Canada Hosts International Institute

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From July 20-22, 2016, it will be Canada’s turn to host the International Reading Recovery Institute. The theme of this 9th Institute—held in downtown Vancouver, British Columbia—is “Widening Circles: Literacy Learning for All.”

We expect more than 350 participants representing all countries implementing Reading Recovery, Intervention préventive en lecture-écriture, and Descubriendo la Lectura. For U.S. teacher leaders, the 2016 International Institute will take the place of the 2016 Teacher Leader Institute, with sessions designed specifically for teacher leaders.

The iconic images of the Aurora Borealis and the Inukshuk in the Institute graphic were selected to not only depict the vast Canadian North and all that lays open to discovery, but also to represent the influence that Dame Marie Clay and all Reading Recovery professionals have provided — unending opportunities and direction to literacy learners and teachers around the world. The Inukshuk (pronounced en-oak-shook) is made of large stones that are supported through balance alone and represent strength through unity within the Inuit community. They act as guiding landmarks that help travelers navigate the barren landscape, communicating direction, and sometimes holding a cache of food to ensure survival for the weary traveler.

A keynote and featured speaker from each of the five countries that comprise the International Reading Recovery Trainers Organization are on the 3-day Institute schedule. These presentations will be rich in theory and application for Reading Recovery professionals.

Speakers from the five countries:

• Australia
  Dr. Bridie Raban, keynote
  Dr. Janet Scull, featured

• New Zealand
  Dr. Stuart McNaughton, keynote
  Dr. Christine Boocock, featured

• United Kingdom
  Dr. Iram Siraj, keynote
  Ms. Glen Franklin, featured

• United States
  Dr. Gay Su Pinnell, keynote
  Dr. Robert Schwartz, featured

• Canada
  Dr. Jeremy Burman, keynote
  Ms. Janice Van Dyke, featured

In addition there will be seminar sessions with Reading Recovery trainers, tutors, and teacher leaders from all five countries, an international panel, a welcome reception, and a social evening.

The event venue is the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in downtown Vancouver. Registration is now open, with Early Bird pricing in effect until April 15. To register and for more information, visit the IRRTO website at www.irrto.org. Information will also be available on the websites of each participating country.

We look forward to hosting guests from around the world next summer in beautiful British Columbia’s largest city.