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Dr. Robert Hare of Vancouver to receive CPA's Gold Medal Award

Ottawa (June 1, 2015) – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Robert D. Hare has won this year's Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to Canadian Psychology for his work in psychopathy.

The award is presented annually to recognize the exceptional and enduring contributions of a CPA member or fellow to Canadian psychology throughout his/her career. Established in 2000, this award celebrates outstanding Canadian psychologists who have dedicated their lives to the advancement of the field in this country and around the world.

Dr. Robert Hare is an Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the University of British Columbia, where he has taught and conducted research for more than four decades, and President of Darkstone Research Group Ltd., a forensic research and consulting firm. He is regarded by many as the father of modern psychopathy research due to his dedication to the investigation of psychopathy and its nature, assessment, management, and implications.

Dr. Hare is the author of several books, is an Affiliate Member of the International Criminal Investigative Analysis Fellowship, has consulted with law enforcement, was a member of the former Research Advisory Board of the FBI Child Abduction and Serial Murder Investigative Resources Centre (CASMIRC), and was a member of the Advisory Panel established by Her Majesty's Prison Service to develop new programs for treatment of psychopathic offenders.

"There is no doubt that this outstanding psychologist has had a tremendous impact on Canadian psychology for the past 40 years and that his work will continue to impact the field of psychology for decades to come," says Dr. Cynthia Mathieu, Associate Professor, Business Department, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. "He is a monument in the field of psychology, an inspiring leader and a great human being."

Dr. Hare will receive his award at CPA's 76th Annual Convention, taking place at The Westin Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario from June 4 through 6, 2015. The convention will be attended by researchers, practitioners, students, and policy makers from across the country and will feature more than 2,000 presentations on a wide array of psychological topics.

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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 over 7,000 members and affiliates, CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology. For more information, visit www.cpa.ca.

Media at the Convention

Media are highly encouraged to attend. Registered press will have complimentary access to the convention. Badges are required of all convention participants for entry into sessions and must be worn at all times. For more information or to register, please contact the CPA.

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