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Canadian Psychological Association hosting National Convention in Toronto

Ottawa (June 5, 2017) – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is hosting its 2017 National Convention at The Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, Ont. from June 8-10, 2017. This event will bring together nearly 1,800 researchers, practitioners, students, and policy makers from across the country to learn about the latest advances in Canadian psychology.

Among this year's highlights is the plenary session "*When TV Meets Psychology: Big Brother Canada, Entertainment and Beyond*," featuring Erin Brock (executive producer and supervising producer), Arisa Cox (host), Gary "Glitter" Levy (former contestant), and Dr. Steven Stein (show psychologist) from Big Brother Canada. The session will address the importance of psychology in reality TV, including the effects of the experience on contestants, the impact on viewers, and the psychological screening of contestants.

Other prominent speakers include: Dave McMahon, Chief Strategist at ADGA Consultants Inc., who will discuss the evolution and pathology of cyber-crime and how to protect your data; Dr. David Dozois, President of the CPA, who will explore key concepts related to understanding what makes life fulfilling and meaningful; and Dr. Pim Cuijpers, Honorary President of the CPA, who will give an overview of four decades of outcome research on psychotherapies for adult depression.

Members will also have the opportunity to select new members of their Board of Directors at the CPA's Annual General Meeting and honour this year's CPA award winners, fellows, and best journal article award winners.

The 2017 convention program will feature nearly 1,200 presentations cross cutting the breadth of psychology as a discipline and a profession. In addition to the general program, each of the CPA's 34 sections will host a number of workshops and poster sessions covering topics such as: the role of psychologists in truth and reconciliation, cannabis policy in Canada, school-based mental health interventions, pedestrian perceptions in Toronto's suburbs, extremism and terrorism, behavioural medicine and oncology, mental health and the military, and prejudice and homophobia.

"This event is unlike any other in Canada because it gathers psychology researchers and practitioners from the many diverse areas of specialization," says Dr. David Dozois, President, CPA. "As Canada's largest psychology event, it provides attendees with unparalleled opportunities to learn what is happening across the discipline and profession and to collaborate on issues that affect Canadians.

For more information and a detailed schedule, please visit <http://convention.cpa.ca/>.

About the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is the national association for the science, practice, and education of psychology in Canada. With over 7,000 members and affiliates, CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology. For more information, visit www.cpa.ca.

Media at the Convention

Media are highly encouraged to attend. Registered press will have complimentary access to the convention. Badges are required of all convention participants for entry into sessions and must be worn at all times. For more information, please contact the CPA's communications coordinator or visit www.cpa.ca/mediarelations/pressatconvention.

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