



November 20, 2008

Dear OPGA Supporter,

The Ontario PsychoGeriatric Association (OPGA) Board of Directors appreciates your past support. We invite you to continue your partnership with us in 2009 and to encourage colleagues to consider becoming members. As you know, the OPGA is committed to those serving elderly persons with mental health needs. It is with enthusiasm this year that we announce the launch of the **OPGA Recognition Awards for Excellence.**

The OPGA Recognition Awards embodies the organization's vision of being the leading voice for those serving elderly persons with mental health needs across Ontario, through **Leadership, Networking, Partnership, Education & Support, and Advocacy.** OPGA wishes to recognize individuals who have shown commitment to the care of older persons with mental health needs and have demonstrated exceptional skills in the areas of advocacy, service excellence, and/or leadership. Award recipients will be recognized at the 2009 OPGA Annual Conference. They will receive \$500 along with a complementary OPGA one-year membership and Conference Registration. Please encourage colleagues and coworkers to nominate individuals. Nominations are due March 2, 2009.

The creation of these awards demonstrates progress that is congruent with the strategic plan developed by the Board in 2007 that will continue to shape our efforts and activities. We will continue our strategic focus in the areas of awareness, advocacy, and leadership. We are aiming to increase membership and member participation in OPGA activities. We encourage your participation in OPGA advocacy and other Board activities, such as, our Conference Planning, Newsletter, and Recognition Awards Committees.

Through 2008 membership support, the OPGA board has diligently worked to accomplish the delivery of another successful Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting, distribution of Newsletters, and creation of the OPGA Recognition Awards for Excellence. The enclosed documents contain information about the Recognition Awards. Individuals and organizations may also partner with us through sponsorship of awards. **Please visit our website at www.opga.on.ca.**

The Board continues to enhance performance efficiency, streamline OPGA administrative functions, and aims to strengthen our fiscal situation. We need your support and participation to realize these important initiatives

As a member of OPGA you will receive:

- Discounted prices for OPGA educational sessions
- Three editions of the newsletter
- Advance notice of the OPGA Annual Conference
- The opportunity to participate on OPGA's Board and on committees
- **Bonus for this year**

An OPGA information educational tool **Basics of the 3 D's: Depression, Dementia and Delirium** when you join before January 31, 2009.

Entry to a contest for a complementary **2009 Annual Conference Registration** when you join before December 31, 2008.

Please join OPGA and work with us to build an Ontario that provides for the well being of elderly persons with mental health needs through accessible, comprehensive, and expert geriatric psychiatry services. Please read the membership brochure and pledge your involvement with OPGA.

Sincerely,

Ann Pottinger, President, OPGA



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____

Postal Code: _____

Above address: Home Business

Email: _____

Telephone #: Bus. (____) _____

Res. (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Membership Information

Payment Type

Type/ Fee

- Individual \$45.00 (GST incl.)
- Corporate \$95.00 (GST incl.)
- Associate \$10.00 (GST incl.)

- Cheque # _____
- Visa Number _____
- Expiry Date _____

Signature: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION:

- Newsletter Yes No
- Conference Yes No
- Membership Yes No
- Awards Yes No

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE ONTARIO PSYCHOGERIATRIC TEAM EXCHANGE? Yes No

If yes, please specify the team name: _____