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ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION TEACHING AND RESEARCH

March 1, 2010

Dear MPH Program Directors:

On behalf of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research, we are writing to ask you to encourage upcoming graduates, alumni, and eligible employees to register for the Certified in Public Health (CPH) exam. As you surely know, the CPH exam is administered annually in August by the National Board of Public Health Examiners.

The National Board of Public Health Examiners exists to ensure that students and graduates from schools and programs of public health accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) have mastered the knowledge and skills relevant to contemporary public health practice. The CPH exam demonstrates that persons graduating from one of the increasing numbers of programs accredited by CEPH have mastered a fundamental breadth of core and cross-cutting competencies necessary for the effective practice of public health. Successful examinees earn the designation of Certified in Public Health (CPH) for their noteworthy achievement.

CPH professionals exhibit the leadership and qualification that we in the community have come to expect from our public health workforce. The CPH exam is the nation's (and indeed, the world's) first and only core credentialing examination for public health professionals. The CPH process elevates the field of public health to be on par with our health colleagues, most of whom have a licensure, certification, or credential.

By recognizing the value of voluntary certification in public health, we will encourage our colleagues, students, and alum to prepare for and complete the CPH process. Simply championing the exam through a note goes a long way to spark interest among soon-to-be-graduating students and alumni. CPH professionals commit to life-long learning through a Maintenance of Certification process that assures their currency in our ever-evolving field. This commitment can be honored by recognizing CPH in alumni newsletters and at graduation.

More details about the CPH exam and the National Board of Public Health Examiners can be found at www.publichealthexam.org. Study materials for the examination are available and information on how to obtain them can be found at the FAQ page of www.publichealthexam.org.

Program directors are strongly urged to promote the exam among their fall, winter, and spring graduates, and among their alumni and eligible faculty and staff. Registration for the August 2010 exam is open for \$400 through April 30, 2010.

Sincerely,

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