



## **Dr. Carole Sinclair of Thornhill to receive CPA Gold Medal Award**

**Ottawa (June 7, 2016)** – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Carole Sinclair has won this year's CPA Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to Canadian Psychology for her work in the area of ethics.

This 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.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Sinclair made important contributions at the local level through her work as a clinical psychologist and program director in Toronto and at the provincial level through her involvement with the Ontario Psychological Association and the Jurisprudence and Ethics Exam Committee of the College of Psychologists of Ontario. Her greatest contributions to Canadian psychology, however, are undoubtedly at the national and international levels as co-author of the *Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists* and its companion manual.

Dr. Sinclair and her co-author, the late Dr. Jean Pettifor, used a revolutionary method to develop the *Canadian Code*. Rather than using a committee of experts to adapt the best from codes of other national associations, Drs. Sinclair and Pettifor consulted Canadian psychologists and developed the code based on real life situations. The result is a unique aspirational code that reflects the everyday ethical dilemmas of psychologists with world-wide acclaim.

Dr. Sinclair will receive her award at the CPA's 2016 National Convention, taking place at the Fairmont Empress and the Victoria Conference Centre in Victoria, B.C. from June 9-11, 2016. The convention will be attended by nearly 1,200 researchers, practitioners, students, and policy makers from across the country and will feature 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](http://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, please contact the CPA's communications coordinator.

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