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**Dr. Keith Wilson of The Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre to receive CPA's  
John C. Service Member of the Year Award**

**Ottawa (June 6, 2017)** – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Keith Wilson has won this year's John C. Service Member of the Year Award for his work, on behalf of the association, helping government and stakeholders better understand the role psychological factors, and psychologists, can play in end of life.

This award is presented to a CPA member or Fellow who has given exceptional service or made a distinguished contribution to the association in the previous year.

Dr. Wilson is a clinical psychologist and Emeritus Clinician Investigator at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. He is a leading researcher into the biopsychosocial issues people face at end of life and was involved in some of the earliest and most significant research in psychiatric epidemiology in palliative care.

Dr. Wilson was the principal author of the CPA's submission to the External Panel on Legislative Options to Carter versus Canada in October 2015. He further lent his expertise to the CPA by serving on the association's task force charged with developing guidance to the profession on the role of psychologists in end of life care and acting as a guest editor for the issue of the association's magazine, *Psynopsis*, on medical assistance in dying. His contributions to the work of the association over the last few years have truly been exemplary.

Dr. Wilson will receive his award at the CPA's National Convention, taking place at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, ON from June 8-10, 2017. The convention will be attended by nearly 1,800 researchers, practitioners, students, and policy makers from across the country and will feature presentations on a wide array of psychological topics.

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**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 approximately 7,000 members and affiliates, CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology. For more information, visit [www.cpa.ca](http://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](http://www.cpa.ca/mediarelations/pressatconvention).

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