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Welcome to Volume 4, Issue 1 of *PSYence Update*—a newsletter to keep you up-to-date on activities undertaken by the CPA on behalf of psychological science.

Highlights of activities by the Science Directorate since our last newsletter include: attending the release of and issue a statement on the report from the Fundamental Science Review; hosting the CCR's 5th annual breakfast with the funders; writing a letter to NSERC about its post-doctoral fellowship application process and masters' funding; and continued

participation in the planning of ICAP2018 which the CPA will host in Montreal from June 26-30, 2018.

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](mailto:executiveoffice@cpa.ca).



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## CPA's "Psychology Works" Fact Sheets

The CPA continues to post new fact sheets as part of its Psychology Works Series. The newest addition includes an updated version of the Chronic Pain Among Seniors Fact Sheet.

Fact sheets on concussions, seasonal affective disorder, caregiver stress, borderline personality disorder, aging well, and opiates and narcotics use remain in development.

Numerous ideas continue to be brought forward, including but not limited to: anger management, diabetes and foot ulcers, miscarriage, narcissism, mental health of seniors in Canada, and shyness.

Go to <http://www.cpa.ca/psychologyfactsheets/> 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](mailto:factsheets@cpa.ca)).



## Advocacy: PDF Fellowships, Masters Funding



The CPA continues to liaise with NSERC regarding: 1) its decision to reduce the number of times an individual could apply for a post-doctoral fellowship from two to one; and 2) its decision to reduce its masters funding from two years to one.

We have discussed the issues with NSERC representatives and raised the issues in the CPA's submission to the Fundamental

Science Review in Canada.

Most recently, the CPA collaborated with the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS) and sent letters regarding these matters to NSERC President, Dr. Mario Pinto.

We did receive a response from NSERC; although no changes are imminent to either policy, they will bring the PDF matter forward in their upcoming dis-

cussion with the other granting agencies in the context of looking at how the CGS program should evolve over time, and will revisit the Masters policy in the context of the increased number of awards they were able to give in the last few competitions.

The CPA will continue to advocate for changes on these matters and encourages the membership to do the same.



## 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.

The Scientific Program has solicited nominations for speakers for its State of the Art Lectures and Congress Keynotes. Invitations to present were also made to various Presidents of international associations with whom

the IAAP has MOUs and to the CPA's former Presidents; to date, to date 9 former Presidents are confirmed. Click here: <http://icap2018.com/congress-program> to see the exciting list of individuals who have agreed to speak at ICAP2018 in Montreal!

In January 2017, the CPA and MCI met with executives from the IAAP to review planning for the Congress.

Calls for abstracts and section programming, as well as registration, will open in September 2017. A list of ICAP2018 preferred hotels can be found here: <http://icap2018.com/accommodations>.

Be sure to follow ICAP2018 on social media (#ICAP2018) and via [www.icap2018.com](http://www.icap2018.com).

*For more information on CPA's Research Activities, visit:*  
[www.cpa.ca/researchers](http://www.cpa.ca/researchers)

## Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR)

Dr. Votta-Bleeker continues to serve as Chair of the CCR, in this role since May 2013

Recent activities of the CCR include: making a pre-budget submission as part of the 2017 pre-budget consultation; applauding the Government's reinstatement of the University and College Academic Staff System Survey (UCASS); attending the Canadian Science Policy Conference; and hosting the 5th annual

Breakfast with the Funders; representatives from SSHRC, NSERC, CFI and Mitacs attended the breakfast in January 2017 at the CPA's Head Office in Ottawa, Ontario.

The CCR also made a submission ([http://ccr-ccr.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2016/10/CCR\\_ScienceReviewSubmission\\_FINAL\\_30Sept2016.pdf](http://ccr-ccr.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2016/10/CCR_ScienceReviewSubmission_FINAL_30Sept2016.pdf)) to the Fundamental Science Re-

view panel that was convened by the Honorable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science; numerous members of the CCR attended the release of the report from the review in April 2017, for which the CCR also issued a statement: <http://ccr-ccr.ca/the-future-of-canadas-research-a-roadmap-to-strengthening-our-country/>.



## CPA Best Article Awards

Each year, the CPA gives awards for the best papers submitted in each of its journals from the previous year. Two of the awards are funded solely by the CPA, while one of the awards is co-sponsored by the CPA and the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS). The awards for CP and CJBS are given at the CPA's national convention, while the award for CJEP is given at both the CPA's national convention and the CSBBCS' annual meeting; each award comes with a \$1,000.00 prize. For the first time, the articles of all award winners have been made open access.

**CP:** John Berry and Feng Hou (2016). **Immigrant Acculturation and Wellbeing in Canada** (Vol. 57, No. 4, 254–264). <http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/cap/57/4/254/>

**CJBS:** Laurin, R. (2016). **Awareness Level of Gender Stereotype and Stereotype Threat Effect on Ingroup Favoritism Bias in Mixed-Gender Basketball Teams.** (Vol. 48, No. 2, 155–161). <http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/cbs/48/2/155/>

**CJEP:** Mitchell LaPointe et al. (2016). **An attentional bias for LEGO people using a change detection task: Are LEGO people animate?** (Vol. 70, No. 3, 219–231). <http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/cep/70/3/219.pdf>

Congratulations!!!



## CPA's 78th Convention—Toronto, ON!

The CPA's 78th Annual Convention will take place in Toronto, ON, from June 8-10, 2017!

This year's convention will feature plenary sessions delivered by CPA President, Dr. David Dozois, on understanding what makes life fulfilling and meaningful; CPA Honorary President, Dr. Pim Cuijpers, on outcome research on psychotherapies for adult depression; the producer, psychologist, host and past can-

didates from Big Brother Canada; and Mr. David McMahon on cybersecurity. Click here <http://convention.cpa.ca/learn-grow/speakers/> to read more about these exciting plenaries!

In addition to traditional Symposia and Workshops, the 2017 convention will feature new session types including Master Lectures and Gimme 5s—the latter of which give a presenter only 5 minutes to summarize/

present their research! Be sure to attend one of these sessions. The preliminary program has been released and you can find it here: <http://convention.cpa.ca/968/>

If you haven't already registered, don't hesitate to do so, <http://convention.cpa.ca/655/>; this is a convention not to be missed!

See you in Toronto!



## Conference and Research Support

**Conference Support:** The CPA is pleased to be able to continue providing support for psychology-related conferences that specifically target engagement and participation of undergraduate psychology students.

To date, two awards (\$500.00 each) have been given:

- Interdisciplinary Conference in Psychology, University of Ottawa, May 2017; and

- 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Cape Breton University, May 2017.

Two awards remain for 2017; contact the CPA's Science Director at [executiveoffice@cpa.ca](mailto:executiveoffice@cpa.ca) for information on the application process.

**Research Support:** The CPA's Science Directorate is excited to

announce that it will be offering a number of research grants to support student research and knowledge dissemination in 2018 — 10 grants valued at \$1000.00 each will be awarded. The call for proposals will be announced in late summer/early fall 2017; be sure to visit CPA's website for more information.



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## Recruit Research Participants Portal

The CPA's R2P2 (<http://www.cpa.ca/researchers/r2p2/R2P2Public>) has a number of new studies looking for research participants:

- Leadership Behaviours that Contribute to a Healthy Workplace
- How are we making a difference out there? Teaching and Learning about Social Justice through Practicum Education
- The Experiences of Individuals and their Partners' when Weight Related Concerns are Present: A Phenomenological Exploration of Couples in Therapy
- Psychological Recovery after Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Haemorrhage: The Moderating effects of Post-traumatic Growth
- Internet-Delivered Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Anxiety and Depression Amongst French Canadians
- Spiritual Development Through Client Encounters: The Experience of Therapists
- Examination of Clinician Attitudes Regarding Treatment of Individuals with Pedophilia

Click above on the portal link to find out more about the studies and participate!

Visit our website, at:  
[www.cpa.ca](http://www.cpa.ca)

## Psychological Science: Advocacy and Promotion

Additional activities undertaken by the Science Directorate and the CPA to advocate for and promote psychological science include:

### Panel on Non-Academic Career Path

On March 2, 2017, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, CPA's Deputy CEO and Science Director, was invited to be part of a Graduate Pro-Seminar Panel organized by the Chair of the Psychology Department at Carleton University in Ottawa. The panel focussed on the Non-Academic Career Path, with panelists showcasing the variety of non-academic positions that one can hold with a Ph.D. in psychology.

### Ambassador Program

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the CPA will visit various universities and hospitals in Fredericton and Moncton as part of an organized Ambassador Visit. Two of the CPA's Executive Officers (Dr. Karen Cohen and Dr Votta-Bleeker) will participate in these visits alongside four of the CPA's Board of Directors (Dr. Jean Saint-Aubin, Dr. David Dozois, Dr. Patrick Bailie, Dr. David Bourgeois).

### Section Engagement

In December 2016, the Science Directorate funded a meeting with the Chair of the Students Section to explore ways in which the CPA and the Students Section could work together to better engage CPA student affiliates and attract more student affiliates. In October/16, CPA's Executive Officers also met with Executives of the Section for Educational and School Psychology to discuss the same; these meetings build on meetings that were first initiated in December 2015 as part of Dr. Kelloway's Presidency of the CPA.

### National Research Council – Review of Annual Performance Reports

In March 2017, Dr. Votta-Bleeker served as a reviewer for the Canadian National Committee Annual Performance Reports (CNC APRs) for which the National Research Council pays Canada's dues to scientific unions; she participated in the review of four CNC APRs.

### Knowledge Mobilization

The CPA continues to look at ways that we can support our members with knowledge mobilization, such as providing an outline of the role the CPA can play as a KM collaborator; providing best practices information on knowledge mobilization; and facilitating linkages to knowledge mobilization experts. Travis Sztainert, Psychology Professor at Carleton University, is in the final development states of an online course on KM as part of our CPD offerings.

*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.*