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To: National Representatives

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Dear Colleague

Acknowledgement Scheme for Good Practices of Suicide Prevention

Introduction

The World Health Organization estimates that there are one million suicides around the world each year. The problem of suicidal behaviours varies from country to country. Almost 60% of world suicides occur in the Asia Pacific region. The organizers of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (Sept 13th – 17th, 2011 Beijing World Congress (<http://www.iaspchina.org>) would like to take this opportunity to recognize and acknowledge good practices of suicide prevention globally during the Conference on September 15th 2011. IASP wishes to encourage evidence-based practices aimed at reducing suicidal behaviours and to raise the awareness of suicide prevention across different countries, cultures, religions and ethnic groups. Since there are a number of suicide prevention measures / programmes that have been developed, it is valuable to identify those with clear missions and objectives, sound methodologies and measurable outcomes.

The Acknowledgement Scheme

To recognize deserving programmes, we would like to invite you as the National Representative of your country / city / region to nominate a maximum of three suicide prevention measures / programmes which will be reviewed in accordance with established selection criteria. A selection panel will select programmes to be acknowledged out of all nominations submitted by National Representatives and then present them in the "Programme Brochure" of the Peter Lee Gala Dinner on the 14th Sept. 2011. Each selected programme will be presented with a cash prize as a token of appreciation which can be used for further development of these meaningful endeavours. The organizers will give strong consideration to nominations received particularly from developing countries / cities because thorough evaluations on these measures / programmes often may be restricted by limited resources.

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Selection Criteria

1. Solid conceptual framework – theoretical concepts of suicidal behaviours and identification of risk and protective factor(s);
2. Clear identification of target populations – clear definition of target individuals / behaviours; promising strategies of recruitment;
3. Thorough intervention / preventive measures – derived from empirical evidence; timely intervention; continuity of care; collaboration with other gatekeepers in the community; safety and confidentiality of subjects, etc.
4. Systematic evaluation – clear indicators of measurable outputs & outcomes; potentials to show effectiveness in reducing suicidal behaviours.

Selection Panel

A selection panel will be set up to review all nominations. Members include

- *Dr Lanny Berman, President of IASP*
- *Prof Huang Yueqin, Chairman of the World Congress*
- *Prof Murad M. Khan, Chair of the Council of National Representatives of IASP*
- *Prof Paul S.F. Yip, Co- Chair of Scientific Committee*
- *Mrs Vanda Scott, Consultant of IASP*

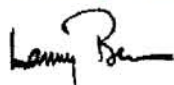
Procedures

As National Representative, you may nominate a maximum of three suicide prevention measures / programmes that are actively operated in your country / city / region in accordance to the above-mentioned selection criteria by filling the attached “Nomination Form” – one for each nomination. (This form is also available online at: http://www.iasp.info/awards/pdf/2011_lee_award_nomination_form.pdf). Some of the items can be filled by the heads or responsible persons of the nominated measures / programmes. All nominations have to be sent directly to csrp@hku.hk on or before **June 30, 2011**. The selection panel will then select 6-8 suicide prevention measures / programmes (at least one from each registration Zone – pl. refer to the Appendix: Registration Zones) will be announced by end of September. Heads or responsible persons of these selected measures / programmes will be presented a prize of USD2,500- during the “Peter Lee Gala Dinner” on 15th Sept, 2011. A brief description of selected measures / programmes will also be included in the “Programme Brochure” of the Gala Dinner. All prizes to be provided as part of this acknowledgement scheme are donated and will be presented by Mr Peter K.K. Lee.

To encourage the advancement and implementation of evidence-based suicide prevention programmes, your support and assistance in this matter is of utmost importance. We sincerely thank you in advance for your time and wisdom to make this acknowledgement scheme to become possible. If you have any query, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Our best regards

Lanny Berman



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IASP President

Murad Khan



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