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DR. DAVID M. REGAN YORK UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR RECEIVES D. O. HEBB AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO PSYCHOLOGY AS A SCIENCE

OTTAWA, JUNE 3, 2003 -- Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) President, Dr. Abraham Ross is pleased to announce that Dr. David M. Regan of York University has been selected as the 2003 recipient of the Donald O. Hebb Award, the most prestigious scientific award the discipline confers in Canada.

"There is no doubt that Dr. Regan has made significant, sustained and unique contributions to basic research in psychology and to the applications of this research in the diverse areas of engineering, medicine, industry and public safety," said Dr. Sandra W. Pyke, Professor at York University. "To be responsible for the substantive contributions in any one of the research areas cited is remarkable, to have made such exceptional contributions across a range of fields is truly outstanding. He has served as an ideal role model, providing leadership and inspiration to the Canadian and international scientific community while at the same time functioning as an effective and convincing advocate for the research enterprise in Canada."

Professor of psychology at York University since 1987, Dr. Regan is clearly a Canadian scientist of great eminence, distinction and international renown. Over the last three decades, Dr. Regan has successfully applied basic research to the improvement of diagnostic procedures and patient management in such neurological and ophthalmological disorders as multiple sclerosis (MS), glaucoma, cataract, childhood amblyopia and Parkinson's disease.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and winner of the Society's Sir John William Dawson Medal. Dr. Regan won a Killam Research Professorship and a Killam Fellowship and in 1990 became the first Canadian to be awarded the Charles F. Prentice Medal, the highest honour of the American Academy of Optometry. He is also a Fellow of the American Optical Society, was recently elected Foreign Member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was also recently honoured by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology with conferral of the Proctor Medal, the first psychologist to receive this top award.

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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