

2005-2006 Annual Report
CPA Section 24, Counselling Psychology

The current membership is 175 members, 112 non-student members and 63 student members. The section executive includes Dr. Jennifer James Nicol (Chair), Dr. Colleen Haney (Past-Chair), Dr. Marla Buchanan-Arvey (Secretary-Treasurer), and Ms. Sherry Rodrigues-Antonucci (Student Representative). Dr. Laurene Wilson remains the appointed liaison from the Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs (CCPPP), and Drs. Bonita Long, Richard Young, Colleen Haney, Derek Truscott, Vivian Lalande, and Marla Buchanan-Arvey adjudicated conference abstracts and student awards. Dr. Jennifer James Nicol and Ms. Jacqueline Rhinas produced March 2006 and November 2006 Section Newsletters, which were distributed via the section list-serve.

Two student awards were presented at last year's 2005 conference. Dr. Shari Couture's dissertation, *Moving Forward: Therapy with an Adolescent and his Family*, University of Calgary was recognized as best PhD Dissertation, and Mr. Michel Eugène's poster, *Stress et Agressivité*, University of Montreal was recognized as best Master's Conference Poster. Similar student awards will be judged at this year's 67th Annual Convention.

We are pleased that there was a threefold increase in proposal submissions this year and are happy that, consequently, there will be a variety of papers, posters, workshops and conversation sessions representing counselling psychology. The Counselling Psychology Section Programme at the 2006 Conference will include (a) a keynote address by Dr. Nancy Arthur, which is titled *Are Counselling Psychologists Ready For Interprofessional Collaboration?*; (b) a section-sponsored symposium with Ms. Robin Cox, Dr. Dave Hutton, Dr. Danielle Maltais, and Dr. John Service on the *The Role of Psychology in the Long Term Recovery Process from Natural Disasters*; (c) a joint-section sponsored symposium with International/Cross-Cultural Psychology that will include 7 panelists (Dr. Randal Tonks, Dr. Janet Krantz, Dr. Kamaljit Sidhu, Ms. Christine Wihak, Ms. Noorfarah Merali, Ms. Anoosha Aghakhani, and Dr. Beth Hedva) speaking on *Cultural Perspectives on Counselling* and (d) a conversation session with Dr. Derek Truscott and Dr. Kevin Alderson on developing counselling-specific accreditation criteria. As well, the Counselling Psychology section collaborated with other CPA sections in co-nominating CPA Invited Speakers for the 2006 Annual Convention. Along with the Women and Psychology, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues, Counselling Psychology nominated Dr. Laura Brown as a CPA Invited Speaker and also joined the International / Cross-cultural section in nominating Dr. John Berry as a CPA Invited Speaker.

It has been a good year for the section, and we look forward to continued gains with the fresh energy and additional perspectives that this year's new executive will bring!

Respectfully submitted,
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