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As one of CPA's three pillars, research directs CPA's mandate.

In recent months, CPA's Executive Officers have had the opportunity to hear from members and non-members regarding CPA's scientific activities. From discussions with Psychology faculty during CPA's recent Ambassador program visits and from discussions with CPA's Section Chairs, we welcomed ideas on how to expand upon our existing slate of activities and communication strategies.

This quarterly newsletter is an effort to act upon some of those ideas. We hope you will find the information in it informative and urge you to share it with your colleagues—CPA members and non-CPA members alike.

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.



CPA's Journals and Fact Sheets

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Serving as the Managing Editor of CPA's Journals, CPA's Science Director, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, oversees the journals. In this capacity, she has worked with the APA to bring greater attention to the journals through PsycAlerts—an email notification of new journal issues. In the coming year, she will work with each Editor to identify new strategies to increase their visibility.

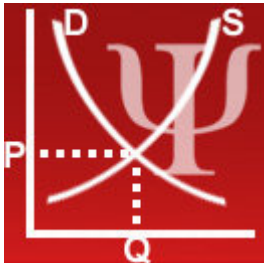
The Science Director also oversees CPA's *Psychology Works* Fact

Sheets which are designed to give you information on a variety of topics. In the past year, 3 fact sheets were submitted and are under review. In the coming year, we will work to expand the scope of topics in the fact sheets. See the list of current fact sheets by visiting: <http://www.cpa.ca/psychologyfactsheets/>.

The membership is welcome to submit a fact sheet or suggest a topic via email (factsheets@cpa.ca).



Need, Supply and Demand Summit



A major task of the Science Directorate since June was organizing a Summit on Need, Supply and Demand which the CPA hosted in Ottawa in November 2013. Among some specifically science-related themes were a presentation on Psychologists in the Academic Setting, Applied Psychology Program at Claremont Graduate University, and a break-out session on better training.

A final report from the Summit's proceedings is being drafted, in which numerous priorities will be outlined. In part due to the recent cancellation of various Statistics Canada surveys, one such priority that emerged and which has already been addressed is the need to collect data both specific to our graduate students and to those working in fields other than academia or a practice-related setting. CPA's Scientific Affairs and

Education and Training Committees will be working with CPA's Science and Education Directors regarding this priority; Drs. Lisa Votta-Bleeker and Melissa Tiessen have been in discussions with the APA regarding combined/shared data collection strategies that they hope to be able to implement in the Fall of 2014. Further follow-ups are also planned with Statistics Canada and the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

Granting Agencies

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

The CPA regularly seeks opportunities to meet with representatives from the granting agencies. Over the last year, the CPA:

1) responded to a proposed policy document on open access. This new policy would require "grant recipients to submit their manuscript to a journal that offers immediate open access to published articles, or offers open

access to published articles within 12 months."

2) Served as a reviewer for the Spring competition of CIHR's Knowledge Synthesis Grant and provided input on the structured review and testing of criteria for mainstreaming the program.

3) Sent a letter to NSERC regarding the cancellation of the research

tools and instruments (RTI) grants program.

4) Provided feedback to NSERC on a plan to allocate budgets among evaluation groups under the Discovery Grants Program in response to a report by the Council of Canadian Academies.



CPA has a long standing history with the CCR with many Executive Officers serving as Chair. Dr. Votta-Bleeker continues this tradition as current Chair. The CCR meets bi-monthly at CPA's Head Office to discuss issues related to research in Canada.

Recent CCR activities include: 1) launching a new website; 2) responding to a consultation on Canada's science and technology agenda; 3) responding to Budget 2014; 4) hosting the 2nd annual "Breakfast with the Funders" with representatives from

NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR, MITACS, CFI - an event launched by CPA's Dr. Karen Cohen when she was CCR Chair; and seeking meetings with various MPs to discuss the CCR's budget "asks" and thoughts on Budget 2014.

Consultations and Research Projects

The CPA regularly seeks opportunities and accepts invitations to provide information to government.

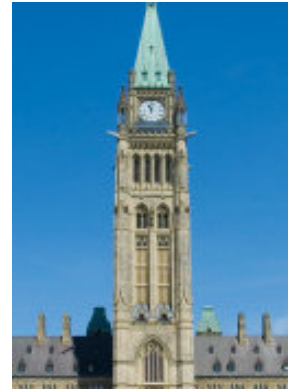
With input from SAC, the CPA responded to Industry Canada's consultation on Canada's science, technology and innovation agenda. In the coming months, the CPA will seek a meeting with the Honorable Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology) to discuss the con-

tribution of psychological science to Canada's science and technology agenda.

The CPA's Executive Officers are also often invited to serve as witnesses before various Standing Committees. These are recognized as important opportunities to promote the contribution of psychological practice and science to public policy. CPA's Executive Officers invite folks attending CPA's convention,

especially its Sections Chairs, to join us in a session that will look at how CPA and Sections can work together to further influence public policy.

The CPA is also increasingly being asked to write letters of support and/or become a collaborator on psychology-related research projects across the country. The CPA is currently a Knowledge User collaborator on two CIHR-funded projects.



As part of its objectives to promote the science, practice and education of psychology, CPA is involved in a number of advocacy and government relations activities on behalf of psychology as a discipline and its members.

Committees and Collaborations

Dr. Votta-Bleeker also continues to represent CPA and give voice to psychological research on various committees including: Transdisciplinary Understanding and Training in Research—Primary Health Care (TUTOR-PHC), Canadian Primary Health Care Research and Innovation Network (CPHCRIN) and National Emergency Preparedness

Advisory Consortium (NEPAC) - to name a few.

In 2015, the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS) and the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) will be hosting their annual conferences in Ottawa at the same time as CPA's Annual Convention in Ottawa. The CPA

has been in discussions with both Associations and is pleased to announce that it will be co-sponsoring a speaker and event with the CSBBCS at the CPA Convention and a speaker and event at CFHSS's Congress. The CPA looks forward to working with both Associations on these initiatives.

For a complete listing of CPA's Committees and Task Forces, visit: www.cpa.ca/aboutcpa/committees

Supporting Psychology's Young Scientists

The Science Directorate also continues to work to support the work of Canada's young scientists. In addition to promoting the work of psychology students through the CPA's Research Portal (R2P2), the CPA also seeks to foster the work of high school students with an interest in psychology. The CPA recog-

nizes high school students who have submitted psychology-relevant projects to their science fairs through its 4th Annual High School Science Awards—two awards will be given out at this year's convention. For more information on these awards please visit: <http://www.cpa.ca/convention/>

HighSchoolScienceAwards/ CPA's Science Director also continues to sit on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Young Scientist Journal (www.cpa.ca/students/CYSJ/) to promote psychological science among high school and undergraduate students.



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In the coming months and year, some new and planned activities for the Science Director include: 1) Meeting with representatives from SSHRC and NSERC re: funding restrictions; 2) Working with CPA's Sections to promote various research areas and their import to public policy through *Psynopsis*; 3) Assisting in the development and analysis of section-identified surveys; 4) Organizing a mini lobby day on Parliament Hill with a science focus; 5) Revising and distributing the Doctoral Employment Survey with the APA; 6) Broadening the mandate of the Canadian Young Scientist Journal as an open-access peer-reviewed publication option for psychology undergraduates; 7) exploring new opportunities for networking among CPA members and affiliates; and 8) Delivering various science focused presentations at CPA's 75th Annual Convention in June —to name a few.



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Welcome and Thank You!

In March 2014, Dr. Aimée Surprenant stepped down from both her seat on the CPA Board of Directors and from her role as Chair of the Scientific Affairs Committee. CPA thanks Dr. Surprenant for her commitment to the CPA in these roles, her support of the Science Directorate, and all the work she has done on behalf of psychological science. We are pleased that Dr. Surprenant will continue on as a member of CPA's Scientific Affairs Committee.

Replacing Dr. Surprenant is Dr. Jean Saint-Aubin (CSBBCS President-Elect, Université

de Moncton). We welcome Dr. Saint-Aubin and look forward to working with him to continue bringing attention to the importance and contribution of psychological science to public policy.

The Canadian Psychological Association (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.

