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PATH Intl. Conference Track Specifically for Veterans: Abstracts Wanted

Denver— Each year the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Conference and Annual Meeting provides the equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) field the most valuable and comprehensive education opportunities available. A broad spectrum of session content is needed each year to offer a rich and invigorating experience for all attendees.

PATH Intl. is currently planning to offer a veterans track for the 2016 international conference in Williamsburg, VA. PATH Intl. is looking for professionals working with veterans who would be willing to present research, techniques, lessons learned, program design ideas, information on post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries, military sexual trauma and equine-assisted activities and therapies, or any info they feel will help others work more effectively with veterans. Click here for information on abstract submission.

The deadline for submissions is March 14, 2016.

The PATH Intl. Conference generally features five to seven tracks for attendees, with tracks that have included "Instructors," "Administrators" and "Research." This will be the first time to offer a track specifically for veterans.

The 2016 PATH Intl. Conference is November 2-5, 2016, in Williamsburg, VA. <u>Click here for conference information</u>.

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About PATH Intl.:

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International® (PATH Intl®.) was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with special needs. At 866 member centers, nearly 62,000 children and adults, including nearly 4,000 veterans, may find improved health, wellness, fun and a sense of pride and independence through involvement with horses. Therapeutic horsemanship at member centers may include hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful EAAT programs. There are more than 55,000 volunteers, 4,666 instructors, 7,672 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.