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**DR. PIERRE L.-J. RITCHIE
UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA PROFESSOR RECEIVES AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

OTTAWA, JUNE 3, 2003 -- Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) President, Dr. Abraham Ross is pleased to announce that Dr. Pierre L.-J. Ritchie of the University of Ottawa has been selected as the 2003 recipient of the CPA Award for distinguished contributions to the international advancement of psychology.

“Dr. Ritchie’s contributions to the international advancement of psychology have been numerous and remarkable. His dedication has allowed psychology to obtain recognition within prestigious international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Health Organization,” said Dr. Pierre Mercier, Director and Associate Dean of the School of Psychology at the University of Ottawa.

On the North American stage, Dr. Ritchie was one of the founding members of the Trilateral Forum, founded in 1996 after the Free-Trade Agreement was signed, and was named president of the committee responsible for the development of a code of ethics for North America. Also, it is during his mandate as Secretary-General of

the International Union of Psychological Science that the organization was recognized as the special consultant to the Economic and Social Council of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Dr. Ritchie's efforts have also lead to the establishment of an official dialogue with the World Health Organization. He is actually the standing representative and leader of the psychology delegation at the WHO.

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 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.