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CALA TO HOLD 2011 AGM ON “WORLD ACCREDITATION DAY”

WHEN: Thursday June 9th, 2011

WHERE: River Rock Casino Resort, Richmond British Columbia,
8811 River Road, Richmond B.C. V6X 3P8. 1-866-748-3718

*** **Also via live webcast** (details below)***

DETAILS: Please let us know if you will be attending the 2011 AGM and the accompanying events either in person or via our webcast, by kindly completing the R.S.V.P. which can be found at http://www.cala.ca/agm.html#AGM_RSVP.

CALA's 2011 AGM will occur on Thursday June 9th, 2011 beginning at 11:15am (PST) in Whistler Ballroom B at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond B.C. The AGM will conclude with the presentation of two awards: The **Serge Villard Award** for special contributions by a CALA volunteer assessor and The **Don Laberge Award** for lifetime achievement in the service of CALA.

The 2011 AGM will be preceded with a **Technical Forum on “Accreditation Issues” entitled “Exploring a New Accreditation Model”** at 8:00 am (PST) and it will be followed with a second **Technical Forum on “Proficiency Testing Issues”** at 1:45 pm (PST).

The entire day's events on June 9th, 2011 will be webcast live, so that members from coast to coast, or anywhere in the world can benefit from the Technical Forums and/or take part in the AGM. All members will be sent an email invitation to take part in the webcast in advance of the meetings. Once you have registered to take part, you will be provided with the appropriate connection link.

It is also very important to note that Thursday June 9th, 2011 has been designated as **“World Accreditation Day”** with the theme, **“Supporting the Work of Regulators”**, by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). Environment Canada has been invited as our keynote luncheon speaker on this theme (as yet unconfirmed).

Prior to our 2011 AGM, a new 2-day CALA course will be offered for the first time on Tuesday June 7th and Wednesday June 8th, 2011, also at the River Rock Resort in the Birkenhead/Capilano Rooms. The course title is **Laboratory Training Effectiveness**. This new course was developed in response to feedback from our members. It should be of particular interest to any laboratory personnel responsible for training or coaching other lab personnel. The objective of the course is to provide the skills necessary to coach others and to assess whether trainees are able to demonstrate the required skills and knowledge.

As the 2011 AGM approaches, you will be able to get the latest details on the CALA website at <http://www.cala.ca/agm.html>

Kindest regards,

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