



Disability Management Professionals Receive Certificates in 2018

Belgium: An event was held in Brussels on December 4 recognizing 60 individuals who successfully completed the educational program as well as those who also successfully achieved the Certified Disability Management Professional (CDMP) and Certified Return to Work (CRTWC) professional designations.



Francois Perl, Director General for Belgium's Social Security Organization, INAMI/RIZIV, said "This is the second occasion for the NIHDI to graduate new CDMP and CRTWC. This is an important achievement for us and our partners. Our goal is to build an extended community of professionals committed in the support of people with disabilities and their journey to the labour market"

United Kingdom: Events were held at locations in the UK in late November to recognize those individuals who were successful in achieving the Certified Disability Management Professional (CDMP) designation.





“It was great to see that the CDMP received two significant boosts across the UK during 2018,” said Graham Halsey, Executive Director of the IDMSC UK-Ireland. “Both the Beatson Cancer Care which has a specialist health and work service made up of NHS practitioners experienced in work issues, as well as Canada Life’s claims management services which wanted to up-skill and introduce a more holistic approach to absence management and return to work invested in Disability Management training which gave the team members increased credibility and expertise while adopting the international model of best practice Disability Management.”

The increasing drive towards professionalization in the Return-to-Work / Disability Management field, not unlike other rapidly evolving professional areas, is driving workplace stakeholders across all relevant activities, whether employer, union, government, workers compensation, private providers and other participants, to recruit and employ individuals who have obtained either the CDMP or CRTWC designation following a rigorous 7-hour examination across 9 major, and 120 minor, domain areas of skills and knowledge, and administered through a professional test agency.

Recognized in the International Social Security Association’s Best Practice Guidelines on Return-to-Work as the gold standard in professional competence, CDMPs and CRTWCs now reflect a global professional community of over 4,000 individuals in 13 countries across all continents and expanding at a brisk pace with almost 700 across all Canadian provinces and territories.

Increasing provincial, national and international legislative requirements are driving increased attention towards improved Return-to-Work outcomes and are also recognizing that mental/physical health impairments play a very significant role in the rising incidence of poverty, homelessness, and addiction, which was recently documented by both federal and provincial public consultations.

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For further information on the Belgian offerings of training and certification, please contact INAMI at: <https://www.inami.fgov.be/fr/themes/reinsertion/Pages/disability-management-formations.aspx>

For further information on the UK offerings of training and certification, please visit the IDMSC-UK-Ireland website at:

<https://www.idmsc-uk-ireland.org/becoming-certified/>

For further information on the Canadian examinations to take place May 29, 2019 at locations across Canada, please contact NIDMAR at:

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