

CPA Section 24, Counselling Psychology
Annual Report, 2006 - 2007

The current membership is 112 members, including 63 student members. The Section Executive includes Dr. Vivian Lalande (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Nicol (Past Chair), Dr. Shelly Russell-Mayhew (Secretary-Treasurer) and Robin Cox (Student Representative). Dr. Colleen Haney is the Coordinator of Student Awards and Mr. Mike Huston is the Newsletter Editor. Dr. Colleen Haney and Dr. Derek Truscott adjudicated the 2006 student awards. We also had a large group of members who kindly adjudicated the conference paper proposals this year.

A committee was struck at the 2006 CPA conference to work on the criteria for accreditation for the Counselling Psychology Section. Members include Derek Truscott (Chair), Kevin Alderson, Richard Young, Ada Sinacore, Denise Larsen, Greg Harris, Marla Buchanan, William Welton, Steve Knish, Sharon Cairns, and Jim Evans. The mandate of this committee is to revise the current Accreditation Standards and Procedures for Doctoral Programmes in Internships in Professional Psychology. Another committee was also formed with the mandate to develop a Canadian definition of the term “counselling psychology”. This committee consists of Rob Bedi and Beth Haverkamp (co-chairs), Derek Truscott, Romeo Beatch, James Loh, Douglas Cave, Greg Harris, and Jose Domene.

A number of student awards were given at the 2006 conference. Karen C. Kranz (University of British Columbia) received an award for her dissertation: *Living outside the box: Lesbian couples with children conceived through the use of anonymous donor insemination*. Vivian Dzedzora (University of British Columbia) received an award for her Master's thesis: *A study of a group treatment for men and women diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder*. The doctoral conference poster was won by Holly McLean (University of British Columbia): *A Narrative Study of the Spouses of Soldiers Healing from Post-Traumatic Stress*. Awards for outstanding Master's Conference Posters were given to Ronaye Coulson (University of Calgary) *Resilient Self-Talk: Is Bouncing Back*

from Adversity Related to How We Talk to Ourselves?; Elaine Greidanus (University of Alberta) Finding Help on the Internet; Summerlee Samuels (UBC) Transferable Life Skills Learned Through Sport Participation; and Sean Latimer (Trinity Western University) Continuous Quality Improvement in Child and Youth Mental Health.

The counselling psychology section programme at the 2007 conference will include a Section Keynote speaker, Dr. David Paré, who is speaking on the topic *Yours, Mine, and Ours: Dialogue and Reflexivity in Counselling Research*. There is also a sponsored symposium on the topic of *Innovative Approaches to Eating Disorders: Theory, Research and Practice* offered by Shelly Russell-Mayhew (Moderator) and the following panel members Dr. Christine Courbasson, Dr. Gail McVey, and Dr. Lindsay McLaren. An additional number of counselling papers and posters at this year's conference will provide an interesting programme overall.

Respectively Submitted,

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