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MEMBERSHIP FORM



Please complete in CAPITALS and send, fax or email to the
address overleaf or apply online at www.biswg.co.uk
There is no fee for INSWABI membership.

Title: Mr Ms Mrs Dr Prof. Other.....

Surname:..... First name:.....

Position Title:.....

Organisation Title:.....

Address:.....

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State / Province:.....

Zip Code/ Postcode:.....

Country:.....

Tel. Number (with country code):.....

Fax (with country code):.....

E-mail Address:.....

Your main work role: (please tick)

Practitioner Service Management Policy
Research/Lecturer/Education Other.....

Work time involved with ABI: (please tick)

100% Most of time (greater 50%)
Some time (50-10%) Under 10%

Principally Traumatic Brain Injury Principally Stroke
Mixed ABI population

Membership category: (please tick)

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Full Membership Student membership
Organisation membership Associate membership

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Grahame Simpson and Patti Simonson are the co-convenors of
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INSWABI website:

To access further information for INSWABI website, the Brain
Injury Social Work Group (BISWG Ltd) is kindly hosting the
INSWABI web pages.

To view, log on to www.biswg.co.uk and click onto the INSWABI
tab on the left hand side of the page.



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INSWABI:

INSWABI was founded in 2006 in Hong Kong. It is the initiative of the Social Workers in Brain Injury Practice Interest Group (Australia) and the Brain Injury Social Work Group (UK). Both of these groups are affiliated with their national Social Work Associations. INSWABI currently has over 100 members representing 8 countries. INSWABI is committed to the following mission and aim.

MISSION:

Through international collaboration, to advance the Social Work contribution to the field of acquired brain injury [ABI] for the benefit of people with ABI, their families, significant others and broader support networks.

AIM:

INSWABI will fulfil this mission by addressing the following objectives:

- (i) **Information exchange**
- (ii) **Development,**
- (iii) **Supporting best practice**
- (iv) **Advocacy**
- (v) **Innovation and research**
- (vi) **Education among social workers with an interest in ABI.**

Addressing these objectives will contribute to the promotion of the Social Work profession in the field of ABI.

MANAGEMENT:

INSWABI is coordinated by a Committee of management. The committee is comprised of 14 members and has 'virtual meetings' each June and November. The term of the current committee runs from July 2010 to June 2013. Committee membership represents 7 different countries, with a maximum of 3 committee members per country.

BENEFITS OF INSWABI MEMBERSHIP:

1. Free membership.
2. Easy access to a 'virtual group'.
3. Emailed copies of Progress Reports twice a year.

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4. Opportunities to consult with INSWABI members about clinical questions or service issues relating to Social Work practice in ABI.
5. Access to the INSWABI website page that has resources including conference presentations on a wide range of topics relating to Social Work in ABI.
6. Being informed about the latest resources, programs and research being developed and undertaken by Social Workers in ABI around the world.
7. Availability of support for conference presentations on issues related to Social Work in ABI.
8. Opportunities to enhance and develop Social Work practice skills and knowledge for Social Workers in the acquired brain injury field.
9. Support and information for Social Workers coming into the field of ABI and working within it at all levels.
10. Opportunity to raise standards in Social Work in ABI locally, nationally and internationally.
11. Encouragement for Social Work professionals to gain information about resources globally and to set up exchanges and visits to other services.
12. Opportunities to collaborate on research matters.
13. Opportunities to work collectively on projects and activities related to Social Work practice in ABI.
14. Scope to develop interdisciplinary work in ABI across different settings through membership connections.
15. Platform for strategic international work, to participate in the wider debate on Social Work in the global arena.



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JOINING INSWABI:

Interested individuals and organisations can join the network by completing the membership form overleaf or online at www.biswg.co.uk. The application will be approved by the co-convenors in accordance with the membership criteria.

MEMBERSHIP:

There are four categories of membership.

Full membership:

Full Membership is open to people who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Licensed/registered as a Social Worker by a national Social Work Association or relevant Government legislation
- Awarded a graduate / post graduate Social Work degree from a recognised University Social Work Programme
- Recognised by their national Social Work Association/regulatory body as eligible to practice as a Social Worker

Student Membership:

Student Membership is open to students enrolled in a graduate or postgraduate Social Work degree from a recognised university/college Social Work degree programme.

Organisational Membership:

Organisational membership is open to organisations that have an interest in Social Work practice in the field of ABI [e.g. Social Work professional interest groups, Social Work departments, Social Work teams].

Associate Membership

Associate membership is available to all other interested individuals.

Members are requested to notify the co-convenors if there is a change in their contact details or if they wish to cancel their membership.

Cost: There is no fee for INSWABI membership. Please complete the form overleaf or online at www.biswg.co.uk.

