

## Message from the Health Section Chair



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Dear Health Psychology and Behavioural Medicine Section members;

I am delighted to introduce the new format of *Health Notes*, our bi-annual Section newsletter and to welcome Dr. Jennifer Gordon as our new *Health Notes* editor. The November 2019 issue features an interview with Dr. Wolfgang Linden, our most recent senior investigator award winner, and an overview of our Ron Melzack poster prize winners from the 2019 CPA conference, Dr. Kharah Ross and Melina Tomasiello. This issue also highlights how Health Psychology has been in the news, recent health psychology related funding, and a guide of five health psychology conferences that should be on your radar for 2020 if they are not already. We also flag our call for applications for this year's Early Career Award – do consider nominating an outstanding early investigator or practitioner! Finally, the call for abstract submissions is now open for the 2020 CPA Annual Convention to be held May 28-30<sup>th</sup> 2020 in Montreal (abstract deadline is December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019).

I am very excited to take on the role of Chair of our Section and am here on behalf of the wider Executive Committee to help in any way I can. I wanted to thank outgoing section Chair Dr. Kim Lavoie for steering our Section so ably. Her stewardship has seen our Section go from strength to strength and I look forward to doing my best to continue to build on that success with a number of planned initiatives over the next few months. If you're not yet following the Section on socials, our Facebook page and Twitter (@CPA\_Health) feed feature recently-published research and news relevant to health. Please let us know if you would like us to share your recent publications. Finally, I am delighted to let you know that CPA has now put in place a new (lower) Early Career membership fee for recent graduates to ensure that anyone transitioning from being a student to their professional career can maintain the benefits of being a member, see the CPA membership website for details.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and productive Fall and Winter and hope to catch up with many of you at the conference in Montreal.

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