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Planning for the Halifax convention is progressing smoothly with the number of submissions exceeding our expectations. Comparative data from our last maritime conference in St. John's and from our last convention in Halifax are provided below. Submission numbers were as follows (in addition to the pre-convention workshops, the section invited speakers and invited keynote addresses):

| | 2008 | 2004 | 1999 |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | Halifax | St. John's | Halifax |
| Posters | 714 | 421 | 377 |
| Symposia | 55 | 38 | 23 |
| Theory Review | 42 | 21 | 12 |
| Conversation Sessions | 39 | 32 | 15 |
| Workshops | 34 | 21 | 7 |
| Oral Paper Sessions | 7 | 10 | 3 |

The above table illustrates the tremendous growth that CPA conventions have experienced over the years. On-line registration for the convention is now available.

Following recommendations from the Sections, the Convention Committee approved sessions by the following CPA invited speakers:

1. James Bonta, Corrections Research, Public Safety Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
2. Wendy Craig, Queen's University / Debra Pepler, LaMarsh Centre for Research on Violence and Conflict Resolution, York University
3. Christina Robb, Independent Writer
4. Sandra Trehub, University of Toronto
5. Bessel van der Kolk, Boston University

Following recommendations from the Sections, the Convention Committee approved sessions by the following section-invited speakers:

1. Michael Vallis, QE II, Health Science Centre, Halifax
2. John Meyer, University of Western Ontario
3. Leendert Mos, University of Alberta
4. Robert Ax, Federal Correctional Institution in Petersburg, Virginia
5. Shalom Schwartz, Hebrew University in Jerusalem Hebrew University in Jerusalem
6. Michael Ross, University of Waterloo

The titles of the presenters' sessions have been published in the winter issue of Psynopsis.

It is noteworthy that we have also planned a special reception in honour of John Service. The reception will take place on Wednesday June 11, 2008.

Consistent with policies that have been adopted recently by the convention committee, we have invited our two keynote speakers for the 2009 convention in Montreal. Both of them (David Barlow, Boston University and Elizabeth Loftus, University of California, Irvine) have accepted our invitations.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the convention committee, the sections of CPA and all psychologists and trainees who submitted abstracts for the 2008 Halifax convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Hadjistavropoulos, Chair