Message from the President
Andrew Nelson

2004 is turning out to be a busy year for all of us. Things have been reasonably quiet on the CAPA scene, although there are a couple of things that I would like to draw to your attention.

On the granting front, I would like to draw CAPA members’ attention to the transformation that is in the planning stages for SSHRC. This is the effort to “renew the social sciences and humanities in Canada”, by transforming SSHRC to a “knowledge council”. For details see: http://www.sshrc.ca/web/whatsnew/initiatives/transformation/index_e.asp.

This spring, they have been seeking consultation on the transformation. For your interest, UWO’s response is posted at http://www.uwo.ca/research/general/sshrc-transformation.html. We were able to get our administration to include a paragraph about the “gap areas”, including anthropology. SSHRC will present a draft report on the transformation to the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities in Winnipeg on June 20. I would be interested to know if any of our membership was involved in this process, and if so, what their experience was.

With regard to the “gap areas”, at the 2003 business meeting we established a committee to examine the concerns we have about how grant and fellowship applications are handled by NSERC and SSHRC. This process is moving slowly, but I can report that we have managed to get some initial information from NSERC on their decision process for dealing with student fellowships. One of our (UWO) doctoral students was bounced from NSERC to SSHRC this year, and I am pleased to report that this student not only survived the transition, but was awarded a SSHRC CGS! Perhaps there is hope that the process actually works.

There are two important things to note with regard to upcoming conferences. First, Rob Hoppa and I will be hosting a workshop entitled “3D imaging in anthropological research: acquisition, analysis and dissemination”. The workshop will be held here in London in conjunction with this year’s CAPA conference. Please see page 10 for details. Second, on behalf of the 2004 CAPA meeting organizing committee, I would like to invite everyone to this year’s conference that will be held here in London, ON. The meeting will be held October 27-30 at the same venue as the 1997 meeting. The web page is http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/anthropology/capa_2004/.

The web page has relevant dates for symposium and abstract submissions, although at the time of writing, the web forms for these are not yet active. Please keep an eye on the web site for further developments. We do hope to see you all here!

Best wishes to all for a relaxing and productive summer.

Message from the CAPA Student Representative
Joe Parish

Greetings everyone!

This has certainly been a busy year in my own life, and I imagine yours as well. Thanks once again to Jodi Blumenfeld for sitting in at the Edmonton meetings in 2003. The most important student issue to come out of these meetings is the addition of a new category for the student prize competition, the Open Media multi-authored prize, valued at $200. This is a pilot category where the student-presenter is the lead author. The prize goes to the student-presenter, as the quality of presentation and ability to answer questions are part of the criteria. Hopefully, this will be voted upon after the 2004 meetings in London, possibly at the business meeting when judges have a better idea of how difficult or easy this was to adjudicate.

As for student news, I really haven’t heard much from people. I guess, for me, the most important thing is to hear what other students are up to, what issues they would like tabled at the business meeting and how I can better serve in my role as the student representative. Being so far away from everyone sometimes makes me feel disconnected so I’d like everyone that can spare a few minutes to send me their updates on research projects and where they’re at in their programmes, what their future research goals might be and anything that you’d like the community to know about your situation. I suppose the benefit of being in an organisation that values its students so much is that there aren’t many issues to bring to the attention of the membership. However, feel free to talk to me at the London meetings (or preferably before) about something that you’d like me to table at the business meeting. I’m always available at jmp429@mizzou.edu. Slainte!
McMaster Launches New PhD Program in ‘Anthropology of Health’

At McMaster University, the new Anthropology of Health program draws together core anthropology faculty and students interested in human biology, medical and physical anthropology. The stream takes advantage of the many links to other health research areas at McMaster and beyond, and encourages inquiry-based learning and research that is multi-disciplinary, participatory and collaborative in nature.

Medical anthropology embraces a diverse array of studies: from how human biology and biomedical approaches assist in investigating illness and disease, to the analysis of the cultural and environmental factors that influence the perception of illness in individuals and populations. Understanding the cultural context of health, illness and healing is a central concern of medical anthropology. The meaning of individual illnesses and illness experiences, the values embedded in health policies, the perception of health systems and healing processes, and the beliefs and behaviours of populations that create the conditions for disease and disease transmission are culturally constructed and, therefore, open to critical analysis. The analysis and representation of individual experience, social processes, community history and economic and political environments are all relevant to the understanding of specific health issues.

The Anthropology of Health aims to bridge the boundaries between theory and practice and to equip students with an understanding of the range of theories and methodologies that can be brought to bear in the analysis of health-related phenomena. Faculty at McMaster have a diverse range of interests and theoretical perspectives, but we share a common concern for an engaged and critical anthropology that ultimately informs our understanding of how social and cultural determinants of health intersect and influence the health and well-being of individuals and communities. Faculty and students in the Department of Anthropology conduct research in international and Canadian contexts, in urban and rural environments, and in clinical, laboratory and community settings. Medical Anthropology faculty and students have carried out research and fieldwork in many parts of the world, including Australia, Canada, Chile, France, India, Italy, Kenya, Malawi, Nepal, Thailand, Uganda, the United States, and Zimbabwe. Our interests are wide ranging in scale – from the study of ancient DNA and molecular processes, through studies of illness experiences and health care settings, to the analysis of contemporary health policies in Canada and internationally. Faculty at McMaster share a common goal in the development of training programs that are critically engaged in the understanding of the meaning of health and illness cross culturally, and in improving the well-being of individuals and communities.

The main thematic areas of the program are:

- Community and international health: behaviour, social change and health interventions; health impacts and policy; culture and the environment.
- Health and gender; health through the life course.
- Historical perspectives: health, disease and the body.

For further information, visit the website at: http://www.socsci.mcmaster.ca/anthro/grad/gradhealth.cfm

Meetings of Interest

- 2nd International Conference on Economics and Human Biology, Munich, Germany, 10-13 Jun 2004
- Society of Ancient Medicine, 16-19 June 2004, Birmingham
- 5th International Association for the Study of Human Paleontology Congress, Barcelona, Spain, 19-26 Jun 2004
- 10th Congress of the International Association for Human Auxology, ‘Human Growth in Sickness and in Health’, Florence, Italy, 4-7 Jul 2004
- 7th International ancient DNA and associated biomolecules conference, Brisbane, Australia 12-17 Jul 2004
- XX Congress of the International Primatology Society, Turin, Italy, 23-28 Aug 2004
- World Congress on Mummy Studies, Turin, Italy, 2-5 Sep 2004
- 7th International Congress of Physiological Anthropology, Columbus, Ohio, 1-5 Sep 2004
SSHRC launches Aboriginal research program

Excerpted from SSHRC website: URL http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/aboriginal_e.asp

Context

This pilot program was developed as a result of SSHRC's Dialogue on Research and Aboriginal Peoples. The program will run for three years, but may be extended subject to a positive evaluation.

Aboriginal research, in the context of the dialogue, derives its dynamic from traditions of thought and experience developed among, and in partnership with, First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada as well as Indigenous peoples in other parts of the world. Aboriginal research encompasses all academic fields as well as domains of knowledge specific to Aboriginal cultural traditions. Those who conduct Aboriginal research, while coming from diverse cultural traditions, are committed to both increased research, while coming from diverse cultural traditions, are committed to both increased research Ethics and cultural property, and respectful research partnerships involving both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal interests and perspectives.

Objectives

This program has two overall objectives. The first is to facilitate research on a range of policy-related issues that are of concern to Canada's Aboriginal peoples: urban issues, economic development, the environment, education, research ethics, intellectual and cultural property, and languages and cultures.

The program's second broad objective is to build up the capacity of the humanities and social science community to operate within, and to benefit from, the approach to Aboriginal research outlined above.

The program is designed to complement, not replace, existing support for Aboriginal research offered through SSHRC's other programs. The specific objectives of the Aboriginal Research pilot program are to support and promote:

- research that will help develop policy in areas of concern to Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders;
- Aboriginal leadership and participation in research, and advancement of Aboriginal scholars' research careers;
- significant research training opportunities for Aboriginal students;
- new, effective research partnerships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal scholars;
- better understanding of how research by and with Aboriginal scholars and Aboriginal communities can and should be organized;
- better understanding of the relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples and between their respective intellectual and cultural traditions; and,
- increased awareness and appreciation of the needs, values, knowledge, experiences and contributions of Aboriginal peoples both in Canada and abroad.

31st Annual Meetings a Great Success

Andrew Nelson, President

The meeting was a great success! There were approximately 140 registrants from as far as Nevada, Illinois, and Newfoundland as well as 50 dentists and 24 dental hygienists who joined us for Saturday's Dental Anthropology Symposium. Many, many thanks are due to Denise Ens who was the one who really pulled it all together. Nancy Lovell and Owen Beattie got the ball rolling and provided the essential direction.

Vitally important to the proceedings were (in primarily alpha order): Pamela Mayne Correia, Geoffrey Sperber (Dentistry), Sandra Garvie-Lok, Caroline Haverkort, Yvonne Kjorlien, Julija Kelic, Gail Mathew, Jan McEwan, Joanne McKinnon, Diana Rossi, and Pam Willoughby. Kurt Blakie, Diana Rossi and Darren Shaw designed the web site. Pascale Sicotte, Michelle Davely, and Ghislain Cormier provided translation assistance. There was also a troop of undergrad volunteers behind the registration desk, working the AV equipment and helping with preparation work. Great job everyone!!

Thanks are also due to the conference sponsors.

They are: The University of Alberta Conference Fund, the University of Alberta Bookstore, Pearson Education Canada, McGraw-Hill Ryerson, Ltd., The University of Alberta Department of Dentistry and the Division of Continuing Dental Education.

Highlights

There were many highlights of the conference that could be singled out, but I would like to emphasize two.

The first is the joint CAPA-University of Alberta, Faculty of Dentistry dental anthropology symposium that brought our membership together with a group of interested dentists and dental hygienists. This was a dynamic and engaging session that included a challenge from Mark Skinner to the dental experts to get involved in the large scale forensic/human rights mass grave excavations. It was a great job by Geoffrey Sperber and Pam Willoughby to bring this session together.

The second is the banquet address given by Aaron Elkins. His talk was rich in insights, anecdotes and light humor.

In addition to our own interest in the conference, the media provided good coverage of the event - on the UofA campus, in both Edmonton newspapers and on CBC TV and radio (including national broadcasts).

Business Items

This business meeting saw a historic first - that was the participation of the first student representative to the CAPA executive. Joe Parish, the elected representative was unable to attend, but the student voice was ably represented by Jodi Blumenfeld. The main student concern was the issue of multi-authored papers and eligibility for student prizes.

This issue has been festering for some years. After consideration of a couple of suggestions from the student representative and some lively discussion from the floor we came to the resolution that next year (2004) we will do a pilot project wherein a new category of open media, multi-authored student paper prize in the amount of $200 will be presented.

In this new category, the lead author and presenter must be a student, but co-authorship with other students and/or faculty is permitted. At next year's conference, the paper judges will report to the business meeting and a formal decision will be made whether to continue with the new category. Issues to be considered will be the numbers of papers that will require judging and the impact on single authored entries.

In light of the new composition of the executive and several other changes that have taken place within our organization, a number of modifications to CAPA's constitution must be made.

(Continued on page 7)
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Lunch of salmon, herring roe and clams was served to the five hundred people attending this ceremony. In the afternoon the dancing continued interspersed with the giving of gifts and names.

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Although Julie will not be joining the Madaba Plains Project in Jordan this summer, 11 individuals from Calgary will be participating in this archaeological project. These individuals come from the city, the University of Calgary, and Mount Royal College. Julie's contribution will be analysis and published description of the stone implements from the 2002 and 2004 field seasons.

Mount Royal College

Dr. John Robertson and Dr. Rebecca Bradley have spent this past winter term (January-April 2004) working in Sudan. John writes that their excavations near the 4th cataract have included the recovery of about 13 human skeletons dating between 4,000 and 1,500 years ago. Another collection of human skeletons from Musawwarat are currently being analysed for age, sex, and pathologies. On March 20, Joan Scott-Brown, who teaches courses in anthropology and aboriginals attended a potlatch ceremony on Vancouver Island. Joan writes:

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he has been a postdoctoral research associate with the Institute for the Conservation of Tropical Environments (ICTE) of Stony Brook University, working in Madagascar. His research interests include primate behavioral ecology, speciation and hybrid zones in the brown lemur species complex, biogeography and conservation biology, and locomotor behavior and functional morphology.

We are also happy to announce that we will be advertising a tenure-track position in primatology in the Summer-Fall 2004 (start date July 2005). This position is a replacement for Jim Paterson, who is retiring as of September 1, 2004, after 33 years of service at the University of Calgary. During his career, Jim has conducted research on baboons, howling monkeys and Japanese macaques. He has been the Editor of the “Canadian Review of Physical Anthropology” from 1982 to 1998. Among his publications, his book “Primate Behaviour: An Exercise Workbook” will certainly continue to have a long career, as it is widely used in several universities to teach methodology of data collection in primate behavior.

In March 2004, the department of anthropology held the Alberta Primatology Conference, a whole day of papers and discussion. This year, we had papers from the University of Calgary, University of Victoria, the Forestry Institute of Ghana, as well as from the Calgary Zoo.

The primatology section of the department of anthropology currently has MA and PhD students conducting fieldwork at three major sites run by Drs Pavelka, Fedigan and Sicotte (respectively Monkey River in Belize, Santa Rosa National Park in Costa Rica and the Boabang Fiema Monkey Sanctuary in Ghana). A few of our students conduct fieldwork in different locations (Japan, Benin).

University of Guam

Ex-pat CAPA member Gary Heathcote is involved in a collaborative study which will shed light on tragic events that most likely occurred in the days that led up to, or immediately after, the American recapturing of Guam in 1944. The study is based on seven incomplete burials recovered from Matapang Park and nearby San Vitores Road, Tumon Bay, Guam. Dave Defant, Lynn Leon-Guerrero and crew (PHRI, Inc., Guam) excavated these remains in the course of monitoring and mitigation, in areas previously disturbed by earthmoving activities. Four of these individuals were buried face down in a pit not far from a small Japanese pill box. At least two of the individuals wore Japanese-style tabbies (sandals), and a few metal buttons, embossed with the chrysanthemum and anchor motif of the Japanese Imperial Navy, were recovered from the best preserved individual. These hastily and disrespectfully buried individuals (for two, there is evidence of summary execution) are not necessarily Japanese soldiers, however, and one important objective of the study is to establish ancestry. The leading possibilities for their identities are Japanese (soldiers), Korean (laborers or officers), or Chamoru (civilians from Guam or Japanese-employed translators/policemen from Saipan or Rota). Trauma wounds thus far recognized are from shrapnel, bullets and a saber, machete or bayonette. One recovered projectile, which shattered a femur of one individual, has been identified as a 6.5mm Japanese rifle bullet.

Preliminary laboratory analyses and in situ field descriptions have identified a number of dental and skeletal lesions, including enamel hypoplasia, a possible vertebral compression fracture, degenerative joint changes and inflammatory changes at muscle attachment sites. Also, there are small pockets of trabecular destruction within the vertebral bodies of one individual which may represent early stage tuberculosis of the spine.

Joanne Eakin (Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of New Mexico) and Heathcote are conducting separate osteobiographical (including paleopathological) studies of two sample subsets. Pending approval for bone and tooth tissue sampling from the Guam Historic Preservation Officer, Koji Lum and Della Stumbaugh (Anthropology Department, Binghamton University) will conduct ancient DNA analysis into the ancestry of these individuals, as well as attempt to identify the disease-causing organism involved in the possible tuberculosis case. Likewise, pending tissue sampling approval, T. Douglas Price (Laboratory for Archaeological Chemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison) will undertake stable isotope analysis of skeletal and dental tissues towards resolving the residence and migration profiles of these individuals.

Gary Heathcote

Trent University

Anne Keenleyside will be traveling to Tunisia this summer to excavate a Roman cemetery (2nd to 4th centuries AD) at the site of Leptiminus. The focus of the project, which is under the direction of Dr. Lea Stirling, Canada Research Chair in Roman Archaeology at the University of Manitoba, is the study of food offerings, social relationships, and health through the analysis of skeletal and archaeological evidence from the site. In August, Anne will be returning to Bulgaria to finish her research on the Greek colonial site of Apollonia. She is currently finishing up a paper with Dr. Henry Schwarz on the stable isotope analysis of diet among the colonists, and is working on two other papers on the health of this population.

Anne is currently supervising three graduate students. Tom Dormon is looking at joint disease in skeletal and clinical samples, Karen Blackbourn is doing a dietary reconstruction of a 19th century pioneer cemetery population from Port Hope, Ontario, using stable isotope analysis and dental pathology, and Christianne Hawken is examining the health status of this population through an analysis of skeletal pathology.

Anne Keenleyside

University of Calgary

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Calgary is happy to announce that Dr. Steig Johnson will join our faculty for a 9-month position (2004-2005) in primatology, as of September 1st. Dr. Johnson graduated from University of Texas at Austin in 2002. Since 2002, operation and Tracy Rogers covers forensic anthropology. Becky Signon rounds out that group. They have just been given permission to advertise for a second forensic anthropologist, growing that group to four.

Susan Pfeffer

After spending a busy and rewarding year teaching new courses and keeping up with research, Sabrina Agarwal is said to be leaving the St. George Campus at the University of Toronto. However, she is thrilled (with supportive new husband by her side!) to be moving to a new faculty position in the Department of Anthropology, at the University of California, Berkeley. The Department promises many new exciting teaching and research opportunities, and many warm and inspiring colleagues. She will greatly miss all her friends in Canada, and finds herself filled with sentimental thoughts of snow and happy-colourful-funny-money. However, she looks forward to continuing to be CAPA member, visiting and continuing to work with her Canadian colleagues at home.

Sabrina Agarwal

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Keep us informed!

Submit news, announcements, reviews, field notes etc for inclusion in the CAPA newsletter. Send items to the editor by email at:

CAPA@UManitoba.ca
New business

a) Andrew Nelson asks the membership under which conditions the CAPA name can be used for official representation. The specific issue at hand is whether the CAPA name can be used as a sponsor for an educational outreach program. Andrew asked if such cases needed to be taken to the membership at large. Ann Herring proposes that these demands should be handled by the executive, Warren Wilson seconds.

b) Future meetings:
- 2004: UWO
- 2005: U Manitoba
- 2006: Trent

Tosha Dupras has expressed an interest in holding a future meeting in Orlando.

6) Other business

Annie Katzenberg mentions that the History section on the CAPA web site is incomplete. Members suggest that information should be sent to Andrew Nelson who will send it to Leslie Chan (webmaster).

Richard Lazenby moves to thank the Edmonton organizers, seconded unanimously.

Leslie Chan will send P. Sicotte an invoice for the work he has done on the website.

Richard Lazenby moves to adjourn.

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Past-president Richard Lazenby started some of these changes last year, and I have continued to make modifications.

A modified version of the constitution will be posted to the web site, and members will then have the opportunity to consider the changes for formal ratification at next year's business meeting.

The final item worth mentioning here is the ongoing concern about the position of our discipline within the federal funding tricouncils. An ad hoc committee was formed to look further into this matter. The committee consists of Julie Corman, Richard Lazenby, Carol MacLeod, Warren Wilson and I will chair. Our first order of business will be to gather specific examples of grant or fellowship applications that have not been well served by either NSERC or SSHRC. We would be very grateful for any concrete examples that the membership can provide.

Future Meetings

As mentioned in the fall newsletter, next year's CAPA meeting will be held in London, hosted by the Department of Anthropology at the University of Western Ontario. Dates will be October 28th, 29th and 30th. Please look to the CAPA web site for links to further information.

Future meetings will be at the University of Manitoba in 2005 and at Trent University in 2006.

Once again — great meeting — and many thanks to Denise Ens!

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Student prizes

This year we had 20 different entries for student prizes! This provided a real challenge for the judges, but after much deliberation the winners were:

The poster prize went to Deborah Merrett - University of Manitoba for her poster entitled "From the Mouts of Babes: Age Estimation in Perinates"

The podium prize went to Sarah Turner - University of Calgary for her paper entitled "Maternal and Infant Congenital Limb Malformation in a Free-ranging Group of Japanese Macaques on Awaji Island, Japan"

Honorable mention for podium papers went to Jocelyn Williams and David Cooper of the University of Calgary. Congratulations to the winners, and job well done to all the student participants!

Several students asked if the judges could provide feedback on their papers. Unfortunately, this is simply not practical, given the large number of student papers. Students are encouraged to seek detailed feedback from their faculty advisors and colleagues who attend the conference. In addition, students are directed to the CAPA web site (http://citd.scar.utoronto.ca/CAPA/publications/paper_guide.html) where there is an excellent guide to paper presentation prepared by Ian Colquhoun, Loren Vanderlinden, Jennifer Thompson and Paul Vasey.

This year's judges will work on a list of criteria used to judge the papers, which will be posted to the web site soon.
3D Imaging in Anthropological Research

26 & 27 October 2004

Preceding the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology

London, Ontario

Digital imaging is more and more becoming an integral part of data acquisition and analysis in physical anthropological research. Traditional applications of imaging have been in quantification, recording, enhancement and interpretation. Quantification of skeletal data, in particular measurement from both macroscopic images (e.g. lesions, cutmarks etc) and microscopic images (e.g. dental microstructures, osteon remodelling) as well as medical imaging (e.g. radiographs, CT, MRI) are widely used in biological anthropology. Anthropologists have also taken advantage of more advanced techniques, such as fragment identification and reconstructing fossil specimens that have been deformed through geological processes. Digital imaging and particularly 3D imaging is emerging as an important anthropological tool. The question is: how can we make use of these emerging technologies to aid or enhance research in physical anthropology.

Virtual Environment Technologies Centre (VETC) at the National Research Council of Canada’s (NRC) Integrated Manufacturing and Technologies Institute (IMTI)

This two day workshop preceding the annual meetings of the Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology in London, Ontario will bring together international experts in the field of 3D imaging as it can be applied to a variety of research areas in physical anthropology. The bulk of the two days will be devoted to plenary speakers and workshops/tutorials. However, an open call for short research talks by faculty and students in physical anthropology who are currently using 3D imaging technology is also being made. A limited amount of support for travel will be provided to students to either participate in (ie present a 15 minute paper) or attend the workshop is available.

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New From the Press


Federal Budget Good News for Tri-Councils


SSHRC

The $12 million increase to SSHRC’s budget announced in the federal budget has enabled Council to raise the success rate for Standard Research Grants from 41 to 43 per cent. This marks a first step in solving the problem of the “4a” list (projects recommended but not funded). The new funding has also enabled SSHRC to increase the annual value of doctoral fellowships from $19,000 to $20,000, and to increase the success rate for postdoctoral fellowships from 23 to 27 per cent.

CIHR

As a result of the $39M increase to CIHR’s annual base budget announced in the recent 2004 federal budget, CIHR’s Governing Council met by teleconference on April 13th, and approved the following allocations of the additional funding:

- The 5% claw back on grants and awards that was planned for April 1, in the event of no budget increase, is cancelled ($20M).

- the across-the-board cuts to operating grants awarded in the September 2003 open competition are reduced from an average of 15% to 10% ($2.3M). This revision will be implemented by the end of June 2004;

- the budget for the March 1 open competition for operating grants will be increased by $1.5M;

- recognizing the importance of young researchers to the Canadian health research enterprise, effective April 1, 2004, the stipends for individual training awards (studentships and fellowships) are increased by 5% ($2.5M), and the overall budget for the Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research is increased by $1.0M to allow for a corresponding increase in the financial support for trainees available through training program grants. The stipend increase will be implemented by the end of June 2004;

- to stimulate research that capitalizes on key scientific opportunities and addresses important and emerging health issues of concern to Canadians, the budget for large strategic initiatives is increased by $5.2M;

- to support health innovations that contribute to social and economic value for Canadians, the budget for commercialization initiatives is increased by $4.0M; and

- to improve CIHR’s program delivery to researchers and other operational functions, $2.5M will be invested in initiatives designed to use technology to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of processes such as peer review, and e-applications for funding.

Governing Council’s approval of specific investments in large strategic and commercialization initiatives is subject to the outcome of further discussion scheduled for their June 17, 2004 meeting.

These decisions are in-line with CIHR’s strategic directions as outlined in Blueprint 2007, and reflect Governing Council’s continued commitment to excellence and the need to strengthen Canada’s health research community. Further, the Governing Council is committed to building a strategic and responsive organization and in this regard, these decisions recognize the importance of setting the right balance between investigator-driven research, and strategic initiatives led by our Institutes.

Further information on the implementation of this announcement will be communicated to university research administrators next week.
Job Opportunities

University of Toronto
Department of Anthropology at the St. George campus, invites applications for a two year contractually limited Assistant Professorship in Biological Anthropology. We are seeking someone to teach primarily but not exclusively at the undergraduate level, including introductory human biology and evolution and upper level human biology, human osteology and related subjects. An orientation toward human growth and development is especially welcome. Contract is for 12 months annually, beginning July 1, 2004. Applicants should have a PhD in hand, demonstrated teaching ability, and an enthusiasm for working in a large, multi-field Anthropology department.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community. The University especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

The deadline for applications has been extended to May 31, 2004 Please send application, including CV and teaching dossier to the following address. Please arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to the same address by the closing date.

Chair's Office
Anthropology Department
100 St. George St.
University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario
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University of Auckland
The Department is seeking a lecturer in biological anthropology. The successful applicant will be responsible for teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Applicants must have a commitment to scholarly research and will also be expected to assist in developing the profile of the Department.

The Department of Anthropology offers graduate and postgraduate qualifications and consists of the sub-disciplines of archaeology, biological anthropology, entnomusicology and social/cultural anthropology. There is considerable co-teaching and research cooperation between the sub-disciplines. The Department has close links with the School of Biological Sciences and the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and with other social science disciplines in the Faculty of Arts. Anthropology contributes to "Social Science for Public Health" and other inter disciplinary programmes. The student body in Anthropology is diverse with approximately 30 percent of its students being of Maori and Pacific Island heritage, a percentage comparable to that of the population of the Auckland region.

For further information and to apply online please visit www.vacancies.auckland.ac.nz or alternatively call 64-9-373 7599 ext 83000.

Applications close 30 June 2004

Temple University
The Department of Anthropology at Temple University (http://www.temple.edu/anthro) is seeking an outstanding candidate for a one-year beginning August 30, 2004) Instructorship or Visiting Assistant Professorship in Biological Anthropology. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in anthropology with a concentration in biological anthropology, and demonstrated excellence in teaching and scholarship. The successful candidate will be expected to teach courses in human genetics and human biology. Salary will be based on Temple University pay scales. Candidates should send a cover letter of interest, describing research and teaching interests, curriculum vita and the names/addresses of three referees to Dr. Charles A. Weitz, chair, Department of Anthropology, 209 Gladfelter Hall, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122. Deadline for applications is June 15, 2004; but review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

2004 CALL FOR PAPERS—CAPA LONDON

Preparations are underway for this year's Annual Meeting, to be hosted by the Department of Anthropology at UWO in London, Ontario from October 27-30, 2004. Symposium proposals are due by June 18, and abstracts by August 6. These can be submitted to Andrew Nelson or Janet Gardner.

The meeting venue will be the Delta London Armouries in downtown London. Conference rate for rooms in the conference hotel is $105.00 CDN per room per night. The deadline for reservations is September 27, but please book early as that is a busy weekend in London.

Call (519) 679-6111 or (800) 668-9999 for hotel booking.
Travel information is available through London Tourism's site (www.londontourism.ca), or you can contact one of the gang at UWO (see below for contacts) for local travel agent recommendations and any other information.

Preliminary information and contact links are now available on our website - http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/anthropology/capa_2004/index.html.
Keep checking the site for further updates.

CAPA 2004
London, Ontario
18 Jun 2004
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