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Welcome to Volume 2, Issue 3 of *PSYence Update*—a newsletter to keep you up-to-date on activities undertaken by the CPA on behalf of psychological science.

Highlights of recent activities by the Science Directorate include continued data collection for the CPA's Psychology Graduate Survey, posting two new fact sheets, organizing a Summit on Knowledge Mobilization, preparing the CCR's federal election questionnaire, advocating on be-

half of psychological science regarding post-doctoral fellowships, and preparing for the CCR's 4th annual breakfast with the funders.

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).



## CPA's Psychology Works Fact Sheets and Journals

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The CPA is pleased to announce the posting of two fact sheets—one new and one updated: 1) Cancer in Adults; and 2) Gender Dysphoria in Children. [Click here](#) 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)).

As part of a new initiative to better promote Canadian psychological science and research, CPA is drafting press releases on some newly published articles from its three journals in an attempt to incite media attention.

The inaugural issue for this initiative was a literature review—

“ADHD in Schools: Adopting a Strengths-Based Perspective” co-authored by Dr. Emma Climie and Dr. Sarah Mastoras and published in *Canadian Psychology/ Psychologie canadienne*, Vol 56 (3), Aug 2015, 295-300.

*Canadian Psychology* has issued a call for papers for a special issue: Canadian Psychology: Opportunities and Challenges. Deadline for submissions is February 15, 2016. [Click here](#) for more information.



## Psychology STILL Needs Your Input!



Need, supply, and demand for psychologists and individuals with a graduate degree in psychology are pivotal topics for the profession, both scientists and practitioners alike.

On April 24, 2015, in response to the surveillance gap left by the cancellation of various Statistics Canada surveys, the CPA launched the Psychology Graduate Survey.

The CPA continues to call upon all individuals who have EVER

completed a terminal Masters or PhD (even if it was in 1945) to complete the survey; do so and have a chance to win great prizes. [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

Many thanks to the over 4,400 individuals who have completed the survey to date!

Our goal is to obtain a complete demographic profile of all individuals with a graduate degree in psychology working across the multiple domains of psychology

in Canada. Findings will provide valuable information to assist with the education, science, and practice of psychology.

If you haven't already, please send the survey to any of your colleagues that are not CPA members and/or hold positions outside of practice or academia.

**The survey will be open until December 1, 2015.**

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

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## 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.

ICAP's co-Presidents are Drs. Peter Graf and David Dozois. The theme for ICAP 2018 is *Psychology: Connecting Science to Solutions*, chosen to highlight the thriving partnership between science and practice and to ex-

tend a warm invitation to both scientists and practitioners.

CPA Head Office staff are playing integral roles in the planning of this event, serving as Chair or members of various organizing committees.

CPA's annual convention, including Section business meetings and programming, will take place as usual within the ICAP schedule.

We look forward to making this an amazing experience for CPA members and non-members alike.

Be sure to check CPA's website regularly for more information: [www.cpa.ca/icap2018](http://www.cpa.ca/icap2018) and follow ICAP2018 on social media (#ICAP2018).



## Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR)

Dr. Votta-Bleeker continues to serve as Chair of the CCR.

With the election of the Liberal Party to government, the CCR is currently revisiting its various materials (budget submissions, election materials) in anticipation of a pre-budget consultation and with plans to seek meetings

with newly elected MPs in early 2016. The CCR looks forward to working with the Liberal Government to ensure the delivery on promises made to support researchers and science in Canada.

The CCR is also in the midst of planning its 4th annual breakfast

for the funders which will take place at the CPA's Head Office on Wednesday December 9, 2015. Representatives from CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC, Mitacs and CFI are all confirmed to attend.

## Winter 2016 Issue of Pynopsis

The Winter 2016 issue of Pynopsis Magazine is devoted to looking at Mental Health, Homelessness, and Housing, particularly the complex bio-psychosocial factors that determine one's entrance and exit from homelessness.

We are inviting researchers, practitioners and organizational representatives to submit articles that look at this issue from a

number of perspectives, including but not limited to: understanding the problems facing individuals who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless; prevention; finding effective solutions as relates to housing, coping, and employment; assessment; increasing access to psychologists and psychological services; and innovative ways to streamline systems and service

delivery.

The CPA's Science Director, Dr. Votta-Bleeker, will serve as Guest Editor for this issue of Pynopsis. Submissions of 400-900 words can be sent directly to Tyler Stacey-Holmes (styler@cpa.ca) **before December 1, 2015.**



## CPA's 77th Convention—Join us in Victoria, B.C.!

Planning is well underway for the CPA's 77th Annual Convention, which will take place in beautiful Victoria, BC, from June 9-11, 2016!

The CPA is currently accepting submissions for the convention. **Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2015.** [Click here](#) to make a submission and present your work to peers from across Canada!

We have an exciting list of plenary speakers already confirmed for this year's convention:

- Dr. Kevin Kelloway, CPA President; Canada Research Chair in Occupational Health Psychology, Saint Mary's University
- Ms. Mary Walsh, CPA Honorary President; actress, comedian, political satirist
- Dr. Terrence Keane, Professor and Vice-Chair, Department of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine; world leader in the field of traumatic stress
- Dr. Julian Barling, Borden Professor of Leadership, Queen's School of Business

Join us at the Convention and renew your excitement about the work you do, have your voice heard, meet colleagues face to face, gain access to experts in the field, and celebrate excellence and achievements.



## Knowledge Mobilization Summit

Increasingly, CPA members have been expressing concern at not knowing what funders are looking for in terms of the knowledge mobilization components of grants. In response, the CPA is hosting a 1-day Summit in Ottawa (Westin Hotel) on Thursday November 12, 2015 to explore the issue.

This is a Summit not to be

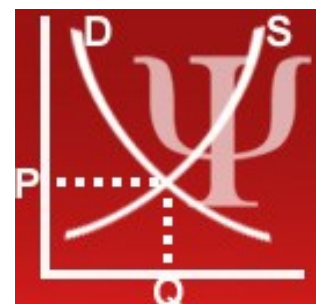
missed, but space is limited!

Summit participants will spend the morning hearing from representatives from each of CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC, and the NCE, as well as speakers recognized for their successful knowledge mobilization strategies.

The afternoon will be spent in a workshop designed to help par-

ticipants develop a successful mobilization strategy!

[Click here](#) to see the list of confirmed speakers and register to attend. A final report and presentations will be posted to the CPA's website post-Summit.



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## Join the CPA

The CPA is pleased to announce the launch of a new membership system as part of its 2016 membership renewal campaign.

If you are a member of the CPA, and have already renewed your membership, thank you for your continued support and membership.

If you are a member of the CPA, but haven't yet renewed, please look for your personalized renewal invoice in your inbox and be sure to complete your renewal.

If you are not a member of the CPA, please consider joining and adding your voice to the national association for psychology. At every stage of your education, training, and career, CPA provides information and services of direct benefit to you, including but not limited to science and practice-related advocacy, discounts for various services, and representation on alliances to name only a few, ! [Click here](#) for more information on becoming a CPA member.

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## Support and Advocacy for Psychological Science

**NSERC Post-Doctoral Fellowships:** In 2012, NSERC reduced the maximum number of applications one may submit to its PDF program from two to one after seeing a disparity between the number of applications submitted to the PDF program and the number of awards available over the preceding years. The change was made to alleviate the workload associated with the preparation, review and adjudication of a second application to the benefit of applicants, committee members, external reviewers and university administrators. The CPA and the CSBBCS are discussing this issue to determine how, if at all, to proceed.

**Banting Post-Doctoral Fellowships:** Current eligibility requirements of this award disadvantage clinical psychologists who, although health professionals, do not receive their degrees in advance of residency training. Unlike other health professions, residency occurs pre-degree for psychologists because PhD students in Clinical Psychology pro-

grams are required to complete a pre-doctoral internship (even after they have defended their dissertation). This requirement is thus making them ineligible to apply for a Banting PDF. The CPA has reached out to the Banting Secretariat regarding this issue; they are looking into the matter and will get back to the CPA.

**Conference Support:** The CPA is pleased to continue providing support (in the form of 4-\$500 awards annually) for psychology-related conferences that specifically target engagement and participation of undergraduate psychology students. Successful applicants in 2015 included: Science Atlantic Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Université de Montréal, PREVNet, University of British Columbia.

**R2P2:** Interested in participating in a research project? If yes, log into the

[R2P2](#) via the CPA's members only portal to see which studies are available and calling for research participants.

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