

# 2011 Annual Report

## (Clinical Psychology)

### Section Executive

The 2009-2010 Executive Committee consisted of Mark Lau (Past-Chair), Patricia Furer (Chair), Peter Bieling (Chair-Elect), Margo Watt (Secretary-Treasurer), Liz Nilsen (Member-at-Large), and Jessica Dere (Student Representative). The Executive met in person during the 2010 convention, held a full-day meeting in Toronto in January 2011, and held teleconferences in the fall of 2010 and spring of 2011. We also maintained regular e-mail contact.

### Membership

As of April 18, 2011, the Section had a membership of 929, including 319 student affiliates. Our present membership is comparable to last year.

### 2011 Convention Activities

- Pre-convention Workshop: *Navigating Therapeutic Routes: One Client, Three Evidence-Based Approaches to Recovery*. Presenters: Drs. Randi McCabe, Jeanne Watson, and Paula Ravitz. Co-sponsored with the Counselling Section.
- 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 Speaker (Category 2):
  - *Exercise for Mood and Anxiety Disorders* presented by Dr. Jasper Smits, Southern Methodist University. He will also be presenting a free public lecture entitled *Exercise for Mood and Anxiety: Proven Strategies for Overcoming Depression and Enhancing Well-Being*. Dr. Smits' presentations are Co-sponsored with CPA, the Sections of Counselling Psychology, Health Psychology and Sport and Exercise.
- 267 clinical conference submissions this year, including 19 workshops and symposia, and 248 poster submissions.
- *The Clinical Section Annual Business Meeting* will be held on Friday, June 3, 10:00-10:55am with a brief executive meeting to be held that evening.

### Past-Year Projects

#### Awards

Successful candidates for the 2011 Ken Bowers Award for Student Research, the Student Travel Award and for our Early Career Scientist-Practitioner Award will be presented with their awards at the ABM.

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Caitlin Davey from Ryerson University was this year's winner of the Educational Activity Grant for Students for organizing a workshop entitled *Program evaluation: A focus on realist methodology*.

#### Communications

The Section's newsletter, *Canadian Clinical Psychologist*, was published in October 2010 and April 2011 under the skillful editorship of Drs. Margo Watt and Jessey Bernstein with assistance from Max Hebert.

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. Mark Lau/Dr. Peter Bieling represent the Section on the Professional Affairs Committee
- We have contributed \$2000 annually to support a pre-convention workshop on advocacy issues at CPA 2010 and 2011.

## Next-Year Projects

- Present proposal at ABM for the allocation of remaining monies for advocacy projects.
- Present proposal at ABM for allocation of monies to fund or partially fund travel for members of the Executive to attend the CPA Convention. We feel that this will broaden the range of psychologists who will be able to participate in the Clinical Section Executive.
- Continue to closely monitor the Section listserv and the website operations.
- Publish two editions of the newsletter.

**Patricia Furer, Chair**