



Dear Member organisation of ICN, FIP, WCPT, FDI and WMA,

We are pleased to inform you that the World Health Professions Alliance (consisting of the International Council of Nurses, the International Pharmaceutical Federation, the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, the World Dental Federation and the World Medical Association) will award the first **“WHPA Award in Interprofessional Collaborative Practice”** in May 2015.

Through this letter, we would like to call for nominations of this award which aims to *“recognise an outstanding interprofessional team that has improved patients’ health and promote a collaborative approach to healthcare”*.

Given that it will be the first time that this award will be given, no specific field of collaborative practice has been defined, therefore all fields are eligible.

Please note that nominations can be sent by national associations (members of ICN, FIP, WCPT, FDI or WMA) to the World Health Professions Alliance Secretariat **no later than 1 March 2015**, at:

WHPA
c/o World Medical Association
13, ch. du Levant
CIB - Bâtiment A
01210 Ferney-Voltaire
France
Email: whpa@wma.net

You will find attached as annexes to this letter the Governing rules for the Award as well as the Nomination form to be used.

Best regards

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ANNEX 1:
Governing rules for the
WHPA Award in Interprofessional Collaborative Practice

Rationale

In May 2013, the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA)¹ presented its joint statement on Interprofessional Collaborative Practice, in which WHPA affirms that it “*will promote interprofessional collaborative practice through advocacy, by example and by promoting educational, legislative, and health systems changes that bring about and strengthen interprofessional collaborative partnerships. Such partnerships will be encouraged to share their experiences and serve as examples to others, thus spreading the knowledge of best practice.*”

In order to further promote sharing of best practices and to further stimulate the development of interprofessional collaborative practice, the World Health Professions Alliance has decided to present an annual award recognizing an interprofessional collaborative team.

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the award is to recognise an outstanding interprofessional team that has worked to improve patients’ health and promoted a collaborative approach to healthcare.

The award will be granted every year.

Selection criteria

The team should include at least three different health professions (at least two of which should be represented within WHPA, i.e. dentists, medical doctors, nurses, pharmacists and physiotherapists).

Any healthcare setting (private or public; community, ambulatory or hospital setting) will be considered.

The initiative will be reviewed based on the innovative approach undertaken and its outcomes (in terms of clinical, economic and/or humanistic outcomes).

The (positive) outcomes of this team (in terms of value for patients) should be ideally supported by evidence, ideally published in a peer-reviewed journal.

The sustainability of the initiative will also be taken into account.

The description of the initiative should include some learnings from its development and explore its transferability in other settings / countries.

Process:

1. Call for nominations

Every year, the WHPA will call for nominations for team meeting the criteria.

¹ The World Health Professions Alliance WHPA brings together the International Council of Nurses, the International Pharmaceutical Federation, the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, the World Dental Federation and the World Medical Association, and speaks for more than 26 million health professionals in 130 countries.



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Each year, a specific field of collaborative practice will be identified (e.g. NCDs, patient safety, education...) reflecting ideally one of the priorities of WHPA.

The members of the WHPA (FDI, FIP, ICN, WCPT and WMA) and their respective member organisations will be invited to share this call for nominations through appropriate communication means (e.g. newsletters, website...).

If possible, media partners should be sought (e.g. Lancet), to ensure a good visibility of the call and recognition and media exposure of the awardee.

2. Submission of nominations

The deadline for submitting a nomination is 1 March.

The nomination shall be endorsed by at least one national association associated to the WHPA (member organisations of FDI, FIP, ICN, WCPT or WMA) in English, using a dedicated form reflecting the selection criteria.

3. Selection of awardees

The CEOs of the WHPA members (or a person designated by the CEO) will screen the nominations received and will select the initiative best meeting the criteria.

The awardee will be validated by the CEOs before the winning team is contacted to inform them of the result, no later than on 15 April.

4. Granting the award

The award will be presented to a representative of the winning team during the WHPA luncheon in May, in Geneva. The travel and accommodation of this representative will be covered by WHPA.

All team members of the initiative will receive a certificate of award after the official ceremony.

A short description of the team and its achievements will be presented in an article made available at the WHPA luncheon. WHPA members will also be invited to reproduce this article in their respective media.

The list of awardees (and the description of the team) will be made available on the WHPA website.

All submissions (meeting quality standards) will be also put on the WHPA website.



ANNEX 2:
Nomination form for the
2015 WHPA Award in Interprofessional Collaborative Practice

WHO IS SUBMITTING THIS NOMINATION (PROPOSER)?

First Name(s):			
Family Name:			
Representative of the following organisation:			
This organisation is member of:	<input type="checkbox"/> FDI <input type="checkbox"/> FIP <input type="checkbox"/> ICN <input type="checkbox"/> WCPT <input type="checkbox"/> WMA		
Address:			
Zip Code:		City:	
Country:			
E-mail:			
Telephone			

WHAT TEAM DO YOU NOMINATE?

Describe below the composition of the team nominated (including the professional qualification for each team member) (200 words max)

Describe below the setting(s) where this team operates (private or public, community, ambulatory or hospital...) (200 words max)

Describe below the rationale that lead to the development of the interprofessional collaborative team: (200 words max)

Describe below the outcomes / impact of the team: (200 words max)
Clinical impact: <div style="height: 30px;"></div>



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Economic impact:

Humanistic impact:

Has this team's work and impact been presented previously at congresses or in peer-reviewed journals?
Please give references below:
(200 words max)

Describe below in what way this interprofessional collaborative team is innovative:
(200 words max)

Describe below how this team's development and activities are sustained:
(200 words max)

Describe below some learnings from the development of this team and how it can be replicated / adapted in other settings / countries:
(200 words max)

If you have any additional information you would like to share, feel free to use the space below:
(200 words max)

WHO IS THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIVE TEAM?

First Name(s):			
Family Name:			
Affiliation			
Address:			
Zip Code:		City:	
Country:			
E-mail:			
Telephone			