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## Speech-Language and Audiology Canada Announces New Chair

**OTTAWA, ON (May 12, 2016)** — Speech-Language and Audiology Canada’s (SAC) Board has a new Chair: audiologist Jerri-Lee MacKay, M.Sc., Aud(C) began her term on April 29, 2016, following SAC’s Annual Meeting of Members.

MacKay is an audiologist in Manitoba’s Winnipeg School Division. She studied at Minot State University and has been practicing since 1984, and throughout her career she has been actively involved in her profession. She has volunteered on many committees and began serving on SAC’s Board in 2012.

“My position as a Director has been one of the most rewarding and interesting experiences of my career. I am honoured to have been elected Chair and will do my utmost to represent SAC’s members and associates over the next year,” MacKay said after officially assuming her new role.

On the same day that she began her term, SAC released its 2016-2019 Strategic Plan. The plan will serve as the association's road map from now until the end of 2019, and MacKay had a hand in its development as Chair of the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee. “I am excited about our new strategic plan and the many new initiatives that SAC will be undertaking. One of our overarching goals is to have Canada recognize communication as a basic human right, and this goal is reflected in our new vision and mission statements as well as our four key strategies.”

When asked what she hopes to accomplish in her time as Chair, MacKay answered: “We will strive to frame a new conversation about communication health and will work to provide all of our members and associates with the tools they need to promote their professions and to advocate for their patients and clients.” She went on to say that one of the best parts of being on the SAC Board is working as part of a close-knit team. “The Directors are committed to the new strategic direction of the association and the staff at SAC are exceptional. I look forward to the challenges of the coming year and am honoured to have the privilege of working with so many outstanding individuals.”

SAC members and associates can contact Jerri-Lee MacKay at [chair@sac-oac.ca](mailto:chair@sac-oac.ca).

### About Speech-Language and Audiology Canada

Speech-Language and Audiology Canada is a member-driven organization that supports, promotes and elevates the professions of our members and associates. We are the only national organization passionately supporting and representing speech-language pathologists, audiologists and communication health assistants inclusively. Through this support, we champion the needs of people with communication disorders. Visit [www.sac-oac.ca](http://www.sac-oac.ca) to learn more.

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