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Recent Activities & Priorities:

1) The CCPPP working committee to address Cross-Border Training issues continues to collect and distribute resources such as information about TN visas, Labour Market Opinion documents, and any letters from Human Resources in internship settings that have been used
by member programs to support both American and Canadian students attending internship programs in the other country. Drs. Bonli and Haman-Abello will continue to pursue these issues in through the working committee.

2) 2016 CCPPP Pre-Convention Workshop & Annual General Meeting

The Pre-Convention workshop offered by CCPPP at the CPA Annual Convention will be held June 8th in Victoria, British Columbia. The title for the workshop is “Building a Culture of Supervisory competence: How to develop, mentor, and support clinical supervisors”. Workshop presenters include Drs. Catherine Costigan and Susan Jerrott (CCPPP Executive) and Julie Gosselin and Edward Johnson from the CCPPP training community. Participants will receive training in an evidence-based model of clinical supervision. In addition, participants will explore strategies for the self-assessment of supervisory competence and reflect on the use of professional disclosure statements and supervision contracts in one’s supervision practice. The coverage of these topics will be facilitated by large and small group discussion including a) the use of vignettes to identify best (and worst) practices and supervision challenges; b) the personal, institutional, and systemic factors that affect their clinical supervision practice; and c) the identification of one or more best practices that participants wish to adopt into their supervision practice. The workshop is targeted to DCT’s, DT’s, practicum coordinators, student supervisors, and graduate students.

The workshop will be followed by the AGM and a wine and cheese reception.

3.) CCPPP strategic plan for the next two years will remain as stated in the last report: i.e., to focus upon two main priorities:

1) Identification and mentorship of new internship placements with the goal of increasing the number of CCPPP/APPIC/CPA-accredited internship positions in Canada.

2) Ongoing advocacy for the doctoral standard for training professional psychologists across Canada. CCPPP has reaffirmed its commitment to the doctoral standard for the training of professional psychologists.

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