



# WORLD HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALLIANCE

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## World Health Professions Conference to focus on challenges in health professional regulation

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Registration is now open for the World Health Professions Regulation Conference hosted by the World Health Professions Alliance – the global body bringing together organisations representing the world’s dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists and physicians.

This major event, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 17th to 18th May 2014, will provide new perspectives and stimulating discussion about the challenges facing health professional regulation. Entitled “Health professional regulation – facing challenges to acting in the public interest” the conference will:

- critically evaluate the challenges facing health professional regulation
- draw lessons from the way competence-based approaches to regulation have evolved
- identify and promote best practice in regulatory governance and performance.

Keynote speakers and panellists are international leaders in their fields. They include:

- Gilles Dussault from the Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in Portugal, who will discuss the challenges facing health professional regulation
- Rhona Flin from the University of Aberdeen in the UK, who will present some lessons learned from the evolution of competence-based approaches to regulatory function
- David Benton from the International Council of Nurses in Switzerland, who will contrast regulatory models to promote best practices in regulatory governance and performance.

Panel presentations on these topics will include presenters from Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Jamaica, South Africa and Uganda. Conference participants will have the opportunity to interact through moderated participant discussions after the panel presentations. Topics under discussion will include: government oversight and intervention; trade agreements; evolving scopes of practice; inter-professional collaboration; standards and competencies; frameworks, systems and practices of regulatory governance; good practice in administration and management; monitoring and reviewing performance.

**More information, including registration information, is available at [www.whpa.org/whpccr2014/](http://www.whpa.org/whpccr2014/).**

**Note to Editors:**

The World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA) speaks for more than 26 million health care professionals in more than 130 countries. The WHPA works to improve global health and the quality of patient care and facilitates collaboration among the health professions and major stakeholders

**The International Council of Nurses (ICN)** is a federation of national nurses associations, representing the more than 13 million nurses working worldwide. [www.icn.ch](http://www.icn.ch)

**The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)** is the global federation of national organisations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists representing more than two million pharmacists around the world. [www.fip.org](http://www.fip.org)

**The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT)**, the global voice for physical therapists / physiotherapists, has 106 national member organisations representing over 350,000 members of the profession. [www.wcpt.org](http://www.wcpt.org)

**The FDI World Dental Federation (FDI)** is a federation of approximately 200 national dental associations and specialist groups representing more than one million dentists worldwide. [www.fdiworldental.org](http://www.fdiworldental.org)

**The World Medical Association (WMA)** is the global federation of national medical associations from around the world, directly and indirectly representing the views of more than nine million physicians. [www.wma.net](http://www.wma.net)

The **International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA)** is the global non-profit NGO representing the research-based pharmaceutical industry, including the biotech and vaccine sectors. [www.ifpma.org](http://www.ifpma.org)

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