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Convention Committee

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The Calgary convention was such a success that the Convention committee came back with a great momentum and went resolutely to work in order to prepare next year's convention in Ottawa (June 7-9 2007). The committee is made up of 4 section representatives (Catherine Lee, Joe Snyder, Fred Grouzet, and Melanie Morrison), one liaison person (Juanita Mureika), one graduate student (Elizabeth Sharp), the CPA convention manager (Kathy L. Petrin and her assistant, Catherine McNeely), and the present Chair (Bob Vallerand). I'd like to thank the members of the Convention Committee for their hard work in trying to make next year's convention even better than the one in Calgary. The Convention will take place at the beautiful Ottawa Westin. The committee is pleased to announce the following events:

- The Honorary President Address will be given by Dr. Edward L. Deci (University of Rochester) and is entitled "Facilitating Optimal Motivation and Psychological Well-being Across Life's Domains"
- The Bring the Family Keynote Address will be given by Dr. Christopher Peterson (University of Michigan) and is entitled "Positive Psychology"
- The Science and Applications Keynote Address will be given by Dr. Arie Kruglanski (University of Maryland) and is entitled "The Contribution of Psychology to the Understanding of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism".
- The Master Clinician workshop will be given by Dr. Martin Antony, the title of the workshop is "Psychological Treatment of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder"
- The Presidential address will be given by Dr. Robert J. Vallerand (Université du Québec à Montréal) and is entitled, "A Passion of Psychology and a Psychology of Passion"
- There will also be a Presidential Symposium on "Motivation In Canada"
- All invited speakers proposed by the sections have been accepted and will present on recent developments and applications in psychology. They are Drs. David Zuroff, Chris Argyris, Richard Walsh-Bowers, Nyla Branscombe, Thomas Achenbach, and David Farrington.
- We have received several pre-convention workshop proposals; however, they had not been reviewed at the time of printing of this report.
- The section on Criminal Justice Psychology will also hold a joint mini-convention in conjunction with the North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Group bringing in an estimated 200 additional participants.

Several social events will also take place:

- The Presidential reception with hors-d'oeuvres, drinks, and music and the silent auction in order to generate funds for the CPA foundation (Thursday evening).
- A jam session (rock, pop music) will take place also on Thursday evening under the expert tutelage of Dr. Mark Baldwin (McGill University).

- A dinner/cruise on the Rideau Canal will take place (Friday evening)
- The Fun run will be organized once again this year by Dr. Karen Cohen, associated executive director, CPA and be held on the Friday morning. The funds go to a registered charity.

Miscellaneous activities performed so far by the committee:

- The submission deadline has been extended to November 15
- A memo has been sent out to all section chairs encouraging them to be proactive in soliciting participation from our most senior scientists and practitioners. We also clearly indicated the deadlines to come, including the review process, where sections will have two weeks to send in their reviews, if not, we will do the review for them, as agreed upon during the dinner meeting with the section chairs in Calgary
- Letters have been sent out to the Univ. of Ottawa, Carleton Univ., and the Univ. du Québec en Outaouais to encourage regional participation
- A letter has also been sent out to the CSBBCS group to encourage participation
- A superb color poster with pictures of our three keynote speakers and the titles of their talks has been prepared and sent out to all psychology depts. in the country so that they can be posted
- An ad has been sent out along with the color poster to various international list serves to invite international psychologists to attend the convention.
- An e-mail has been sent out through our Student representative on the board (Kelly Brooke Smith) to all members of the graduate student section informing them of the content of the convention and encouraging them to participate.
- On-site visits to finalize future convention sites (Halifax 2008, Winnipeg 2010) have been conducted by Kathy and Catherine McNeely (Kathy's assistant).

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert J. Vallerand, Ph.D.
 CPA President and Chair of the Convention Committee