Dear Colleagues,

We offer a warm Welcome to the Dance Education Network of the International Association for Dance Medicine & Science (IADMS). We would like to invite you to join our expanding worldwide network of teachers and dancers. The mission of the Dance Education Network is to reach out to educators and dancers in order to provide information on IADMS and IADMS initiatives. Providing us with an e-mail address will allow us to notify you of upcoming events and publications. You can also contact the Education Committee directly: education@iadms.org

What is IADMS?
IADMS is an organization that serves the health and well-being of dancers around the world, and has many honorary members who believe in the mission of this organization. One such individual is Christopher Wheeldon. A former dancer with the Royal Ballet and New York City Ballet, Christopher Wheeldon finished his dance career in 2000 to concentrate on choreography. His work is in great demand, and he has created a large and varied body of contemporary ballet for New York City Ballet, The Royal Ballet, The Bolshoi Ballet and an impressive roster of companies around the world.

"The challenges asked of today's dancers by directors and choreographers alike are great. In demanding excellence of performance we must achieve it in the studio first, and that requires healthy bodies and minds every single day. Dancers need support on all levels to be one hundred percent fit and happy. A fit body allows for technically brilliant performance and a happy and grounded mind allows for a generous and thoughtful interpretation. IADMS provides vital support systems for all those educating and caring for dancers internationally thus ensuring world class performances in the future". Christopher Wheeldon, Honorary Member

Who should join IADMS?
Did you know that membership in IADMS is open to any individual who is actively connected with the healthcare, education, administration, and supervision of dancers and/or is a member of the dance community? The benefits are particularly relevant for dance teachers who work long hours in their private studio and have limited opportunity for personal development and networking.

What can you expect from joining IADMS?
You can benefit from membership in the International Association for Dance Medicine & Science by:

- Increasing your knowledge of dance medicine/science, adding a new dimension to the care of dancers with whom you work; networking with other professionals in the field, and providing a wide resource base for you and your dancers.
- Receiving the Journal of Dance Medicine & Science (JDMS), the official publication of IADMS, featuring original scientific articles, review articles, case studies, abstracts from current literature, editorials, consensus statements, book reviews, news and notes, letters to the editor and a special topic oriented issue every year. All individual memberships (but not school, company, or corporate members,) receive free access to JDMS articles online.
Please visit the IADMS website at www.iadms.org where you will find information on resources specifically for teachers including articles and documents ranging from:

- The Bulletin for Dancers and Teachers
- Resource papers
- Information on conferences and courses,
- Posters for purchase.

Many teachers like you attend the IADMS Annual Meetings and of special interest for you will be the Day for Teachers, which is held every year. These exciting and informative events offer you even more opportunities to network and to share and develop your practice.

The 26th Annual Meeting will be held October 20-23 2016 at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in Wanchai, Hong Kong. A Day for Teachers will be interwoven in the conference with special programs available. The IADMS website will give you constantly updated information on the program and practical matters regarding the conference. The Registration for the Annual Meeting and the Day for Teachers can be completed easily online by members and non-members of IADMS.

IADMS Bulletin for Dancers and Teachers applies dance medicine and science theory and research to practical problems in dance education, dance training, and dance performance. It addresses issues of concern to teachers of amateur, pre-professional or professional dancers across the age span. The articles identify practical teaching problems and present scientific knowledge that may enlighten teaching practices.

Resource Papers
Resource Papers present applications of current medical knowledge and scientific research to dance teaching, forming a bridge between the technical aspects of dance medicine and science and the day-to-day needs of dancers and dance teachers.

Dance Medicine and Science Posters
These large, full-color posters provide relevant information on dance medicine and science topics, with text drawn from IADMS Resource Papers. They are suitable for framing, and are available for purchase from the IADMS Online Store. Please visit the IADMS webpage for poster information and placement of order: www://iadms.org/

IADMS has recently developed a Facebook page, which provides a wide scope of information ranging from Research Papers to Conference Information and Teaching Methodology.

Joining IADMS itself is a good way to keep up to date with the latest developments in your field, but through the Dance Education Network (DEN), we’ll be in touch from time to time with more information that you might find interesting and to let you know about IADMS activities.

Best wishes,
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