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## International Network of Physiotherapy Regulators

Dear Colleagues:

In follow up to the forum held in Toronto Canada in May 2004, it seems appropriate to provide a summary note ensuring that all participants, and all individuals on the network mailing list, have the same next steps information.

First, thank you to all forum attendees. Your interest in the varied issues related to the global movement of physiotherapists was evident, and your enthusiastic participation in the dialogue was important to shaping future activity. The resounding support to continue developing international regulatory discussion was an important outcome from the forum.

As promised access to the following resources is as follows:

- ◆ updated network list is attached.
- ◆ copies of the presenter's slides can be found on the website of the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators at <http://www.alliancept.org/bulletins/index.html>

*(from the home page, click on the Bulletins button. Then, from the most recent bulletin posted, click on "HTML" under "English" to review the information)*

- ◆ The forum evaluation summary can also be found at the above web address.

The primary decision at the forum was to form a small task force which has the task of creating a statement of intent to develop an international coalition or consortium. The principles under which the consortium would function, its structure, and its potential terms of reference will all be proposed in the statement. Further a work plan of activities which could occur over the next three years to prepare for another regulatory forum at WCPT in Vancouver, Canada in 2007 is a component of the task force activity.

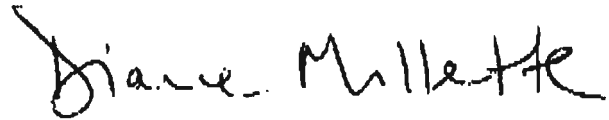
The task force is presently configured with four members – Australia, USA, Canada and the UK – with Marie Donaghy offering to act as an external advisor. Names of the representatives are starting to take shape. Ruth Grant from Australia and Julia Botteley from the UK both volunteered at the meeting. Canada and the US are in the process of selecting their individuals.

The aim is to have the task force draft the statement and the work plan and circulate it to those who attended the forum for first review. Once feedback is incorporated it will be circulated to the entire network for comments and then final endorsement by all. This initiative is viewed very much as a step by step process that will evolve slowly. With an interest in forward movement, the collective opinion and those of individuals will be important in shaping future outcomes.

This is an exciting time; thanks to all!



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**Dear Founding Participants: International Physiotherapy Regulatory Forum 2004**

It has been several months since you received an update on the activity of the small task force charged with developing a statement of intent related to an international network on physiotherapy regulation. Behind the scenes work has been progressing.

Over the fall of 2004, membership in the task force was finalized with representation as follows:

Julia Botteley -	European Union
Ruth Grant -	Australia
Bill Hatherill -	U.S.A.
Jan Robinson -	Canada

Once established the task force put its mind to the challenge of setting global communication and now it is in the full swing of a teleconference and e-mail combination. Over the last four months, the focus has been on the development of a statement of intent for the network as originally requested at the May 2004 forum.

As a refresher the task force was specifically asked to provide you with a first draft of:

- a statement of intent, including a title for the network
- a list of proposed actions culminating in a next meeting at WCPT in Vancouver, Canada 2007.
- terms of reference

A comments form has been included to provide an easy format for your response. Responses are being sought by July 20, 2005, at the latest. They may be received either by fax (416-591-3834) or e-mail ([mleung@collegept.org](mailto:mleung@collegept.org)) at the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario. All comments will be extremely helpful in shaping the next phase of the work to be completed.

As for next steps – once the feedback is compiled and reviewed, a next iteration of the materials will be produced. Should major changes be necessary, these will be reconfirmed with the founding participants. Once consensus is reached, the documents will be circulated to the network at large, to establish interest and participation. Specific work plans for activities confirmed on the task list will then be developed. It is expected that regular communication will occur with the network to ensure we move forward collectively.

We trust you will find these initial documents in keeping with your expectations. We look forward to receiving your thoughts and we appreciate the privilege of assisting the global physiotherapy regulatory community in establishing a common understanding and perspective.

Julia Botteley, Chair  
Bill Hatherill

Ruth Grant  
Jan Robinson

# **INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PHYSICAL THERAPY REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (INPTRA)**

## **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

### **Purpose**

The International Network of Physical Therapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) provides a forum for existing or emerging physical therapy regulatory authorities, or other related organizations, to participate in exploring and further understanding regulatory systems, issues and opportunities around the world, and to facilitate international cooperation and collaboration on issues of mutual interest.

### **Objectives**

- Facilitate international cooperation and collaboration in the exploration of issues relevant to a consistent approach to physical therapy regulation worldwide, among physical therapy regulatory authorities, related bodies, emerging regulatory structures and other organizations entrusted with setting standards for entry of physical therapists to practice;
- Provide a forum for the development and sharing of new concepts and new approaches in the regulation of physical therapy practice;
- Encourage and support research, policy analysis and policy development related to physical therapy regulation, licensure and registration; and
- Serve as an information source for physical therapy regulatory authorities, related bodies, emerging regulatory structures and other organizations entrusted with settings standards for entry of physical therapists to practice;
- Support and advocate for high standards for physical therapy education, physical therapy program accreditation, licensure, registration, physical therapy practice, professional conduct and continuing competence.

**INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (INPTRA)**

**PROPOSED ACTIONS**

**2005-2007**

1. Develop and confirm statement of intent
2. Establish network member information template and build data bank
3. Determine strategy to increase network awareness and develop member base
4. Prepare draft discussion paper on possible models for the network
5. Establish communication framework within the network and with WCPT
6. Plan next face to face meeting for 2007 WCPT Congress, Vancouver, Canada

# **International Association of Physical Therapy Regulatory Authorities (IAPTRA)**

## **Terms of Reference Steering Committee\***

### **Composition**

The Steering Committee is composed of four representatives with regulatory interest in different regions of the globe. These include:

Julia Botteley	European Union
Ruth Grant	Australia
Bill Hatherill	U.S.A.
Jan Robinson	Canada

The Committee will select a Chair from among its members.

### **Nomination**

Members of the Steering Committee were nominated by the founding participants of the first international physiotherapy regulatory forum held in May 2004. They were nominated to be “champions” of the early development of the international network and ensure momentum was maintained until the next meeting in June 2007. At present, there is no structure to which the Steering Committee is directly accountable.

### **Term**

The Steering Committee is in place until the next meeting of IAPTRA to be held at the WCPT Congress in Vancouver, Canada, June 2007.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

The role of the Steering Committee is to facilitate the early evolution of IAPTRA within the parameters set by the founding participants.

Responsibilities include

- to develop and confirm a statement of intent for IAPTRA
- to develop the network membership base and implement appropriate initiatives which will foster the development of IAPTRA
- to establish a communication framework within the network
- to plan the next meeting in June 2007

**\* Steering Committee replaces the previous term “Task Force”.**

**Meeting Frequency**

The Steering Committee will meet by teleconference not less than quarterly.

**Decision Making**

All discussions will be made by consensus considering regular feedback from network members.

**Financial Implications**

The members of the Steering Committee have agreed that minor incurred costs should be covered on an individual basis, and that there will be no reimbursement for time spent by members on the activities of IAPTRA. Funding will need to be sought for any specific project work.