commissioner of Kosovo*

Prof. François Grin, *University of Geneva, Project Lead at Mobility and Inclusion in Multilingual Europe (MIME)*

Shannon Gullberg, *Official Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Canada*

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Group Session D – Main Ballroom

**Setting European Standards for Minority Language Protection,  
Successes, Challenges and Best Practices**

MODERATOR: Sylvie Lamoureux

Prof. Dr. Vesna Crnić-Grotić, *Chair, Committee of Experts of the CRML*

Davyth Hicks, *Secretary General, European Language Equality Network*

Prof. Dr. Tove Hansen Malloy, *European Centre for Minority Issues*

Ms. Sabrina Rasom, *Vice Chair at the Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity*

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Group Session E – Arcadian Loft #5

**The Future of Minority Language Preservation, Technology and Transmission**

MODERATOR: Yves-Gérard Méhou-Loko

Prof. S. Sandarasegaram, *Chairperson of the Official Languages Commission of Sri Lanka*

Prof. Diane Gérin-Lajoie, *Centre de Recherche en Education Franco-Ontarienne (CREFO/OISE)*

Michael Conor Cook, *National Inuit Language Coordinator, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami*

Ellen-Rose Kambel, *Rutu Foundation for Intercultural Multilingual Education*

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2:45 – 3:10 • BREAK

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3:10 – 4:00

**Closing Keynote Address – Main Ballroom**

Introduction by Francois Boileau

Fernand de Varennes, *United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues*

Language(s), inclusiveness, the (global) role of language commissioners, and the human rights of minorities

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4:30 – 7:00

**Evening Cocktail, in partnership with**

**the Office of the Official Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories**

Introduction by Shannon Gullberg, *Official Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Canada*

Keynote Address: The Honourable Jackson Lafferty, *Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories*

Thursday June 27th, 2019 • 9:00am – 5:00pm

8:00 | Breakfast – Main Ballroom – Arcadian

9:00 | Master of Ceremonies: Tasha Kheiriddin, *Ellpsum Communications*

9:15 – 9:40

Presentation of the IALC Collective book

Dr. Eleri James and Dr. Hermann Amon

Presentation of the Collective book:

*Constitutional Pioneers, Language Commissioners and the Protection of Official,  
Minority and Indigenous Languages*



9:45 – 11:00 • GROUP SESSIONS

Group Session A – Arcadian Loft #2

**Accountability and Designing Legislative Frameworks**

MODERATOR: Paul Le Vay

Ann Chaplin, *Senior General Counsel, Department of Justice, Canada*

Hugues Beaulieu, *Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages for New Brunswick*

Prof. Paul Thomas, *University of Manitoba, Department of Political Science*

Bart Weekers, *Flemish Ombudsman*

Group Session B – Arcadian Loft #5

**The Founding Principles and Successful Investigations**

MODERATOR: Martin Normand

Nora Farrell, *Ombudsperson, Ryerson University*

Colm Ó Coisdealbha, *Director of the Office of the Language Commissioner of Ireland*

Martin Cyr Hicks, *Investigator at the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada*

Manuel Lezertua, *Basque Country Ombudsman*

11:00 – 11:15 • BREAK

11:15 – 12:00

Plenary Keynote Address – Main Ballroom

Introduction: Tasha Kheiriddin

Deputy Minister Mr. Yiong Cong-zin, *Hakka Affairs Council, TAIWAN*

Complex intertwined national identity, language policy and ethnic consciousness:

A long road to revitalizing the Hakka Language

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1:00 – 2:15 • GROUP SESSIONS

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Group Session C – Arcadian Loft #2

Speaking for Vulnerable Populations, Impartiality, Integration, Consultation and Mediation

MODERATOR: Anne Robineau

Loretta Ross, *Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba*

Shannon Gullberg, *Official Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories*

Rafael Ribó, *Catalan Ombudsman*

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Group Session D – Arcadian Loft #5

Institutional Variations, Ombudsmen, Language Commissioners and Commissions

MODERATOR: Stéphanie Chouinard

Prof. Robert Dunbar, *Celtic and Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh*

Prof. Linda C. Reif, *Faculty of Law, University of Alberta*

Lowri W. Williams, *Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner*

Hermann Amon, *Research Analyst at the Ontario Ombudsman*

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2:30 – 3:15

Plenary Keynote Address – Main Ballroom

Introduction: Tasha Kheiriddin

Rafael Ribó, *Catalan Ombudsman*

The Catalan process 2010-2019: rights conflict, civil society and Language

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3:15 – 3:35 • BREAK

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3:35 – 4:35

Plenary Panel – Main Ballroom

The IALC and the Future of Linguistic Rights Worldwide, a conference summary

MODERATOR: Rónán Ó Domhnaill

Meri Huws, *former Welsh Language Commissioner*

Graham Fraser, *former Official Languages Commissioner of Canada*

Seán Ó Cuirreán, *former Irish Language Commissioner*

Pär Stenbäck, *former Foreign Minister of Finland; President of the European Cultural Parliament*

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4:40 – 5:00

Plenary Closing Keynote Address – Main Ballroom

Introduction by Paul Le Vay

The Right Honourable Justice Richard Wagner, *The Supreme Court of Canada*

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5:00 | Closing Words

Paul Dubé, *Ombudsman of Ontario*