



Recognizing Professional Excellence in the Re/integration of Persons with Disabilities



Candidates who received their CDMP / CRTWC Certificates



Speakers L to R: Angela Colantonio, Chris Larsen, Steve Jackson, Cameron Mustard, and Sari Sairanen



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The title identifies the dominating theme of an auspicious event that took place September 16, 2016 at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto.

The event was co-hosted by the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB) of Ontario and the National Institute of Disability Management and Research (NIDMAR).

The event was to recognize individuals who achieved the Certified Disability Management Professional (CDMP) and Certified Return to Work Coordinator (CRTWC) designations in 2016. These professional competency standards have been included in the United Nations best practice guidelines in return to work and there are currently professionals located in 13 countries around the world.

Keynote speakers at the event featured:

Steve Jackson, CHRE, Special Advisor to the President and CEO and Vice President Workplace Health & Safety Services, WSIB, who also used the occasion to congratulate a number of his staff on achieving the CDMP designation.

Chris Larsen, Vice President, Marketing, Membership and Professional Development of the Human Resources Professionals Association (HRPA) of Ontario.

Angela Colantonio, PhD, Director, Rehabilitation Sciences Institute, University of Toronto.

Cameron Mustard, ScD, President and Senior Scientist, Institute for Work and Health.

Sari Sairanen, Health, Safety and Environment Director, Unifor.

While almost 80 individuals across Canada successfully passed the 2016 certification examinations, 22 recipients were able to attend personally to receive their certificates from Sari Sairanen and Steve Jackson, Members of NIDMAR's Board of Directors.

Wolfgang Zimmermann, Executive Director of NIDMAR, acted as MC for the event and introduced a special guest in attendance, Professor Halimah Awang, PhD, Senior Research Fellow with the Faculty of Economics and Administration at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Professor Awang has been tasked by the Social Security Administration (SOCSO) of the Government of Malaysia with examining all relevant policies, practices and procedures necessary in order to establish an examination and administration centre at the University of Malaya able to not only provide certification services for residents of Malaysia,



but also in a range of other south east Asian countries, including Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

The event concluded with a reception hosted by AcclaimAbility Management Inc., whose Vice President, Dawn Yearwood, spoke about the professional competency standard which her organization has fully embraced since 2003, with this year marking her personal 10th anniversary after achieving the CDMP designation.

For further information with regard to the CDMP / CRTWC Professional Certification, please refer to the website at: http://www.nidmar.ca/certification/certification_background.asp