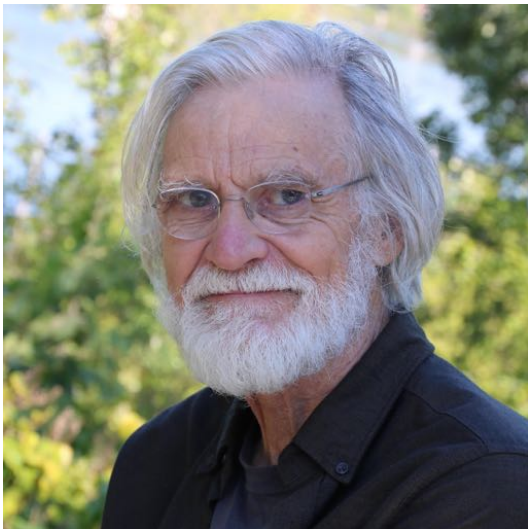


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Michael is a Canadian credentialed evaluator with experience in public service and international management consulting. He organized the first evaluation case competition in Canada in 1996 and served on organizing committees for the subsequent five annual competitions.



In 2015, he suggested to Bea Courtney that one of the activities to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Canadian competition might be the development of a plan for an international competition. Bea welcomed the idea, so Michael and Nancy Porteous began working on an outline. Meanwhile, Jana Garay had set up a case competition in the Czech Republic. Bea, Jana, Nancy and Michael subsequently started designing a pilot World Evaluation Case Competition between the winning teams from the Czech Republic and Canada.

As work on the pilot event progressed, an opportunity arose to involve teams from England and Germany. Then Jana inspired a group in Mexico to put together a team. Nancy and Jana subsequently prepared and circulated a call for applications that resulted in the formation of a team in Chile.

Thanks to all the students who agreed to participate in the pilot, and thanks to coaches, judges and members of the Advisory Board for contributing to the development of a world competition.