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The Canadian Psychological Association's 75th Annual Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia (June 4, 2014) - June 5 through 7, 2014 the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) will host its 75th Annual Convention in Vancouver, BC. This year's CPA Annual Convention has attracted more than 1,200 researchers, practitioners and students who share the latest discoveries and developments about the science and practice of psychology. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the CPA, whose mandate is working to improve the health and welfare of all Canadians.

Papers and presentations will cover areas of key interest to consumers of health care, educators, policy makers and the public at large. These will include topics such as the need to improve access to psychological services, childhood sexual abuse, military mental health, sexual orientation, workplace mental health, post-traumatic stress disorder, physical activity and body image and much more.

Bob Rae will be named CPA Honorary President and will deliver address entitled '*Why Mental Health is the Issue of our Time.*' Over a career that has spanned three decades, including serving as Ontario's 21st Premier from 1990 to 1995, Bob Rae has worked at the highest levels of government in Canada, and has been elected eleven times to federal and provincial parliaments. Bob Rae has proudly served the people of Toronto Centre in Ottawa as their Member of Parliament since March 2008, and was twice named "Best Orator" by Macleans Magazine in its annual survey of parliamentarians. Until recently, he served as Foreign Affairs Critic for the Liberal Party of Canada. In June 2011, he became interim Liberal Leader. Bob Rae was appointed to Her Majesty's Privy Council for Canada in 1998, was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2000, and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Ontario in 2004.

Calgary Mayor, Naheed Nenshi, will be awarded with the CPA Humanitarian Award in recognition of exemplary work during the Calgary flooding of June, 2013, during which time Calgarians faced one of the greatest challenges in their history. While the world watched, Calgarians showed strength, resilience, and compassion. Mayor Naheed Nenshi was at the heart of that disaster and ongoing recovery effort. During the flooding, he was the face and the voice of a city enduring one of its greatest challenges. As we near the first anniversary of the floods, Mayor Nenshi will share his reflections from his unique perspective on the ground, in the air, and deep within the Calgary Emergency Operations Centre.

Additionally, the CPA's Clinical Section is hosting a free Public Lecture, *New Developments in the Psychological Treatment of Depression and Anxiety; An Introduction to Mindfulness-based Cognitive Therapy.* This presentation will be given by psychologist, Dr. Mark Lau. The talk will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 655 Burrard Street, Vancouver (Georgia A) on Wednesday June 4th starting at 7:00 PM.

Other prominent speakers at this year's convention:

- CPA Presidential Address, Wolfgang Linden, Ph.D., *From Silos to Bridges: Psychology on the Move.*
- The Family of Psychology Keynote Address, Susan Michie, BA, MPhil, CPsychol, AcSS, FEHPsS, FBPsS, *Changing Behaviour: Models and Methods.*

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- Science & Application Keynote Address, Scott Lilienfeld, Ph. D., *The Science-Practice Gap in Clinical Psychology: Sources of the Problem and a Roadmap for the Future.*
- Isaac Prilleltensky, Ph.D., University of Miami, *Wellness and Fairness: Interdependence and Interventions.*
- Janet Werker, Ph.D., University of British Columbia, *Initial Biases and Experiential Influences on Bilingual Speech Perception Development.*
- Charlotte Johnston, Ph.D., University of British Columbia, *Families and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.*
- Karl Aquino, Ph.D., University of British Columbia, *What Determines Perceptions of Academic Credibility?: the Role of Demographics and Ideological Beliefs.*
- Roger Dixon, Ph.D., University of Alberta, *Integrative Perspectives on Neurocognitive Aging & Dementia: Tracking Trajectories, Detecting Transitions, Identifying Risk Modifiers*

About the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is the national association for the science, practice and education of psychology in Canada. With almost 7,000 members and affiliates, CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology. To find out more information go to www.cpa.ca

Media at the Convention:

Media are highly encouraged to attend. Registered press will have complimentary access to poster sessions that will give the broadest overview of the kinds of research and activities in which psychologists in Canada are engaged. Badges are required of all convention participants for entry into sessions and must be worn at all times. If you would like access to a keynote or other presentation or any other convention event, please contact the CPA.

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