From the CPA’s Science Directorate

Welcome to Volume 4, Issue 2 of PSYence Update—a newsletter to keep you up-to-date on activities undertaken by the CPA on behalf of psychological science.

Highlights of activities by the Science Directorate since our last newsletter include: participating in the development of the CPA’s 2018 pre-budget submissions; liaising with panelist involved in Canada’s Fundamental Science Review; overseeing the CCR’s submission for the 2018 pre-budget consultation; and continued participation in the planning of ICAP2018 which the CPA is pleased to host in Montreal from June 26-30, 2018.

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.

CPA’s “Psychology Works” Fact Sheets

The CPA continues to post new fact sheets as part of its Psychology Works Series. The newest addition includes a fact sheet on Concussions.

Fact sheets on seasonal affective disorder, caregiver stress, borderline personality disorder, aging well, and opiates and narcotics use remain in development.

Numerous ideas continue to be brought forward, including but not limited to: anger management, diabetes and foot ulcers, miscarriage, narcissism, mental health of seniors in Canada, and shyness.

Go to http://www.cpa.ca/psychologyfactsheets/ 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).
At the CPA’s annual national convention in Toronto, the CPA’s Scientific Affairs Committee was pleased to have Dr. Anne Wilson, CPA Fellow and member of the Science Review Panel, come to speak about her experiences on the panel and recommendations in the report—Investing in Canada’s Future: Strengthening the Foundations of Canadian Research (http://www.scienceview.ca/eic/site/059.nsf/vwapi/ScienceReview_April2017-rv.pdf). As part of its pre-budget submission for the 2018 budget consultation, the CPA recommended that the Government fully implement the recommendations of the report which call for increased funding for independent investigator led research, balance across all research disciplines as a foundational principle for funding, increased funding for researchers and trainees at different career stages (e.g., graduate students and early career scientists); support for multidisciplinary and international funding, indigenous researchers, diversity in research, and research that cross-cuts disciplines; and targeted spending for infrastructure, operating and digital management costs.

The CPA’s 32 Sections map well on to the ICAP’s 18 Divisions which means an expanded depth and breadth of programming across the specialties and sub-disciplines of science and practice. CPA Sections will still be able to have featured speakers and symposia, and a business meeting. The CPA will subsidize the participation of all CPA members and student affiliates in the five-day congress. CPA members who register before the early bird deadline will automatically be given an additional discount of $100 off the $595 early bird registration fee. CPA student affiliates will receive a $75 reduction in student congress registration fees regardless of when they register.

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

The (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.
CPA Journals: Two New Editors

The CPA’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce that:

- Dr. Daniel Voyer has been appointed as the next Editor of Canadian Psychology (CP). Dr. Voyer will serve as Editor-Elect in 2018, and as Editor from 2019-2022. The CPA thanks Dr. Martin Drapeau for his commitment and service to CP during his tenure as Editor; Dr. Drapeau’s Editorial term ends December 2018.

- Dr. Randall Jamieson has been appointed as the next Editor of the Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology (CJEP), which the CPA publishes quarterly in collaboration with the CSBBCS. Dr. Jamieson will serve as Editor-Elect in 2018, and as Editor from 2019-2022. The CPA thanks Dr. Penny Pexman for her commitment and service to CJEP during her tenure as Editor; Dr. Pexman’s Editorial term ends December 2018.

Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR)!

Dr. Votta-Bleeker continues to serve as Chair of the CCR, in this role since May 2013. Recent activities of the CCR include: making a pre-budget submission as part of the 2018 pre-budget consultation and undertaking a strategic planning session to develop the CCR’s next strategic plan.

In the coming months, the CCR will begin organizing its 6th Annual Breakfast with the funders, developing a member recruitment and retention strategy, and undertaking advocacy specific to the recently released report, Investing in Canada’s Future: Strengthening the Foundations of Canadian Research, which was developed by the panel overseeing the Fundamental Science Review in Canada that was called for by Minister of Science, Kirsty Duncan. The CCR plans to send letters to all MPs asking them to support the report’s recommendations and seek out meetings with MPs.

The CPA encourages its members to meet with or write to your local MP to ask them to support the recommendations of the report.

CPA Support for Research and Knowledge Dissemination

The CPA wishes to support student research and knowledge dissemination in all areas of psychology, and is excited to announce that it will be offering a limited number of research grants to support student research and knowledge dissemination in 2018.

Funding up to $1,000 will be available per project. For 2018, a maximum of 10 awards will be made. The adjudication committee will consider the following in evaluating proposals: overall research approach/methodology, feasibility of the research and the environment in which conducted, originality of research, impact of research, and applicant’s qualifications. Awarded funds can be used to fund travel to attend conventions.

The call for proposals, along with eligibility criteria will be posted to the CPA’s website in early September 2017; deadline for applications will be mid-October 2017. Winners will be announced by the end of December 2017.

Inquiries and (later) applications should be directed to science@cpa.ca.
Recruit Research Participants Portal

The CPA’s R2P2 (http://www.cpa.ca/researchers/r2p2/R2P2Public) has a number of studies looking for research participants:

- Employee Resilience
- Pratique psychologique et utilisation d’indicateurs de suivi de progress en thérapie : Le cas des francophones en milieu minoritaire
- Understanding of Harm in the Context of BDSM Pain Play: Mental Health Professionals’ Perspectives
- The Experiences of Individuals and their Partners’ when Weight Related Concerns are Present: A Phenomenological Exploration of Couples in Therapy
- Psychological Recovery after Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Haemorrhage: The Moderating Effects of Post-Traumatic Growth
- Internet Delivered Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Anxiety Depression Amongst French Canadians (Version Canadienne française d’un traitement transdagnostique de l’anxiété et de la depression via Internet)
- Examination of Clinician Attitudes Regarding Treatment of Individuals with Pedophilia

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Promoting Psychological Science

Canadian Psychology’s Future is Bright

NSERC: Science Promotion
NSERC is accepting nominations of individuals and groups that are inspirational in the way they promote science to the public. The awards will be celebrated at a public ceremony and will be accompanied by a cash prize. Nominations are due September 1 (http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Prizes-Prix/SciencePromotion-PromotionScience/Nomination-Nomination_eng.asp).

NSERC’s PromoScience Program is accepting grant applications to promote science and engineering to Canada’s youth, particularly to groups that are currently under-represented in science and engineering careers. Applications are due September 15 (http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Promoter-Promotion/PromoScience-PromoScience/About-Apropos_eng.asp).

CIHR-INMHA Consultation on Canadian Brain Research Strategy
As part of a national consultation process to ensure the Canadian Brain Research Strategy is representative of a broad cross-section of brain and mental health stakeholders and partners, a website has been designed to share highlights of the proposed strategy (https://www.canadianbrain.ca/). Visit the website, read about the proposed Canadian Brain Research Strategy, and share your feedback.

Banff International Conference on Behavioural Science—50 years: 1969-2018

The 50th annual Banff International Conference on Behavioural Science will be held at the Banff Centre March 18 to 21, 2018. The theme of the 2018 Conference will be: Ideal Mental Health Services, as it was in 1969.

Many Thanks
The CPA’s Science Director extends her thanks to Dr. Jean Saint-Aubin for his dedication to promoting psychological science and service to the CPA’s Scientific Affairs Committee in his capacity as CPA Board of Director. Dr. Saint-Aubin served on the CPA Board as Director representing the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science from March 2014 through June 2017.