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**DR. JOTI SAMRA
UBC PROFESSOR RECEIVES
CPA PRESIDENT'S NEW RESEARCHER AWARD**

OTTAWA, JUNE 3, 2003 -- Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) President, Dr. Abraham Ross is pleased to announce that Dr. Joti Samra, from the University of British Columbia (UBC), has been selected as one of the 2003 recipients of the CPA President's New Researcher Award. This award recognizes the exceptional quality of the work of new researchers in psychology in Canada.

Dr. Samra completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Simon Fraser University in 2002 and is currently a Sessional Instructor at UBC and a Clinical Forensic Consultant for the Family Court Centre, in Burnaby, British Columbia. For this award, Dr. Samra presented a book chapter currently in press and for which she is first author. The book chapter co-authored by Dr. William J. Koch is entitled *The monetary worth of psychological injury: What are litigants suing for?* and is part of the book *Law and psychology: The future of the discipline* by Dr. James R. P. Ogloff.

Dr. Samra's primary area of research is within the realm of civil forensic and personal injury psychology. She is pursuing an active program of research in the areas of civil forensic psychology, prevalence rates and

predictors of youth violence, particularly among underrepresented minority groups, and ethnic differences in predictors and prevalence rates of eating disorders.

The Canadian Psychological Association is holding its 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.