

Canadian Psychological Association Section for Students
2005 Annual Report

The Section for Students had three goals this year: (1) continue to develop our initiatives to improve communication with our students; (2) generate new ways to better serve our student members; and (3) prepare for the conference in Montreal. Last year, we instituted a listserv to better disseminate news and announcements to all student affiliates. This year, we have been working on a policy to ensure the professional use of this listserv. We are also continuing to recruit student representation on each CPA section, and have actively been recruiting new Campus Representatives through the hard work of Kelly Smith, our Campus Rep Coordinator. This year, we added York University's Glendon Campus to our growing network of Campus Reps. Kelly Hayton (Website and Listserv Manager) has been working diligently to keep our website up to date.

Marcus Juodus (Undergraduate Affairs Coordinator) began organizing a peer mentoring program for students who are preparing to attend graduate school. Although early in its development, this program promises to be a useful resource for our undergraduate student members. Rajiv Jhangiani (Treasurer) and Elizabeth Stanford (Chair-Elect) initiated discussion on ways to reward students for papers/posters presented at the conference.

Our executive members lined up a great program for students at this year's conference in Montreal, including:

The 'Joys of Funding': Exploring the Application Process for SSHRC, NSERC, and CIHR
(Michael Coons, Past-Chair)

Effective Strategies for the Teaching Assistant (Joseph Camilleri, Chair; Nicholas Skinner, Chair-Teaching of Psychology; Rajiv Jhangiani, Treasurer)

Dealing with Interpersonal Conflicts Within Graduate School (Kelly Smith, Campus Rep Coordinator)

So You Want to Go to Graduate School? Tips on Applying and Getting in (Kelly Smith; Elizabeth Stanford)

We are also putting together a conference survival package for students, which includes inserts on how to get the most out of a conference, an itinerary of all student-related sessions and activities, and bios/contact information of their Section for Students executive.

Joseph Camilleri, Chair