



Section on Clinical Psychology
La Section de la psychologie clinique

Annual Report (2005-2006)

Section Executive

The Executive Committee included David Dozois (past-chair,) Christine Purdon (chair-elect), Kerry Mothersill (secretary-treasurer), Adam Radomsky (member-at-large), Andrea Ashbaugh (student representative) and Catherine Lee (chair). The Executive had two in-person meetings and two teleconferences, as well as regular email correspondence throughout the year. The Section maintains a healthy membership with 481 regular members and 215 student members (total of 696) which represents sustained growth over recent years.

Convention Program

The Section is contributing a full program to the 2006 convention. In addition to general programming with three poster sessions and five symposia, the Clinical Section is sponsoring: (1) a CPA-invited presentation by Charlotte Johnston on families with children with ADHD; (2) a pre-convention workshop by Stanley J. Rachman and Adam Radomsky on treatment of obsessions; (3) a master-clinician workshop by Michel Dugas on exposure-based treatments; (4) a keynote presentation by Gordon Asmundson on health anxiety; (5) a workshop by Joel Goldberg and Don Addington on evidence based practice in the assessment and treatment of schizophrenia; (6) a workshop lead by Kerry Mothersill on the internship process; and (6) a public lecture by Michel Dugas on effective psychological treatments for anxiety.

Awards

In recognition of their important contributions to Canadian clinical psychology, the Section will award Fellow status to Charlotte Johnston. David Zuroff and Steve Taylor have also been selected as section Fellows and will receive their awards at the convention in Ottawa 2007. Irena Milosevic from Concordia University will receive the Ken Bower's Student Research Award.

Communications

The section's biannual newsletter, *Canadian Clinical Psychologist*, was published under the editorship of outgoing editors Deborah and Keith Dobson and incoming editors Margo Watt and Jessey Bernstein. The Section website was maintained by David Hart. The clinical listserv continues to be used judiciously for section business and for announcements of employment opportunities.

Projects

Advocacy

The Section's strategic planning continues to focus on advocacy. As identified in the 2005 survey and confirmed at the 2005 ABM the main themes we have pursued are advocacy and taking a more proactive stance on evidence-based practice. The development and promotion of psychology fact sheets was coordinated this year by Adam Radomsky who has overseen an updating of the format of the factsheets and who has coordinated a project to publicize the factsheets to national, provincial, and regional groups.

Supporting Students

For many years, the section has supported students by recognizing the most meritorious submission by the awarding of the Clinical Section Ken Bowers Award, which is accompanied by \$500. The executive of the section has included a student member for the past three years. The section is examining additional ways to involve students in the conference by offering free attendance at a pre-convention workshop to a student campus representative who assists in registration. Other initiatives include the development of prizes that can be awarded at the poster session in recognition of excellence. The section is also developing a mechanism to offer travel awards to students.

Catherine Lee

Chair, Section on Clinical Psychology