



# ACCUEO

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## **MARCH 2019 BULLETIN – Just a quick note!**

**FCO ACCUEO Conference Sheraton Centre Downtown Toronto April 15 – 17, 2019** We hope to see many of you at our AGM on April 16, at the conference in Toronto. We are proud to see the significant involvement of our members as panel chairs and presenters for many sessions. Thanks to Martine Conway serving as Co-Chair to the Conference, and Amy Fish for her work on the Conference Planning Committee. See the program at [http://www.ombudsmanforum.ca/en/?page\\_id=5134](http://www.ombudsmanforum.ca/en/?page_id=5134)

**ENOHE 2019 University of Leon (Spain)** “Defending and Protecting Rights within Higher Education: Stocktaking and Looking Ahead” is the theme of the ENOHE conference to be held on June 25 – 27, 2019 in Leon, Spain. There will be a detailed workshop (extra fee) on June 24, 2019 led by Jean Grier, University of Edinburgh. The call for proposals is out and the deadline is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Martine Conway will update members on the ACCUEO: list serve and for anyone else interested, just contact one of the ACCUEO executive. See the Call for Papers: <http://www.enohe.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/ENOHE-Conference-2019-Call-for-Papers.pdf>

**Communications Team** Rob Thompson is the Lead for the Communications Team. They will soon be distributing an Outreach letter to inform key administrators and student union officials at post-secondary institutions without ombuds offices of the important value an ombuds can bring to their campus.

**ACCUEO Awards Committee** The deadline for nominations for ACCUEO Awards is March 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday 12:00 midnight EDT. If you have any questions, please contact George Cole, Chair of the Awards Committee at [coleg@algonquincollege.com](mailto:coleg@algonquincollege.com)

**Safeguarding Higher Education Ombuds Offices in Ontario** – Carolyn Brendon (McMasterU), Eastern member on the ACCUEO Executive, recently wrote to Premier Ford, Ontario, after the announcement that post-secondary students would be allowed an opt-out on ancillary fees. Brendon noted the critical role that ombuds offices play in higher education, and urged that those offices relying on funding through ancillary fees, be exempted.