



HONG KONG PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION LIMITED
香港物理治療學會有限公司

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Dear HKPA members,

Invitation to Join the Newly Established Working Group for Mental Health

In view of the ever-rising demand in mental health service and increased aging population with dementia, PT has to be more aware and advanced in mental health issue and its development from global and local scenes. PT should definitely be one of the team member for the management of cognitive disorders, psychosomatic disorders, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, dissociate disorders, eating disorders, lifestyle-problems, traumatic stress disorders, and the complex long-lasting chronic pain. Apart from that, our profession has to be alert on the effectiveness and relevant clinical researches to excel our contribution to mental illness.

From a global perspective, the International Organisation of Physical Therapists in Mental Health (IOPTMH) has been formed as a recognized subgroup of the WCPT to promote the contribution of physical therapists in mental health into the spotlight. *It is important for society, for the client, for the physiotherapy profession as well as the relationship with other professionals to create and strengthen a culture of physiotherapy in mental health* (<http://www.icppmh.org/index.html> WCPT 2014).

Therefore, the HKPA would steer the formation of a **Working Group for Mental Health** in preparation for the formation of the Specialty Group for Mental Health by the end of 2014 in the Annual General Meeting 2014. Your effort and contribution is solicited to help in turning a new page in PT for mental health in Hong Kong and widen our horizon in mental health service.

You are now cordially invited to join this newly established Working Group on Mental Health, if you are interested. Please fill in the reply slip and return it to **Ms. Harriet LO by fax (3513 5536) or email (Lmy422@ha.org.hk)** on or before **13 Feb 2014**. For enquiries, please feel free to contact **Ms Harriet LO by e-mail or by phone at 3513 6455**.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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I am interested to join the Working Group on Mental Health (MHWG) of the Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association.

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Date: _____