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## From CPA's Science Directorate

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Welcome to Volume 3, Issue 1 of *PSYence Update*—a newsletter to keep you up-to-date on activities undertaken by the CPA on behalf of psychological science.

Highlights of recent activities by the Science Directorate include analysis of the CPA's Psychology Graduate Survey, organizing the CCR's pre- and post-federal election activities, meeting with MPs to discuss research funding in Canada, and organizing the CCR's 4th annual breakfast with the funders.

The CPA takes pride in advocating on behalf of psychological science and notes a recent win for psychology students applying for a Banting post-doctoral fellowship: the eligibility window has been extended, thereby allowing psychology graduates to apply.

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](mailto:executiveoffice@cpa.ca).



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## CPA's Psychology Works Fact Sheets

The CPA is pleased to announce the posting of one new and one updated fact sheet: 1) Bullying; and 2) Gender Dysphoria in Adolescents and Adults.

A fact sheet on concussions is in development, while the following fact sheets are being reviewed and/or revised based on reviewer feedback: Physical Activity, Mental Health and Motivation; Smoking Cessation; and Infant-Early Childhood Mental Health.

Numerous ideas continue to be brought forward by the membership, including but not limited to: caregiver stress, seasonal affective disorder, diabetes and foot ulcers, miscarriage, narcissism, perimenopause, and shyness.

[Click here](#) to see the list of current fact sheets. The membership is welcome to submit a fact sheet or suggest a topic via email ([factsheets@cpa.ca](mailto:factsheets@cpa.ca)).



## Psychology Graduate Survey



Advocacy for the education, science, and practice of psychology in Canada can best be accomplished with up-to-date knowledge of the current pipeline of master's and doctoral graduates, as well as the current state of the job market. Historically, Statistics Canada has collected such information, but recently cancelled two particularly relevant data collection efforts: the UCASSS (University and College Academic Staff

System Survey) and SED (Survey of Earned Doctorates). The cancellation of these surveys – one after over 60 years of data collection and the other after over 30 years – has left significant gaps in health human resources planning and surveillance as relates to the discipline of psychology. In response, the Canadian Psychological Association developed a comprehensive survey, modeled on the American Psychological Associ-

ation's Doctoral Employment Survey, intended for all individuals who have graduated with a terminal master's or doctoral degree in psychology, be they registered or not. Nearly 5,000 individuals responded to the survey, representing a broad cross section of graduates. An article summarizing the results has been submitted to Canadian Psychology, and a final report will be posted on the CPA's website.

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*For more information on CPA's Research Activities, visit:*  
[www.cpa.ca/researchers](http://www.cpa.ca/researchers)

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## International Congress of Applied Psychology 2018

Planning continues for the International Congress of Psychology (ICAP) 2018, which the CPA will host in Montreal, QC, from June 26—30, 2018.

The CPA has entered into an agreement with a new partner, MCI Canada, to deliver the Congress. In February, CPA CPA staff (CEO, DCEO, CFO, Director of Events, Membership, and

Association Development) traveled to Montreal to meet with IAAP officials and ICAP2018 co-Presidents. The meeting allowed CPA/MCI to update IAAP on progress and planning to date and ensure we continue to accommodate their needs and hear their concerns as we move forward on congress planning.

CPA's annual convention, includ-

ing Section business meetings and programming, will take place as usual within the ICAP schedule. We look forward to making this an amazing experience for CPA members and non-members alike.

Be sure to follow ICAP2018 on social media (#ICAP2018).



## Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR)

Dr. Votta-Bleeker continues to serve as Chair of the CCR.

On December 9, 2015, the CCR hosted its 4th annual breakfast with the funders. Senior officials from CIHR, SSHRC, CFI and NSERC attended. Topics addressed included funding research-related operations, re-

cruting and retaining researchers, need for government to develop a roadmap for big science, creating longer research fellowships for early career scientists, public engagement in research enterprise, open access, patent-oriented research, knowledge mobilization, research partner-

ships, and transdisciplinary research.

With the election of the Liberal Party to government, the CCR submitted a revised pre-budget submission as part of the pre-budget consultation and issued a [response to Budget 2016](#).

## Meeting with Sections: Developmental, I/O, Social and Personality

On December 17, 2015, CPA's President Kevin Kelloway convened a meeting with the Chairs of the following three Sections: Developmental (Dr. Jean-Paul Boudreau), Industrial/Organizational (Dr. Silvia Bonaccio), and Social and Personality (Dr. Fred Grouzet) along with CPA Board Member, Judi Malone, and CPA Head

Office staff (Karen Cohen, Lisa Votta-Bleeker, Sean Kelly, Cara Bernard).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways in which the CPA and Sections could work together to bring more attention to Sections and the subject matters they address.

Discussion during the meeting

covered the following areas: Sections within the CPA, Section Engagement, CPA Convention, Section Mergers/Clustering, Better linkages between the CPA and Sections, and Advocacy.

We look forward to similar meetings with other Sections in the future.



## CPA's 77th Convention—Join us in Victoria, B.C.!

The CPA's 77th Annual Convention will take place in Victoria, BC, from June 9-11, 2016!

CPA's President, Dr. Kevin Kelloway, invites you to kick off your convention experience by attending his Presidential Reception, which this year will take place on Wednesday evening.

Plenary speakers include:

- Dr. Kevin Kelloway, CPA President; Canada Research Chair in Occupational Health

Psychology, Saint Mary's University

- Ms. Mary Walsh, CPA Honorary President; actress, comedian, political satirist
- Dr. Terrence Keane, Professor and Vice-Chair, Department of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine; world leader in the field of traumatic stress
- Dr. Julian Barling, Borden Professor of Leadership,

Queen's School of Business

We also have an exciting schedule of nine pre-convention workshops. Of specific interest may be our workshops on "Introduction to Programming in R" and "Building a Culture of Supervisory Competence". Space is limited so [click here](#) to register soon!

[Click here](#) to register and connect with your peers from across Canada!



## CPA Journals: Special Issues, Call for Associate Editor

*Canadian Psychology (CP)* has issued a Call for Papers for a Special Issue devoted to Immigration and Refugees. Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2016. [Click here](#) for details.

*Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science (CJBS)* has also issued a Call for Papers for a Special Issue on Best Practices in

Doing and Presenting Research in Psychology. Deadline for submissions is June 15, 2016. [Click here](#) for details.

CJBS is also inviting applications for the position of Associate Editor. The term of the Associate Editor will begin July 1, 2016 and end December 31,

2017; the Associate Editor is responsible for reviewing all manuscripts submitted in French, as well as any English manuscripts for which the Editor is in potential conflict of interest. Candidates are invited to submit their resume to the Editor at [Wroberts@tru.ca](mailto:Wroberts@tru.ca). Deadline for applications is May 15, 2015.



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## Congratulations!

The CPA is pleased to announce the 2015 Best Article Award Winners for its three journals!

**CJBS:** Angel Chen and Robert Gifford, for their paper, "I wanted to cooperate, but..." Justifying Suboptimal Cooperation in a Commons Dilemma [Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science, Vol 47(4), 2015, 282-291].

**CP:** John F. Clarkin, Kevin B. Meehan, and Mark F. Lenzenweger, for their paper, Emerging approaches to the conceptualization and treatment of personality disorder [Canadian Psychology, Vol 56(2), May 2015, 155-167].

**CJEP:** Brendan Johns and Mike Jones, for their paper Generating Structure from Experience: A Retrieval-Based Model of Language Processing [Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology, Vol 69(3), Sep 2015, 233-251]. This award is co-sponsored with the CSBBCS.

All award recipients will be recognized at the CPA's Convention in Victoria, June 9-11, 2016.

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## Advocacy for Psychological Science

**Election Activities:** As part of its preparation for the federal election held on October 19, 2015, the CPA launched an advocacy campaign that included: drafting letters, requesting meetings with the political parties, implementing a letter-writing campaign to help members contact their candidates, and sending a short questionnaire to the headquarters of each national political party asking about investments in research funding.

Post-election, we sent letters of congratulations to the Prime Minister, Ministers, and other members of Parliament, taking opportunities to speak to the government's mandate with regards to education and research.

Post-election, we issued a press release applauding the new Government's expeditious reinstatement of the mandatory long-form census, and as a result, gave a number of radio interviews on the topic.

**Meetings with MPs:** On March 8, 2016, we had a lobby day where CPA's Board of Directors and Executive Officers met with over

20 MPs. Recommendations specific to science were as follows: 1) Continued, increased, and balanced funding for psychological research via base funding for the granting councils, as well as stabilized funding for operating and infrastructure support; and 2) Funding for Statistics Canada to reinstate numerous discontinued surveys that are critical to the development and maintenance of good programming and policy.

In addition to the lobby day, CPA's Science Director met with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of Science, Chief of Staff for the Minister of Science, and along with CPA's CEO, a Special Assistant in the Office of the Minister of Finance.

**Moving Forward:** The CPA will continue to advocate for research funding, reinstatement of cancelled Statistics Canada surveys, changes to post-doctoral fellowship eligibility, funding streams that cross-cut one or more of the funding agencies, and explore issues related to open access and opportunities for knowledge mobilization.

In the coming year, the Minister of Science will review of all elements of federal support for fundamental science. The CPA looks forward to consulting with the Minister of Science in this review, and to discussions about future increases for tri-council funding and post-graduate fellowships, and the development of a science agenda for Canada.



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