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ICAP 2018 Myths

The CPA is rolling its 79th Annual National Convention into the International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP 2018), which means that our annual gathering will look a bit different next year. As Co-Presidents of ICAP 2018, we are very excited to have you all join us in Montreal and would like to take this opportunity to bust a few myths about the upcoming congress.

Myth: ICAP came out of nowhere.

Fact: The CPA Board of Directors decided to host ICAP 2018 back in 2012. We have been steadily communicating about ICAP 2018 for several years but, as it approaches, more people are now becoming aware of it as we ramp up our promotional efforts.

Myth: My work is not international or applied, so I cannot present at ICAP.

Fact: Any submission appropriate for a typical CPA National Convention is appropriate for ICAP. Applied does not just mean health practice – it means any way in which psychological research and expertise can be applied to the problems and issues that people, groups and societies face. By this definition, psychology in all its forms has applications. The theme of the Congress is *Applying Science to Solutions*.

Myth: I want to submit a symposium but don't have an international roster of presenters, so I cannot present it at ICAP.

Though priority will be given to strong symposia submissions that feature presenters from at least two countries, symposia with presenters from only one country will also be considered. All submissions, regardless of type, will be evaluated based on review criteria developed in consultation with the Section Chairs at the 2017 Section Chairs Breakfast Meeting in Toronto.

Myth: ICAP won't feature any of the CPA programming I've come to expect.

Fact: All Sections have been invited to submit content for the Congress, and as always, we will do our best to ensure the CPA's Sections are represented in the programming. The CPA will also be holding its Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation at ICAP, and Sections will be hosting their annual meetings.

Myth: My section isn't submitting content, so there won't be anything for me at the conference.

Fact: There will be something for everyone at ICAP! Many of the CPA's sections have equivalent Divisions within the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) – the organization to which the ICAP belongs. For example, the CPA's Section on History and Philosophy aligns with the IAAP's Division 18 on History), so there will be a greater variety of specialized content at the Congress. Sections that don't have an aligning Division will still be represented in the program streams. We also have a diverse list of [invited speakers](#) covering everything from leadership, to bullying, to mining big data, to ethical responsibilities, to e-mental health and more.

Myth: The cost of attending ICAP 2018 is too high.

Fact: Though the cost of registering for ICAP is greater than registering for our usual convention, you get two extra days of programming. The cost of registration is also on par with other similar international conferences (e.g., early bird member registration for the five-day 25th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development is ~\$600 CAD).

We understand though that cost can be a barrier for some attendees, so the CPA is going to subsidize student member registration, and the early bird registration of all full CPA members. Full members who take advantage of this offer will only pay \$200 more than they do to attend our national convention and \$100 less than the lowest rate paid by other delegates.

The last time Canada hosted an international psychology conference was in 1996, and for some this may be a once in a career opportunity to attend an international congress at home. ICAP2018 is a wonderful opportunity for us to all come together and show the world what Canadian psychology has to offer. We hope to see you all there!

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We have been made aware of fraudulent ICAP websites. Please note that the official ICAP 2018 website is www.icap2018.com. All congress submissions and registrations must be made through the official site.