



CONVENTION COMMITTEE

June 2013

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2013 Convention:

The Committee has focused its efforts on ensuring the success of the convention in Quebec City. We are pleased that the convention has garnered substantial support and is able to feature 944 posters, 85 symposia, 26 theory reviews, 31 conversation sessions and 41 work-shops.

In addition to the regular paper and poster sessions, the convention also offers an exceptional roster of national and international invited speakers. The keynote speakers are Thomas Gilovich, Cornell University (The Family of Psychology Keynote) and Philip Kendall, Temple University (Science and Applications Keynote). Speakers that have been nominated by the Sections and invited and funded by CPA include Rose-Marie Charest, Lisa M. Diamond, Gary Johns, Rebecca M. Jordan-Young and Candice M. Monson. The speakers nominated by the Sections and co-funded by CPA and the nominating section are Patrick de Leon, Lisa Gauvin, Donald Stuss, and Sari M van Anders. We are excited to welcome these prominent speakers to our convention and look forward to hearing their presentations. There will also be a Graduate Fair, an Internship Fair and the 3rd annual High-School Student Science Fair. We are delighted to have a number of submissions for the student science fair and thankful again to Scotiabank for sponsoring this event.

The convention also offers various opportunities to socialize, network and have fun. For example, a social event will take place during the evening of Friday June 14th – dinner at Le Relais des Pins (Cabane à sucre). Everyone is also welcome to attend the Presidential Reception on Thursday June 13th.

New this year is the CPA convention app, which will afford delegates the ease of checking their schedule and searching the program on their smart phones. We are also continuing to trial having some of the poster presentations on flat screen monitors.

Members of the Convention Committee developed an initial list of 14 plenary speakers for 2014. Scott Lilienfeld and Susan Michie have accepted our invitation to present at the convention in Vancouver.

SSHRC Travel Grant:

SSHRC decided to stop their travel grant program. The CPA Board of Directors decided to help support students by reducing the convention fee.

Enhancing Future Conventions:

The Committee continues to examine ways to further enhance our excellent conventions. This year, we have been focusing on improving beta-testing of the conference submission software, examining strategies for supporting Sections, enhancing the conference review process, and ensuring that we continue to strive for excellence.

Future Conventions and Dates:

2013 Quebec City (13-15 June); 2014 Vancouver (5-7 June), 2015 Ottawa (4-6 June), 2016 Victoria (TBD), 2017 Toronto (TBD), 2018 Montreal (in conjunction with the International Congress of Applied Psychology, pending approval of the contract with IAAP).

Convention Committee & Convention Staff:

The convention committee report is of necessity about the convention committee but the CPA convention staff is responsible for turning out a successful convention each year. Our sincere thanks to the members of the Convention Committee for their sustained commitment to making our convention the best event it can be, and to the CPA staff for their extraordinary dedication and ability to manage creative problem solving under pressure.

David J. A. Dozois & Wolfgang Linden, Co-Chairs