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Awards and Recognition Program

Recognizing individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology.

Congratulations to the 2023-2024 SAC Awards Recipients

2024 SAC Award Winner Eve Kassirer Lifetime Achievement Award



Maria Scaringi

MS, SLP (C), Reg CASLPO, RRP, CCC-SLP, CCLCP™, CI, ICCCP(F)

Speech-Language Pathologist

Canadian Certified Life Care Planner

International Certified Cost of Care Professional (Fellowship)

Maria attended McGill University & PennWest University. She worked at various public institutions before starting KIDSPEECH, a private practice in 1988.

Maria was the founding member & first Automobile Insurance chair of OSLA in 1993. Maria had a seat at the table with other regulated professionals (Neuropsych / PT/ OT) recognized in the insurance industry. She brought forth injured children's needs to be different from that of adults. She introduced the concept of a pre-approved framework to reduce the burden on

adjusters & provide Ontarians with timely evidence-based S-LPs service.

She ensured S-LPs & Audiologists were recognized by FSCO as Health Practitioners & not just consulted on an as-needed basis. She developed OSLA's first fee schedule & worked on developing the first coding system for Treatment Plans & OCF forms.

Maria established early professional development in the medicolegal field (Independent Evaluations). In the '90s, The Medicolegal Society welcomed her as a non-member, since at the time, only physicians were members. Maria was the first Canadian S-LP to be a Certified Life Care Planner.

Maria established the Scaringi Workshop & Lecture Series in Speech-Pathology with McGill University. She developed a speech & language screening tool available on the Kidspeech's website. She established three annual scholarships with SAC.

Her reports include what she developed for the legal & insurance industry in the 90s to understand what S-LPs assess. This one-page chart which she uses in her Independent Examinations & Expert reports is THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNICATION PROFILE (C)CC, published in 2010, used by others & published in ASHA journals supported by OSLA & CASLPO.



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