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**DR. IRVING BINIK**  
**McGILL UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR RECEIVES AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS TO PSYCHOLOGY AS A PROFESSION**

**OTTAWA, JUNE 3, 2003** -- Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) President, Dr. Abraham Ross is pleased to announce that Dr. Irving Binik of McGill University has been selected as the 2003 recipient of the CPA Award for distinguished contributions to psychology as a profession.

“Dr. Binik’s career provides an outstanding example of the scientist-practitioner model in clinical psychology,” said Dr. Keith Franklin, Chair of the Department of Psychology at McGill University. “Perhaps the most influential impact of Dr. Binik’s work is on his graduate students, who typically follow him around from clinic to laboratory, and see that research and clinical activities are not only compatible but in fact enriching. Through them, and his own ongoing practice of the scientist-practitioner model, his impact continues to grow.”

Dr. Binik completed his Ph.D. in Experimental Psychopathology at the University of Pennsylvania in 1975 and joined the Faculty at McGill University later that year. Dr. Binik’s early interest in animal models of sudden death

led him from the animal laboratory to the study of life threatening chronically ill humans, particularly in studying and improving the quality of life of dialysis and transplant patients. This work emphasized the pre-dialysis period where a large number of dialysis patients know for many years that they will require this form of treatment but are essentially healthy. The approach developed by Dr. Binik in the early 80s is now a standard practice in most Nephrology Departments and pre-dialysis clinics.

The Canadian Psychological Association is holding it's 64<sup>th</sup> 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.**