

FACT SHEET



The Association was launched as a professional association in 1964 under the name of the Canadian Speech and Hearing Association (CSHA).

Milestones...

- 1966** Constitution is approved
- 1967** First by-laws become effective
- 1969** First demographic study of speech and hearing services in Canada is undertaken
- 1971** First four CSHA committees: admissions, elections, advisory, and charter are established
- 1973** Provincial representation introduced on national council. Publication of the first issue of the Journal of Speech and Language Pathology and Audiology
- 1975** CSHA was incorporated under federal law
- 1976** First annual conference held in Halifax featuring launch of the Association's awards program. Publication of the first issue of Communiqué
- 1977** The federal government designated the CSHA as the contact agency for all information relating to speech and hearing
- 1982** Enactment of the Association's canon of ethics
CHSA participated in two major federal department of health and welfare task force reports
Clinical Guidelines in speech-language pathology and guidelines for the of practice speech-language pathology and audiology.
- 1984** Establishment of a permanent head office and staff
- 1985** CSHA officially renamed Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (CASLPA)
- 1985/87** Institution of a national professional standards program including a national certification exam, continuing education program and site accreditation.
- 1989** CASLPA completed its first comprehensive demographic study
- 1990** Association's mission statement formalized
- 1995** Membership categories are expanded to include corporate and affiliated members
- 1998** Introduction of certification reciprocity with the American Speech-Language Association (ASHA)
- 2004** International Mutual Recognition Agreement with Speech Pathology Australia, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- 2004** University Survey report, Caseload Guidelines report published
- 2004** Speech-language pathology and audiology added to the Canadian Institute for Health Information's Health Personnel Trends Report
- 2006** Supportive personnel added to membership categories
Creation of Pan-Canadian Alliance of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Associations

"With clear vision and well-defined objectives, we can give stature to the professions in this country."
Isabel Richard, Founding President