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## **65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ST. JOHN'S CPA HONOURED TO WELCOME LATVIAN PRESIDENT**

**OTTAWA, June 2, 2004** -- The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is honoured to welcome Latvia's President, Vaira Vike-Freiberga, to its 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, June 10-12, 2004. Dr. Vike-Freiberga, who is the 2003-2004 CPA Honorary President, also served as CPA President and retired as professor emerita from the Université de Montréal in 1998, after being a professor of psychology there since 1965.

"We are delighted to have President Vike-Freiberga's attend our convention as she has on many occasions in the past when she was an active psychologist here in Canada," said CPA President, Dr. Patrick O'Neill. "The CPA Convention is the most attended of its kind in Canada with presentations by highly respected psychologists from Canada and abroad on subjects such as psychopathy, health research, learning problems, the brain and so on."

The CPA Convention is the stage for hundreds of presentations on a multitude of interesting subjects and therefore **an excellent opportunity for Health Reporters and Editors to establish lasting contacts** with mental health professionals from Canada and abroad. It is also an occasion to report on the most recent research by prominent Canadian Psychologists. This year's gathering of more than 800 psychologists and psychology students is co-hosted by the Association of Newfoundland Psychologists (ANP).

It is tradition for CPA to honour the most prominent Canadian Psychologists at its annual gathering. Here are the recipients of the 2004 CPA Awards. Citations for each award winner are included:

## CPA AWARDS 2004

**Dr. Virginia Douglas**, McGill University

CPA Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to Canadian Psychology  
(See citation at [www.cpa.ca/documents/DrDouglas.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/documents/DrDouglas.pdf))

**Dr. Albert Bregman**, McGill University

CPA D.O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contribution to Psychology as a Science  
(See citation at [www.cpa.ca/documents/DrBregman.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/documents/DrBregman.pdf))

**Dr. Nancy Johnston**, Brock University

CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Profession  
(See citation at [www.cpa.ca/documents/DrJohnston.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/documents/DrJohnston.pdf))

**Dr. William Koch**, University of British Columbia

CPA Education and Training Award  
(See citation at [www.cpa.ca/documents/DrKoch.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/documents/DrKoch.pdf))

**Dr. Fred Genesee**, McGill University

CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Public or Community Service  
(See citation at [www.cpa.ca/documents/DrGenesee.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/documents/DrGenesee.pdf))

### CPA PRESIDENT'S NEW RESEARCHER AWARDS

**Dr. John R.Z. Abela**, McGill University

Paper entitled *Cognitive Vulnerability to Hopelessness Depression: A Chain Is Only as Strong as Its Weakest Link*, published in *Cognitive Therapy and Research*, Vol. 26, No. 6, (pp. 811-829).  
(See citation at [www.cpa.ca/documents/2004NewResearcher.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/documents/2004NewResearcher.pdf))

**Dr. Marylène Gagné**, Concordia University

Paper entitled *The Role of Autonomy Support and Autonomy Orientation in Prosocial Behavior Engagement*, published in *Motivation and Emotion*, Vol. 27, No. 3, (pp. 199-223).  
(See citation at [www.cpa.ca/documents/2004NewResearcher.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/documents/2004NewResearcher.pdf))

**Dr. Tonia L. Nicholls**, University of British Columbia

Paper entitled *Assessing Risk for Violence Among Male and Female Civil Psychiatric Patients: The HCR-20, PCL:SV, and McNeil & Binder's VSC*, accepted by *Behavioural Sciences and the Law*, for publication in a Special Issue on Psychopathy.  
(See citation at [www.cpa.ca/documents/2004NewResearcher.pdf](http://www.cpa.ca/documents/2004NewResearcher.pdf))

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