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Save the Date for INPTRA 2021!

It’s official, INPTRA 2021 will be in Dublin, Ireland, June 20-21, 2021! We will include more information on the conference in future issues of INPTRA Network News!

It’s Time to Renew Your Membership
Support our goals by renewing your membership!

INPTRA’s purpose is to provide a forum for existing and emerging physiotherapy regulatory authorities, and other related organizations, to participate in exploring and furthering understanding of regulatory systems, issues, and opportunities around the world, INPTRA facilitates international cooperation and collaboration on issues of mutual interest.

We will be sending all current members more information on renewing their memberships soon.

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**Digital Practice White Paper**

The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) and the International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) established a joint Digital Physical Therapy Practice Task Force to develop a white paper addressing physical therapy practice and regulation in the digital age.

This white paper is an initial look at international digital practice and proposes a definition and purpose for digital physical therapy practice while exploring benefits, current limitations, regulatory concerns, guidelines, and considerations for educational programs. We created a survey to obtain feedback from practitioners and regulators across the globe. The survey is now closed, thank you to all who submitted feedback! We are currently in the process of analyzing the results, which we will share in an upcoming newsletter.

If you have any questions please email us at info@INPTRA.org.

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**Scholarship Reports**

The INPTRA Board of Directors awarded scholarships to attend INPTRA 2019 to individuals based on their commitment to furthering the physiotherapy regulatory process in their countries. Read their reports to learn about their experience.
A Student’s Perspective

By Shelley Sparling

When Summer [Mooney] and I had reached out on Facebook with inquiries about the INPTRA conference, we had no intention of participating, but rather to be flies on the wall and absorb as much information as we could comprehend about international physical therapy regulation. However, after much persistence, [FSBPT Vice President Richard] Woolf convinced us to present a poster. Stressed and feeling highly underqualified, we created a poster to reflect our DPT Capstone project—determining the requirements for us as US/foreign-trained PTs to work in different countries across the globe.

At INPTRA 2019, Summer and I had the wonderful opportunity to sit next to, learn from, and discuss with brilliant professionals who are high up and involved with regulating the profession of PT. Listening to regulators from varying countries discuss their differing health care systems, academic programs, and competency processes was fascinating. What I found most interesting was how similar and yet how different each country seeks to regulate the profession, with some countries not regulating it at all.

As an American student, it was stimulating to hear about the movements and policies being discussed that could impact the way in which I can practice in the United States. Even though I’m an active participant (student) in these processes, attending INPTRA 2019 made me realize just how little I know about the logistical ins and outs at play so that I can succeed professionally.

It was also thought-provoking to hear about other countries, their models of regulation, and think about how I would like to (or not) practice under them. Although I felt highly underqualified to be present at this conference, I did see the benefit to having the student voice at the table, so to speak. Because students had never attended before, there seemed to be a keen attentiveness to our ideas and thoughts on the various topics. Often, we were not allowed to remain silent during discussions, which I thought was cool and encouraging. I felt heard.
This conference has definitely played a role in widening my world view for the possibilities of PT, strengthening my desire to pursue international PT and collaboration with colleagues all across the world! I hope to return to the INPTRA conference in the future, and I hope that more students will have this opportunity to “see behind the curtain” of how our profession of physical therapy is validated and secured.

Summer Mooney at INPTRA 2019 in front of the project she made with Shelley Sparling.

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**Regulatory Research in the News**

**CMA National Physician Health Survey: A National Snapshot**

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) established an Expert Working Group to launch the CMA National Physician Health Survey to learn more about how physicians’ health and wellness is affected by various factors. Nearly 3,000 CMA members completed it. The CMA says its goal is "to generate an up-to-date and relevant baseline dataset for use by other organizations, researchers, educators and stakeholders and to use this dataset to inform and advance physician health initiatives."

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**Webcast Speakers Meet in China**

Ka-Chun (Joseph) Sui from the University of Nebraska meets with Helen Wang and Lin Yang in China after recording the recent INPTRA Webcast "PT Regulation and Practice in China."
Webcasts

If you would like to share an idea for a future webcast, or would like to participate in one, please let us know info@INPTRA.org.

We will have more news soon on the webcasts we are planning for 2020. In the meantime, please view and share our previous webcasts.

Are You a Regulator?

Click "Agencies" under "Regulatory Resources" on the INPTRA website to view country information.

- 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 members as of the last newsletter.

**Individual Members:**
John Greany
Antonio Lopes
Jennifer Nash
Sherise Smith

**Organizational Members:**
Rehab Essentials
Polish Chamber of Physiotherapists

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

We have made it easier to submit your country’s regulatory profile! All that you have to do is fill out this survey. In the survey you will be asked for the following information:

- Your contact information in case we have a question for you (this information will not be public)
- The name of the country that you are informing us about
- Education requirements for physical therapists in that country
- Information regarding Physical Therapy (PT) practice in that country (e.g., questions regarding direct access, professional designation used, names for professional organizations)
- Information regarding regulation of PTs (e.g., regulatory model and description, scope of practice).

INPTRA’s team will review the survey responses and work on posting your country’s profile to our website. If you have any questions or feedback regarding our survey please email us at info@inptra.org.

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