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2019 INPTRA Conference Registration is OPEN!

INPTRA will be holding its biennial meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, May 8-9, 2019. Early bird registration is open until February 15, take advantage of this and register for the conference today! Please make sure to become a member or renew your INPTRA membership before registering for the conference to ensure that you receive the special member rate.
We hope you will join us!
Please feel free to email info@inptra.org with any questions.

Register Now!

Regulatory Research in the News

**Licensing in a Nutshell**
Over the years, licensure requirements have increased substantially, mostly for blue collar occupations. Beth Redbird, an Assistant Professor of Sociology and a Fellow of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University conducted a longitudinal study to examine the growth of licensure requirements and, specifically, wages in the years following enactment.

- Read the article
- Watch a video covering the findings

Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to share with you the names of the three recipients of the 2019 INPTRA: Regulatory Effectiveness through Evidence and Innovation Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to partially offset the costs for attending the biennial INPTRA conference. On Wednesday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. these individuals will each be presenting on developing regulation around the globe.
Habeeb Ololade is representing Nigeria. He is the head of the license and registration department at the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists’ Board of Nigeria. Habeeb hopes to learn more about verification processes for therapists that relocate to practice in different areas/countries. He hopes to learn best practices for responding or presenting this information to meet the countries’ requirements.

Fiorella Patricia Bernabe Dolores is representing Peru. She is the co-founder and general secretary of the National Union of Physiotherapists of Social Security. Peru is facing a big challenge, that is, the devaluation of the physiotherapy profession. Fiorella is hoping to learn how other countries have addressed these types of obstacles and how they have been able to grow the profession.

Teodoro Isaac Tercero River is representing Nicaragua. He is the director of the department of physiotherapy of the Polytechnic Institute of Health at the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua. Nicaragua is a country that is currently under great turmoil. Despite this, Teodoro is looking for opportunities (such as attending INPTRA) where he can learn about regulation and how to present this as a viable option to his country.

Webcasts for 2019

We are in the midst of planning the 2019 webcasts! Currently we plan on having four webcasts this year, beginning with the first one in April. Follow our Facebook page for updates. If you would like to share an idea for a future webcast, or would like to participate in one, please email info@INPTRA.org.

Last year we had three webcasts regarding accreditation and regulation across the globe, which were recorded:

- Accreditation Around the Globe
- Accreditation and Global Mobility
- Regulation of Assistive Personnel Around the Globe

INPTRA Regulatory Guiding Principles
The INPTRA Regulatory Guiding Principles on physiotherapy have been developed to provide guidance both to already-established regulatory authorities and, in particular, to those countries where physiotherapy regulation is developing or has not yet been developed. This version is based on feedback from attendees of the INPTRA 2015 conference in Singapore.

The principles provide specific areas that should be addressed in a regulatory model for physiotherapy.

While not all the principles may be feasible at the current time within a particular jurisdiction, they should provide guidance for future change.

The principles also provide the foundation for the collection of data, evidence, and resources related to each of the principles. We are continuously growing our network and providing information to various countries around the globe. This is why we are happy to announce that the INPTRA Regulatory Guiding Principles document is now also available in Spanish! If you would like to read this document in Spanish please email us at info@INPTRA.org.

Are You a Regulator?

Review the Agencies, listed under Regulatory Resources, on the INPTRA website to view agencies by country.

- Have we included your country?
- Is your country’s regulatory agency information correct?
- Is any information missing?

Please send updates to info@INPTRA.org.

Welcome to INPTRA Membership!

We would like to announce our new organizational and individual members as of 2019:

Organizational Members:
- Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (USA)
- Physiotherapy Education Accreditation Canada (Canada)

Individual Members:
- Tom Caldwell (USA)
- Carlton Curry (USA)
- Heidi Kosakowski (Peru)
- Linda Michelsen (USA)
- Shane Patman (Australia)
- Jeff Rosa (USA)
Susan Glover Takahashi (Canada)

We are excited to have your support! We encourage you to share this news with your colleagues and remember that even if your organization is already a member, you could further support INPTRA’s goals by becoming an individual member of INPTRA.

Membership is open to national and state/provincial physiotherapy regulatory authorities and associations. We also welcome individual members, affiliates, and partners. Learn more about membership and dues.

Submit Your Country’s Regulatory Profile

To submit a profile of your country’s physiotherapy regulation or send updates, please send the following information (in English and MS Word, please) to info@inptra.org.

- **Country**: the name of your country
- **Point of contact**: Your name, position, and email address. (This is for INPTRA’s information only and will not be posted on the website.)
- **Regulatory Model**: Provide a brief one-paragraph summary
- **Website**: the website address of the organization that represents physiotherapy regulators in your country

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