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The Canadian Psychological Association's 72nd Annual Convention

TORONTO (June 2, 2011) - June 2nd through 4th, 2011 the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) will host its 72nd Annual Convention in Toronto, Ontario, along with the 2nd North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference. The CPA Annual Convention attracts more than 2,000 researchers, practitioners and students who share the latest discoveries and developments about the science and practice of psychology.

Papers and presentations will cover areas of key interest to consumers of health care, educators, policy makers and the public at large. These will include topics such as bullying and violence among the youth, the stigma of mental disorders, traumatic stress, brain behaviour relationships, mental health issues in indigenous and north communities, mental health promotion in schools, attention deficit disorder, autism, and alcohol use and abuse.

Prominent speakers at this year's convention are:

Peter Graf, Ph.D. is the President of CPA and the chair of the Presidential Symposium and is known for his research in memory and will be speaking on "Prospective Memory Research and Findings: Faulty Brain; Flaky Person".

Susan T. Fiske, Ph.D. is Eugene Higgins Professor of Psychology, Princeton University. She investigates social cognition, especially cognitive stereotypes and emotional prejudices, at cultural, interpersonal, and neural levels – and author of over 200 publications.

John Gottman, Ph.D. is an emeritus professor of psychology at the University of Washington. He is world renowned for his work on marital stability and divorce prediction, involving the study of emotions, physiology, and communication.

Ed Diener, Ph.D. is giving the Science & Application Keynote Address on "New Scientific Findings on Subjective Well-Being". With over 30,000 citations to his credit, his research focuses on the measurement of well-being; temperament and personality influences on well-being; theories of well-being; income and well-being; and cultural influences on well-being.

More information about prominent speakers and noteworthy presentations can be viewed at the CPA Convention Speakers website (<http://www.cpa.ca/convention/speakers/>)

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New to this year's convention is the Canadian Psychological Association's High School Science Awards - an initiative for Canadian high school students who have made a foray into psychological research. We received submissions from high school students across the country and a panel of psychologists from CPA's Scientific Affairs committee reviewed and ranked the submissions.

We have invited the two winners to attend the 2011 convention, present their work, and receive their awards. Awards will include a gift certificate generously donated by one of CPA's partners, Scotiabank. Peter Graf, Ph.D., CPA's president, will officiate and present the award and certificate to the winners. The presentations will take place on Thursday, June 2nd, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm., Conference Room D&E at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto. The winners are:

Veronica Badali, first place, for her submission entitled: Canadian Youths' Attitudes Toward Corporal Punishment.

Jenny MacDonald, second place, for her submission entitled: Improving Your Mental Health through Physical Activity.

About the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)

The Canadian Psychological Association was organized in 1939 and incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act, Part II, in May 1950. Its objectives are to improve the health and welfare of all Canadians; to promote excellence and innovation in psychological research, education, and practice; to promote the advancement, development, dissemination, and application of psychological knowledge; and to provide high-quality services to members. To find out more information go to <http://www.cpa.ca>.