

**Canadian Psychological Association Section for Students**  
**2009 Annual Report**

**Section Executive**

Kelly Smith (Chair/Student Representative on the CPA Board of Directors)

Lindsay Uman (Past-Chair)

Philip Johnson (Chair-Elect)

Nicole Wilson (Campus Representative Coordinator)

Pamela Seeds (Secretary-Treasurer)

Margaret Hilton (Undergraduate Representative)

Annie Drouin (Communications Officer)

Kelly Hayton has also provided invaluable support as our webpage and listserv manager.

**Membership**

The Section for Students has approximately 1500+ members. In addition, the Campus Representative program is being managed and updated regularly. Currently, we have graduate and/or undergraduate Campus Representatives at 67 institutions and Faculty Representatives at 34 institutions across the country. This number indicates an increase in both Campus and Faculty Representatives over the previous year.

**Annual Convention Activities**

Several sessions have been planned for the 2009 Convention, and include: Applying for Internship (with the Clinical Section); Teaching Strategies for Assistants and New Faculty (with the Teaching Section); Presenting Results and Writing for Publication, Posters, and Presentations; and Applying for Scholarships and Grants. In addition, the Section is co-sponsoring an invited speaker, Dr. Jane Halonen, with the Section for Teaching and the Section for Education. The following section convention events have also been planned: Student Social (Thursday, June 11/09); Section Business Meeting (Friday, June 12/09, 8:00 am); and Campus Representatives receptions (Friday, June 12/09, 4:30 pm).

**Section Initiatives and Updates**

- The Section continues to solicit and receive student submissions for *Psynopsis*.
- There have been ongoing problems with our listserv that has resulted in some section members not receiving postings. We have been in communication with CPA head office about this issue, and CPA is currently in the process of developing and implementing a new communications system for sections and members.
- Using CPA News, we posted the call for the following positions for the 2009-2010 Student Section Executive: Chair-Elect and Communications Officer. These positions were filled by acclamation.

- The Section has actively attempted to be bilingual in our correspondence with members. We now send emails from the Section Executive to the membership in both French and English. Our Communications Officer, Annie Drouin, has been invaluable in helping us do so.
- The Section is in the process of translating our website materials to both French and English.
- The Section is part of the Canadian Interprofessional Student Network (CISN), a group of student representatives from the various national health and human services student associations. This group was formed to allow interaction between student organizations and promote interprofessional education across Canada. In March 2009, I attended the Annual Convention of the National Health Sciences Students' Association in Kingston, Ontario, where the CISN held a meeting. To date, the CISN has created an interdisciplinary booklet that describes the various health professions and associations; this booklet is available to distribute to students as a way to highlight interdisciplinary education.

If you have any questions about the material contained in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me, [kelly.smith@queensu.ca](mailto:kelly.smith@queensu.ca).

Respectfully submitted,

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