The Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) met on September 17-18, 2015 at the ADA Headquarters Building. The following is a summary of actions taken by the Commission:

1. Granted recognition or continued recognition to a total of 103 providers of continuing dental education. The Commission acted on 19 new applications for recognition, 76 applications for continued recognition 13 progress reports and one request for reconsideration of intent to withdraw. Including the Commission’s September 2015 actions on recognition, 441 CE providers are ADA CERP recognized. The Commission also approved four Pre-Application Eligibility Surveys from international providers.

2. Revised the CERP Eligibility Criteria for international CE providers by eliminating the requirement that providers outside the U.S. and Canada must be officially accredited or recognized by a local, national, or global health authority, or an accrediting agency for continuing education within the country in which the provider is legally registered, and made corresponding changes to the Policy on the Pre-Application Process for International Providers and the Pre-Application Eligibility Survey.

3. Reviewed comments from the communities of interest regarding the Commission's plan to conduct a comprehensive review of the CERP Recognition Standards, noting several suggestions for consolidating the Standards, reducing the number of prescriptive criteria and providing additional guidance on the intent and implementation of the Standards. The Commission supported these concepts and will integrate them into the Standard revision process being conducted in 2015-2016.

4. Elected Dr. Paul Leary as chair of the Commission and Dr. Mary A. Tavares as vice chair of the Commission for 2015-2016.

5. Appointed the following Commission members who completed their terms in 2014 or who will complete their terms in November 2015 to serve as consultants to the Commission for 2015-2016: Dr. David T. Brown, Ms. Carol Dingeldey, Dr. Alan L. Felsenfeld, Dr. Alan E. Friedel, Ms. Janice Gibbs-Reed, and Dr. Timothy T. Wheeler.

6. Acknowledged the following Commissioners whose terms will expire in November 2015: Dr. Eva F. Ackley, Dr. Alan L. Felsenfeld (chair), Dr. Alan E. Friedel, Ms. Janice Gibbs-Reed and Dr. Timothy T. Wheeler.

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