

Shanghai to Host 2014 Global Healthy Workplace Awards, Summit Sponsored by Cigna

SHANGHAI & BLOOMFIELD, Conn., January 08, 2014 - Shanghai will host the second Global Healthy Workplace Awards and Summit April 9-10, 2014 as the search continues for the programs making the biggest impact on the health and well-being of the world's workforce. The event will take place at the Andaz Hotel, Shanghai.

Building on the success of the inaugural Awards and Summit held in London last April, the Shanghai Summit will expand the audience and scope of awards. This is the only truly global awards program dedicated solely to the recognition of practices and programs in the global workplace. Workplace health program submissions from around the world will be accepted through Jan. 24, 2014, and will be reviewed by an international panel of judges representing five continents with expertise in health promotion, health policy, occupational health and associated disciplines.

"The workplace health conversation is being heard around the world. Communities and workplaces in every corner of the globe are faced with increased health risks and rising health care costs. Cigna is once again supporting the Global Healthy Workplace Awards and Summit, convening employers and other experts to share the programs that are most effective in improving health and well-being and in making workplaces more productive and competitive," said David Guilmette, president of Cigna's Global Employer Segment.

Cigna and the Cigna Foundation are sponsors of the Global Healthy Workplace Awards and Summit, hosted by the Global Knowledge Exchange Network (GKEN) in association with two international organizations with extensive health experience, International Health Consulting and the i-genius world community of social entrepreneurs.

"It's our purpose to create a cross-cultural movement in improving global workplace health - not simply a series of meetings but an opportunity for real change in health to take hold around the world," said Jon Comola, founder of the Global Knowledge Exchange Network.

The importance of workplace health programs has evolved over the past half century and today is recognized as essential to improving the health and well-being of workers and communities around the world while raising productivity and reducing cost to employers. For more information on awards criteria and submission guidelines, contact jrcomola@wrgh.org and visit www.globalhealthyworkplace.com.

About the Cigna Foundation

The Cigna Foundation, in its 50 year, is a private foundation funded by contributions from Cigna Corporation (NYSE: CI) and its subsidiaries. The Cigna Foundation supports organizations sharing its commitment to enhancing the health of individuals and families, and the well-being of their communities, with a special focus on those communities where Cigna employees live and work.

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About GKEN

Global Knowledge Exchange Network on health care (GKEN) is chartered as a not for profit (501c-3) and is focused on advancing emerging better practices in health and health care among developing and developed nations around the globe. Our emphasis is on the health system aspects of health and healthcare. Through engaging thought leaders around the globe we create cross cultural learning that enables improvements in health system practices.

About i-genius

i-genius is a world community of social entrepreneurs with members in over 200 countries. It promotes social entrepreneurship and provides training, events and business development support to its global community. Based in London.

About International Health Consulting

International Health Consulting (IHC) is an independent health promotion consultancy with locations in central Europe and the United States. Armed with a network of over 250 international health promotion professionals worldwide, IHC can develop customized solutions that are tailored to local populations.