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Welcome to Volume 2, Issue 2 of *PSYence Update*—a newsletter to keep you up-to-date on activities undertaken by the CPA on behalf of psychological science.

Highlights of recent activities by the Science Directorate include launching the CPA's Psychology Graduate Survey, posting two new fact sheets, preparing the CCR's 2016 pre-budget submission, co-presenting in a session on conducting research without money at the CPA's Annual Convention, meeting with the Director of Policy for

the Minister of State for Science and Technology, and advocating on behalf of psychological science to SSHRC, NSERC, and CIHR. Read more in the following pages.

At any point, if you have any input for the Science Directorate, please don't hesitate to be in touch with CPA's Deputy CEO and Science Director, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, by phone (613) 237-2144 or +1-888-472-0657 ext. 323) or by email at executiveoffice@cpa.ca.



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CPA's Psychology Works Fact Sheets and Journals

The CPA is pleased to announce the posting of two new fact sheets: 1) Substance Abuse; and 2) Learning Disorders. [Click here](#) to see the list of current fact sheets. The membership is welcome to submit a fact sheet or suggest a topic via email (factsheets@cpa.ca).

Congratulations to Gabriela Ionita and Marilyn Fitzpatrick, winners of the first Best Article Award in *Canadian Psychology*, for "Bringing Science to Clinical Practice: A Canadian Survey of

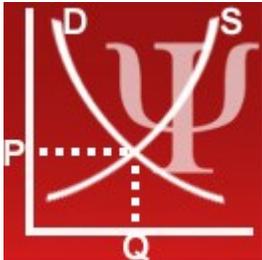
Psychological Practice and Usage of Progress Monitoring Measures".

Ian Neath and his colleagues were honoured by the CPA and CSBBCS earlier in the year for best article of the year in *CJEP* (see Volume 2, Issue 1 of *Psyence Newsletter*).

CJBS will give a similar award next year.



Psychology Needs Your Input!



Need, supply, and demand for psychologists and individuals with a graduate degree in psychology are pivotal topics for the profession, both scientists and practitioners alike.

On April 24, 2015, in response to the surveillance gap left by the cancellation of various Statistics Canada surveys, the CPA launched the Psychology Graduate Survey.

The CPA is calling upon all individuals who have EVER

completed a terminal Masters or PhD (even if it was in 1945) to complete the survey; do so and have a chance to win great prizes. [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

Many thanks to the over 4,400 individuals who have completed the survey to date!

Our goal is to obtain a complete demographic profile of all individuals with a graduate degree in psychology working across the multiple domains of psychology

in Canada. Findings will provide valuable information to assist with the education, science, and practice of psychology.

If you haven't already, please send the survey to any of your colleagues that are not CPA members and/or hold positions outside of practice or academia.

The survey will be open until December 31, 2015.

For more information on CPA's Research Activities, visit:
www.cpa.ca/researchers

International Congress of Applied Psychology 2018

Planning continues for the International Congress of Psychology (ICAP) 2018, which the CPA will host in Montreal, QC, from June 26—30, 2018.

ICAP's co-Presidents are Drs. Peter Graf and David Dozois. The theme for ICAP 2018 is *Psychology: Connecting Science to Solutions*, chosen to highlight the thriving partnership between science and practice and to ex-

tend a warm invitation to both scientists and practitioners.

CPA Head Office staff are playing integral roles in the planning of this event, serving as Chair or members of various organizing committees.

CPA's annual convention, including Section business meetings and programming, will take place as usual within the ICAP schedule.

We look forward to making this an amazing experience for CPA members and non-members alike.

Be sure to check CPA's website regularly for more information: www.cpa.ca/icap2018 and follow ICAP2018 on social media (#ICAP2018).



Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR)

Dr. Votta-Bleeker continues to serve as Chair of the CCR. Although her 2-year term as Chair recently ended, Dr. Votta-Bleeker has agreed to stay on for an additional year.

The CCR is currently in the midst of preparing its submission

as part of the 2016 pre-budget consultation. Developing a science culture for Canada is the primary theme underlying the submission, which will focus on research funding, student scholarships/fellowships, and supporting/using research for policy-making.

The CCR is also developing a questionnaire as part of its election preparation, and already making plans to hold its 4th annual breakfast with the funders later this year.

CPA's 76th Annual Convention

The CPA's 76th Annual Convention was held in Ottawa (June 4-6), in conjunction with the 3rd North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference. Over 1,700 delegates attended the convention, which included 14 pre-convention workshops, 842 posters, and 204 presentations.

This year's convention also featured co-sponsored events with the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Sci-

ence—namely a poster session, mixer event, and the CPA's Science and Applications Plenary speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Phelps.

In addition to connecting with friends and colleagues, the convention is an opportunity to honour the best in our discipline. Congratulations to this year's Award winners (Robert Hare, Stephen Porter, Debra Pepler, Ken Pope, Peter Suedfeld, Vivienne Rowan), Fellows (Tim Aubry, Jean-Paul Boudreau,

Margaret McKinnon, Lucia O'Sullivan, Penny Pexman, Josée Savard, Glenn Schellenberg, Aimée Surprenant), President's New Researcher Awards (Lara Aknin, Igor Grossman, Thomas O'Neill), and Best Article of the Year Winners (Ian Neath, Gabriella Ionaita).

Planning has already begun for our 77th convention. We look forward to seeing you in Victoria, BC!



Officer of the Order of Canada: Dr. Kenneth Craig

The CPA extends its sincere congratulations to CPA Past President and Honorary Life Fellow, Dr. Ken Craig, for his recent appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Craig, Professor Emeritus at the UBC and Editor-in-Chief of *Pain Management and Research*, was recognized for providing a new model for the assessment of pain, and being a global leader

for research into the psychology of pain.

Dr. Craig was recently recognized as a founder of the CPA's Accreditation Panel (2014) and has received numerous CPA awards honoring his contributions to psychology as a science (2002), education and training (1996), and psychology as a profession (1991). He has been and continues to be a member of

various CPA committees, including the CPA's Scientific Affairs Committee.

Dr. Craig was one of 100 people named to the Order of Canada on July 1st. Dr. Craig will be invited to a ceremony to receive his award at Rideau Hall at a later date.



Member of the Order of Canada: Dr. Jagannath Padras Das

The CPA extends its sincere congratulations to CPA Honorary Life Fellow, Dr. Jagannath Prasad (J.P.) Das, for his recent appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada.

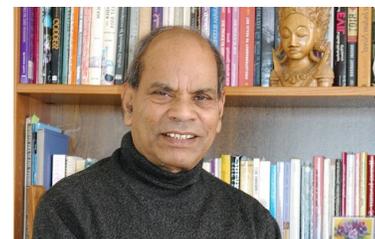
Dr. Das, Emeritus Director of the University of Alberta's JP Das Centre on Developmental and Learning Disabilities, is best recognized for his work in

cognitive psychology, particularly for helping to develop a new theory of intelligence that proposed distinct parts of the brain determine a person's intellectual activity.

Dr. Das was also the recipient of the CPA's Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of

Psychology at the CPA's 75th Annual Convention in Vancouver (June 2014).

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Additional Congratulations

The CPA also extends its congratulations to the following individuals for their contributions to the field of psychology:

- Dakota Broadfoot, CPA Student Affiliate and undergraduate student representative at UBC Okanagan, was named Governor General's Silver Medal award winner, granted to the undergraduate achieving the highest consistent academic standing over a four-year bachelor's degree program at UBC.
- Dr. Anthony Phillips, Professor at UBC and Scientific Director of CIHR's Institute for Neuroscience, Mental Health and Addiction, was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada for his achievements in the field of neuroscience, notably for his research on addiction and mental health.

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Advocacy for Psychological Science

Over the last months, the CPA has seized numerous opportunities to advocate on behalf of psychological science—in some cases, securing significant wins!

NSERC: CPA liaised with NSERC regarding eligibility criteria for students in clinical psychology which required them to have a supervisor who held an active discovery grant. In response to CPA's advocacy, NSERC removed this criterion. Provided the student's research fits the NSERC mandate, clinical psychology students can now apply for NSERC funding without corresponding requirements of their supervisor.

CIHR: CPA liaised with CIHR regarding caps on funding for equipment in its grant applications. In the midst of significant reforms to its open grant programs, CIHR has decided that there will not be any limits with respect to requests for proposed equipment

purchases in its open schemes (Foundation and Project).

SSHRC and NSERC: CPA met with representatives from SSHRC (Dr. Ted Hewitt, President) and NSERC (Dr. Pierre Charest, Vice-President Research Grants and Scholarship Directorate) to advocate for access to Centres of Excellence funds among all universities and researchers.

Government: CPA met with the Director of Policy for Minister of State for Science and Technology (MP Ed Holder) to discuss Canada's new science and technology strategy, particularly in response to the [submission](#) CPA made in February 2014.

Mitacs: The CPA continues to identify means of facilitating connections between psychology graduate students and Mitacs University Business Development Officers

so that students can pursue applications to Mitacs Accelerate program – internships involving industry-partners.

The (CPA) is the national association for the science, practice and education of psychology in Canada. With almost 7,000 members and affiliates, CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology.



