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DR. JEAN PETTIFOR UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY PROFESSOR RECEIVES GOLD MEDAL AWARD

OTTAWA, JUNE 3, 2003 -- Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) President, Dr. Abraham Ross is pleased to announce that Dr. Jean Pettifor of the University of Calgary has been selected as the 2003 recipient of the CPA Gold Medal Award for distinguished and enduring lifetime contributions to Canadian Psychology.

"Many psychologists make exceptional contributions as practitioners or as teachers or as researchers. Dr. Pettifor has been exceptional in all of these areas and more" said Dr. Marilyn Samuels of the University of Calgary. "She has been active in psychology in Canada for over 50 years and she remains very active today. Dr. Pettifor has served on provincial, national and bi-national boards of psychology organizations chairing numerous committees and serving as President of the Psychologists' Association of Alberta, the College of Alberta Psychologists and the Canadian Psychological Association."

Dr. Pettifor has been a member of the Canadian Psychological Association since 1951, a Fellow since 1977 and and Honorary Life Fellow since 1987. She has served as a member on 16 committees of which she chaired 8, and she served on the Board of Directors a total of 9 years including the positions of secretary treasurer and president. With Dr. Carole Sinclair, Dr. Pettifor was instrumental in developing the Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists, which was adopted by CPA in 1986. The Canadian Code of Ethics has since served as a model for codes of ethics in Ireland, New Zealand and the European Federation of Psychologists Associations.

Dr. Pettifor has 182 publications, of which 68 are in peer-reviewed publications. Her most far-reaching publications have been in the area of professional ethics. She has given hundreds of presentations at conferences and many workshops on standards and ethics across the country and abroad. She has presented at every CPA conference since 1972, an unbroken 30-year record.

The Canadian Psychological Association is holding it's 64th Annual Convention in Hamilton, from June 12 to 14, 2003. This year's gathering of more than 900 psychologists and psychology students is co-hosted by the Ontario Psychological Association (OPA). CPA Awards will be presented during the Welcoming Ceremony, on Thursday, June 12 at 9 a.m., in room Chedoke A of the Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, Ontario.

The Canadian Psychological Association is the national organization in Canada representing 5 200 psychologists and students in psychology from all Canadian Provinces and Territories. Its objectives are to lead, advance and promote psychology as a science and as a profession for the benefit of humanity; to provide leadership in psychology in Canada; to promote a sense of identity among psychologists; to promote the advancement, dissemination, and practical application of psychological knowledge; to develop standards and ethical principles for education, training, science and practice in psychology.

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