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Welcome to Volume 2, Issue 1 of *PSYience Update*—a newsletter to keep you up-to-date on activities undertaken by the CPA on behalf of psychological science.

It's been a busy last few months for the Science Directorate. Highlights of activities include organizing and hosting the 3rd annual breakfast with the funder for the Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR), meeting with CFI to discuss research infrastructure, meeting with MITACS to discuss re-

search internships for psychology graduate students, developing a psychology graduate survey, and meetings with MPs and external stakeholders to name a few. Read more in the following pages.

At any point, if you have any input for the Science Directorate, please don't hesitate to be in touch with CPA's Deputy CEO and Science Director, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, by phone (613-237-2144 or -1-888-472-0657 ext. 323) or by email at executiveoffice@cpa.ca.



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CPA's Psychology Works Fact Sheets

The CPA is pleased to announce the posting of two new fact sheets:

1. Autism Spectrum Disorder
2. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

The CPA is also pleased to announce that a number of the fact sheets have been updated. The CPA extends its thanks to the many authors that responded to the CPA's request for assistance in the updating process.

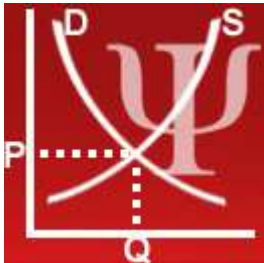
Numerous fact sheets continue to be in development and/or under review including ones on: children's pain; anger, cancer, bullying, substance abuse, and learning disabilities—to name a few.

See the list of current fact sheets by visiting: <http://www.cpa.ca/psychologyfactsheets/>.

The membership is welcome to submit a fact sheet or suggest a topic via email (factsheets@cpa.ca).



Psychology Graduate Survey



Need, supply, and demand for psychologists and individuals with a graduate degree in psychology are pivotal topics for the profession, both scientists and practitioners alike.

In recent years, various Statistics Canada surveys that provided information on psychology graduates have been discontinued. In response, the CPA has developed a comprehensive ongoing survey of psychology master's

and doctorate graduates, be they registered psychologists or not. With time, our goal is to obtain a complete demographic profile of all individuals with a graduate degree in psychology working across the multiple domains of psychology in Canada. Findings will provide valuable information to assist with the education, science, and practice of psychology.

Your participation in the survey

will be greatly appreciated! The survey will be released at the end of March and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete:

In addition to completing it yourself, please help us get as representative a data set as possible, by sending it to any of your colleagues that are not CPA members and/or that hold positions outside of practice or academia.

For more information on CPA's Research Activities, visit: www.cpa.ca/researchers

International Congress of Applied Psychology 2018

In 2018, the CPA, together with MITACS, will host the International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) in Montreal, QC.

ICAP's co-Presidents are Drs. Peter Graf and David Dozois. The theme for ICAP 2018 is *Psychology: Connecting Science to Solutions*. Drs. Graf and Dozois chose this theme because

it highlights the thriving partnership between science and practice and to extend a warm invitation to both scientists and practitioners.

CPA Head Office staff will play an integral role in the planning of this event, serving as Chair or member of various organizing committees.

We look forward to working with the IAAP and MITACS and are

confident we will make 2018 an amazing conference experience for all CPA Sections and members.

Be sure to check CPA's website regularly for more information: www.cpa.ca/icap2018.



Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR)

Dr. Votta-Bleeker continues to serve as Chair of the CCR, having completed her second year.

In November and December, the CCR met with MP Saxton (PC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance), MP Hsu (Liberal Science Critic), MP

Stewart (NDP Science Critic), MP Vankesteren (PC, FINA Committee) to discuss its pre-budget submission.

In December, the CCR hosted its 3rd annual breakfast with the funders at the CPA Head Office. The breakfast was attended by

representatives from CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, CFI and MITACS.

In the coming months, the CCR will develop a questionnaire as part of its election preparation activities.

CPA's Journals

CJEP 2014 Best Article Award

The CPA, together with the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS), is pleased to announce the winner of the first Best Article Award in the Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology (CJEP).

Congratulations to Ian Neath, Tamra J. Bireta, Lisa A. Van-Wormer, and Aimée Surprenant for From Brown-Peterson to

Continual Distractor via Operation Span: A SIMPLE Account of Complex Span! Similar awards are planned for CP and CJBS in 2015 and 2016.

CJBS: New Associate Editor

Dr. William Roberts, Editor of CJBS, is pleased to announce that Dr. Julie Gosselin will assume the position of Associate Editor, effective July 1st, 2015. Dr. Roberts and the CPA extend their thanks to Dr. Michel Claes

who served as Associate Editor for CJBS since 2010.

Special Journal Issues

Each of CPA's journals has special issues planned in the coming months. CP's issue will focus on positive psychology; CJEP's will focus on production effect in memory and CJBS's will focus on purpose and agency. Be sure to check the CPA's website for more information and the release of the special issues.



Cancellation of the Long-Form Census

Over the last few years, Canada has experienced a loss in standardized data with the cancellation of the mandatory long-form census, the University and College Academic Staff System Survey (UCASS), and the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED). The implications of these cancellations on surveillance and human resource planning are sig-

nificant.

With respect to the census, the CPA wrote a letter of support for Liberal Science and Technology Critic, MP Ted Hsu, who had developed a private member's bill to reinstate the long-form census. In addition, following a meeting with MP Hsu, we developed a survey – at his request – as a means of collecting data

from our membership on the impacts of the cancellation of the census. Although MP Hsu's bill was not passed, the CPA will continue to advocate for the need for a mandatory long-form census as part of its advocacy efforts for the next federal election.

For a complete listing of CPA's Committees and Task Forces, visit: www.cpa.ca/aboutcpa/committees

MITACS

In November, the CPA's Deputy CEO and Science Director, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, met with Dr. Rob Annan, Interim CEO at MITACS. The focus of the discussion was on industry-partnered internships for psychology graduate students. The CPA will be working with MITACS in the coming months

to facilitate relationships between MITACS staff and Psychology departments so that psychology graduate students can assess their eligibility for these internships.

The CPA extends its congratulations to Dr. Alejandro Adem who was appointed as Mitacs'

new Chief Executive Officer and Scientific Director. Dr. Adem assumed his role on February 1, 2015. The CPA looks forward to working with Dr. Adem, and its continued positive working relationship with Dr. Rob Annan who continues in his role as Chief Research Officer.



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NSERC and SSHRC

In November 2014, Dr. B. Mario Pinto was appointed President of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Dr. Pinto holds a PhD in Chemistry.

In March 2015, Dr. Ted Hewitt was appointed president of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Prior to his appointment, he was SSHRC's Executive Vice-President and Chief operating Officer. Dr. Hewitt holds a Ph.D. in Sociology.

The CPA extends its congratulations to Drs. Pinto and Hewitt on their appointments and looks forward to continued positive working relationships with NSERC and SSHRC, particularly as we engage on issues regarding their continued role in funding of psychological research.



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Science Advocacy and Integrity

In November, Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker gave a presentation on science advocacy to the Canadian Council of University Biology Chairs (CCUBC), and had a meeting on the same topic with the Executive Director of Evidence for Democracy .

In March, she met with a representative from the Department of National Defence regarding scientific integrity, specifically as relates to plagiarism (both verbatim and conceptual), falsification of data (by students and established researchers), authorship negotiations between students and supervisors (in light of no standardized rules governing authorship across institutions), and other forms of unethical conduct involving psychological research.

This issue has been brought forward to the Chairs of Scientific Affairs, Publications and Ethics to discuss options to address this. It has also been brought forward to the CCR, where member representatives indicated they were grappling with the issue as well.

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.



