

2010 Annual Report

(Clinical Psychology)

Section Executive

The 2009-2010 Executive Committee consisted of John Pearce (Past-Chair), Mark Lau (Chair), Patricia Furer (Chair-Elect), Margo Watt (Secretary-Treasurer), Andrew Ryder (Member-at-Large), and Jessica Dere (Student Representative). The Executive met in person during the 2009 convention, held a full-day meeting in Montreal in January 2010, and held teleconferences in the fall and spring as well as e-mail and telephone contact.

Membership

As of May 1, 2010, the Section had a membership of 977, including 356 student affiliates, a growth of 15 over last year.

Annual Convention Activities

- Pre-convention Workshop: *Advocating for the Science and Practice of Psychology: The How, What, When, Where and Whys* presented by a roster of speakers including experts in government relations. Co-sponsored with the Canadian Psychological Association.
- CPA Invited Speakers:
 - (1) *Flying Blind: The Challenge of Informing Consumers About Treatment Choices for Common Mental Health Problems* presented by Dr. John Walker, University of Manitoba. He will be presenting a free public lecture entitled *Confidence Building: Helping your shy or fearful child*; and,
 - (2) *Beating the Odds: Promoting Self-Recovery from Gambling Problems with Brief Motivational Interventions* presented by Dr. David Hodgins, University of Calgary. Co-sponsored with the Section of Counselling Psychology.
- Dr. Kerry Mothersill will represent the Clinical Section in a session entitled *Preparing For Your Predoctoral Internship* along with representatives of the Students in Psychology Section and the CCPPP.
- 96 clinical conference submissions this year, the majority of which were poster submissions.
- *Annual Business Meeting* will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2:00-2:55pm.

Past-Year Projects

Awards

Winners for the 2010 Ken Bowers Award for Student Research Award, the Student Travel Award and for our newly instituted Early Career Scientist-Practitioner Award will be presented with their awards at the ABM. We are pleased to announce that Ms. Sarah Royal from Ryerson University and Ms. Sarah Chan from the University of Regina were this year's winners of the Educational Activity Grant for Students for their workshops on "Dialectical Behaviour Therapy for Difficulties with Emotion Regulation" and "Challenges in the assessment and treatment of depression", respectively.

Communications

The Section's newsletter, *Canadian Clinical Psychologist*, was published in October 2009 and April 2010 under the skillful editorship of Drs. Jessey Bernstein and Dr. Margo Watt. Our member-at-large continues to maintain the Section's website which is functioning smoothly at present. There has been modest traffic on our listserv.

Advocacy

We continue to pursue advocacy and the promotion of evidence-based practice through a variety of projects:

- Dr. Kerry Mothersill represents the Section on the CPA Task Force on Prescription Privileges. We look forward to the Task Force's findings and recommendations.

- Dr. Mark Lau represents the Section on the Professional Affairs Committee which has recommended a CPA Task Force on the Future of Hospital Psychology to better support hospital and public health psychologists meet ongoing challenges.
- Our survey of the Section's membership indicated strong support to devote \$5000 for new projects to advocacy initiatives.

Next-Year Projects

- Review findings and recommendations from the CPA Task Force on Prescription Privileges and develop response.
- Present proposal at ABM for the allocation of monies for advocacy projects.
- Continue to monitor closely the listserv's and website's operations and publish two editions of the newsletter.

Mark Lau, Chair