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 through interprofessional collaborative 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.

A specific field of collaborative practice may 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 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 can be submitted to the WHPA secretariat by:

- one national association associated to the WHPA (member organisations of FDI, FIP, ICN, WCPT or WMA)
- any healthcare team or member of a team eligible for the award

Nomination shall be submitted in English, using a dedicated form reflecting the selection criteria.

3. Selection of awardees

The selection committee will consist of the CEOs of the WHPA members (or a person designated by the CEO)
The selection committee may complete the list of nominations with additional proposals.
It will screen the nominations 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 a WHPA or WHPA member's event.

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 during this event and on the WHPA webpage.