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## **Personal Historians Meet to Celebrate Elders' Voices**

VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA — The 16th annual conference of the Association of Personal Historians (APH) will be held November 3–7, 2010 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria. Reflecting the conference theme, Voices of the Elders, conference speakers include a First Nations elder, an oral historian working with recordings of B.C. pioneers, and an expert on the meaning and measurement of elders' wisdom. The packed program will offer workshops and seminars on topics ranging from book indexing to video storytelling techniques.

More than 200 personal historians from around the world are expected to gather to sharpen business and technical skills, learn more about their profession and network with their colleagues. Personal historians preserve histories, life stories and memories for individuals, families, organizations and businesses. Personal history formats range from books containing family stories, photos and documents to audio or video documentaries.

People are drawn to the profession from a variety of backgrounds: journalism, counselling, education, graphic design, film, radio, book publishing and many other occupations. All have in common a dedication to preserving personal stories and documenting lives for the benefit of generations to come.

The Association of Personal Historians provides education, training and networking opportunities to an international membership located in Asia, Australia, Europe and South America as well as Canada and the United States.

“Nothing is more energizing than a group of personal historians talking shop,” says APH president Pat McNees. “The one thing they share is a passion for collecting stories.”

Additional information about APH may be found at [www.personalhistorian.org](http://www.personalhistorian.org) Find out more about the Victoria conference at [www.personalhistorian.org/conference](http://www.personalhistorian.org/conference) and <http://voicesoftheelders.com>

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