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## **Dr. Jeffrey Mogil of the University of McGill receives CPA's Donald O. Hebb Award**

**Ottawa (July 19, 2018)** – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Jeffrey Mogil has won this year's Donald O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Science for his outstanding work in the area of 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.

Chronic pain is by many metrics the number one human health problem, affecting up to a quarter of all Canadians. Dr. Jeffrey Mogil of the University of McGill has made a series of novel and influential contributions to multiple domains within the field of pain research, with the overarching theme of explaining individual differences in pain sensitivity, response to analgesics, and susceptibility to developing chronic pain disorders.

Dr. Mogil is largely credited for founding the significant new subfield of pain genetics and conducting some of the earliest translational genetics experiments of behavioural traits. His demonstrations of the robust effects of strain, sex, social factors, and laboratory variables on pain behaviour in animals and humans have improved the design and interpretation of pain experiments worldwide. His more recent discoveries of empathy and facial expressions of pain in laboratory animals have had important implications for veterinary care, ethical decision-making, and questions surrounding the evolutionary versus sociocultural basis of social phenomena. Dr. Mogil published many of these advances in high-impact generalist journals, and they have received considerable attention from both the scientific community and the public at large.

Dr. Mogil received his award at the CPA's awards ceremony during the 29<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Applied Psychology in Montreal, QC last month.

**About the Canadian Psychological Association**

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is the national association for the science, practice, and education of psychology in Canada. With nearly 7,000 members and affiliates, the CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology. To learn more about the association, visit: <https://cpa.ca/>

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