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CIRCLING THE GLOBE WITH IHPM'S CORPORATE HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT AWARD WINNERS

ORLANDO, Fla., May 15, 2014 / **IHPM** recognized three winners of the **14th Annual Corporate Health and Productivity Management (CHPM) Awards (sponsored by Aetna)** at its recent Annual International Health & Productivity Conference in Orlando, Florida. IHPM's **CHPM Awards** were created 14 years ago to recognize leadership and vision in making employee health an investment in work force productivity and business performance.

Two International Health Care Companies – from Switzerland and Sri Lanka – and the U.S. Manufacturing Subsidiary of a Japan-based Conglomerate were the New Winners of the Corporate Health and Productivity Management Award from IHPM.

Abbott Basel is a Swiss-based branch of Abbott, the U.S.-based global health care company. It has 300 employees from more than 30 countries, and is a winner of the **International CHPM Award**. Nearly half of participants in the behavior change and weight control program *Changes that Last a Lifetime* completed the program – more than twice the typical completion rate in such programs – while 26% reduced their risk for diabetes and 17% reduced their risk for coronary heart disease using the *Know Your Numbers* predictive model. And Abbott Basel has brought leaders in employee health together through “corporate academies” in other locations.

General Hospital, Ampara, Sri Lanka is the only provider of tertiary care services in the Ampara District of the nation, with 1158 employees serving a population of 750,000 people, and is a winner of the **International CHPM Award**. Especially noteworthy are the allocation of 7 per cent of the total budget to HPM initiatives, staff engagement with health promotion and disease prevention activities in the community after normal duty hours (including schools, local government and the police), knowledge-sharing with local and international NGOs including the United Nations, experimentation with new measures of health and productivity and unique interventions based on HPM measurement outcomes.

Toyol America, Inc. is a member of the Toyol Group of Japan-based Toyo Aluminum KK, and an earlier 2011 winner of IHPM's Value-Based Health Award. Now the company has been chosen to receive the **Level I CHPM Award** for its ongoing program that has subsidized on-site health screenings for employees since 2009 with no cost to the employee or spouse; the program has helped keep health care expenditures in 2013 still below the level in 2006, and continued to produce good wellness program outcomes.

Sean Sullivan, President and CEO of IHPM, notes that *“health and productivity management is becoming the new business and national economic strategy around the world for increasing the value of a company’s – or country’s – “human capital” and making it more competitive in a rapidly expanding global economy.”*

[Joseph Leutzinger, PhD](#), President of IHPM’s Academy and Chair of the Judges’ Panel for the CHPM Awards, adds that *“CHPM Award winners now comprise a distinguished roster of 58 employer leaders, 11 of them international, from all major industries and the public sector, who demonstrate the truth that health is an economic asset – not just a cost.”*

[About Aetna](#) Sponsor of the CHPM Awards, Aetna’s mission is to help people achieve health and financial security by providing easy access to cost-effective, high-quality health care. “Helping to manage health care, one of the most important things in life, we work hard to provide our members with information and resources to help them make informed decisions about their health.” The Awards are presented for Aetna by Karen Weinseiss, Senior VP for Healthcare Management & Product Innovation at Aetna International.

[About IHPM – “Advancing Health and Performance Globally”](#) / The Institute is a unique driving force for changing health from a medical cost to a business asset for employers and nations. It also now leads the global **Work Place Wellness Alliance** “created by the *World Economic Forum*, powered by IHPM.”