



Dr. Joel Katz of Toronto to receive CPA's Donald O. Hebb Award

Ottawa (June 7, 2016) – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Joel Katz has won this year's Donald O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Science for his research in the fields of health psychology and pain.

This award is presented to a CPA member or fellow who has made a significant contribution to Canadian psychology as a scientific discipline. Recipients are psychology professionals who have enhanced the knowledge base of psychology through their research; exerted influence through leadership as teachers, theorists, spokespeople for the discipline, or developers of public policy; and/or substantially influenced the development of psychology through their work.

Dr. Katz is an internationally-recognized scientist whose original contributions in pain research have led to changes in the delivery of care to patients with both acute and chronic pain. One of Canada's most productive researchers, he has been cited over 13,000 times and is frequently invited to speak at the world's top scientific pain meetings. He is also a great teacher who is committed to training highly qualified new researchers.

Early in his career, Dr. Katz became known for his ground-breaking work on chronic pain, phantom limb pain, and pre-emptive and post-surgical analgesia. Since then, he has become known for the impressive breadth of his work. His unique lifespan approach has contributed immensely to our understanding of pain in infants through to seniors. His insightful and sophisticated work also crosscuts the neurophysiological, psychophysiological, and psychosocial domains of pain, while remaining focused on improving the lives of individuals living with pain.

Dr. Katz will receive his 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.

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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