



A Call to Action: The World Health Organization (WHO) invites Canadian Psychologists to participate in the Global Clinical Practice Network for the ICD-11

The World Health Organization's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse has established a global network of mental health and primary care professionals to help inform the development of the classification of mental and behavioural disorders for the next version of the *International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11)*. The ICD represents the global standard for health information as it is the international system for classifying all health conditions, including those related to mental health. The ICD has tremendous impact and is widely used, throughout the world, for diverse and expansive purposes including in clinical practice, for collecting health information, teaching and training, research and for public health purposes. As such, it is essential for the ICD-11 to be as useful, accurate and globally applicable as possible to diverse stakeholders.

The WHO is asking **Canadian Psychologists** to lend their professional experience to help develop the ICD-11 by registering for WHO's **Global Clinical Practice Network (GCPN)**. GCPN members directly contribute to ICD-11 development by participating in global online field studies that evaluate the utility, acceptability and applicability of the draft diagnostic guidelines. No previous knowledge or experience with the ICD is necessary in order to participate.

As of March 2015, the **GCPN has over 11,700 members from 139 countries**, representing all global regions and all major mental health disciplines. **Although Psychologists comprise approximately 30% of the GCPN, there are currently only 138 Canadian Psychologists registered.** The WHO would like to see that number increase, and is committed to enhancing the representation of Canadian Psychologists as well as other Canadian mental health and primary care professionals. Your participation is essential to the development of the ICD-11.

To register for **WHO Global Clinical Practice Network**, please click on this link or paste it into your Internet browser:

<http://www.globalclinicalpractice.net>

From the main link above, you can choose to **register in any of nine languages (English, French, Arabic, Chinese, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish).**

As part of this international group of mental health and primary care professionals, you will be asked to provide information and feedback to WHO based on your clinical expertise, experience, and knowledge as they develop the new classification of mental and behavioural disorders. We encourage you to register for the **Global Clinical Practice Network**, and to share this invitation with your colleagues (Psychologists and other mental health or primary care professionals), and any relevant networks.