

United Kingdom and Ireland Marcé Society Executive and Regional Co-ordinators meeting

Teleconference

Monday 14th January 2013

3.00 – 4.30pm

Present: Jane Hanley, Michael Craig, Sue Smith, Vivette Glover, Sue Conroy, Ian Jones, Roch Cantwell,

Apologies: John Cox, Jan Cubison, Maureen Raynor, Louise Howard

Minutes of last meeting

None were typed up from last meeting in September

Sue Conroy mentioned we did agree to use the Atheneum again as venue for September meeting.

Maternal mental health alliance

Ian fed back that he and Vivette have attended these meetings - Alain had been driving force behind this attempt to bring together all the organisations campaigning for better help for women with mental health problems surrounding pregnancy and childbirth. 30 or more organisations are involved, big and small, national and local. A bid put in to comic relief to run a campaign resulted in Emily Slater being appointed (with a lesser amount of money than requested) to work 3 days a week to look at what the campaign should look like. Lots of talking so far but it does feel like something is about to happen. Ian and Vivette happy to carry on representing UKIMS. A workshop has been organised in London in February which they are both attending. Michael may attend if possible too. (This evoked a discussion about the article in the Sunday Times this weekend which was not great with lots of misquotes but at least raised the profile - but requests to mention Marce were not heeded. We could write a letter but this is already being done - but overall it has probably done more good than harm).

Report from Treasurer

No bill has so far been received from the Atheneum and as this is biggest outgoing the account looks almost as it did at the start of the year with almost £4000.

Some people are still paying into the rogue account despite Sue chasing up on this - the money does not appear to then be going anywhere but we should have access to the £2000 + that is in there - Vivette suggested it goes to the international society.. The international society is not as healthy

financially as UKIMS. Alternative is to keep it as a float for Jane to have for the Swansea meeting - this was agreed as the best solution.

UKIMS meeting date

Thursday 19th September - Michael has booked the Atheneum - a good venue and previously the dress code did not seem to cause problem, and everyone looked very smart!

Vivette to organise speakers. Pandas a possibility. Mark Williams from Wales whose wife had PND, and whose website is attracting attention from all over the world for partners.

Ian Jones agreed to talk about his research - if anyone has any ideas about outside speakers to e mail Vivette. Chris Cuthbert from NSPCC to be approached.

International Marce Society meeting

Jane talked about need to attract new members. The Australians are putting a statement out.

The constitution is to be looked at but the main driver behind this is in hospital so it has been deferred to March. Canada interested in having a regional group. Bangladesh, Spain, Columbia and Brazil getting on board. Chicago hosting a meeting this year. Vivette raised issue of the perinatal section scientific meeting being moved to Swansea prior to the Marce meeting to encourage attendance of both but still raise money for the section.

Agreed that scientific subgroup to discuss speakers for international meeting should convene asap.

Organisation is otherwise going ok - projected bill should be on its way soon.

Marce pack still an issue - out there but going onto DVDs which should generate income.

Newsletter always on lookout for articles.

Composition of UKIMS exec

Is there anyone on the list who shouldn't be? Does anyone have a list? Michael has a list to e mail people so presumably that's the list! Michael found a list and there are some names on it which do not apply - Dawn Kirby has resigned. We do apparently have a constitution but Jane's idea that we waited for the international society to be looked at and go from there went down well. 10 probably a good number.

Increasing awareness of UKIMS

Jane and Michael wrote an article after last incident but this was not published anywhere. Should we have a strategy for dealing with this?

How do we spread the word ?

What is our target audience? Professionals - perinatal section of psychological society should all join it. maternal mental health alliance could all join. Health visitors.

List of different organisations and getting into their newsletters with benefits of belonging to UKIMS. Social networking - Facebook and Twitter accounts?

Roch made the point that we all liaise within our own professions and that the multidisciplinary nature of it makes it different and we should sell this aspect.

Jane mentioned the leaflets for International Society which she will send to us all for us to print out and distribute.

Membership

Inability to pay by direct debit is a problem - a standing order may be possible. Michael did not get a reminder e mail but this may be because he joined late. Others should be getting reminder e mails.

Any other business

Michael discussed how often we want these meetings- one more before September meeting. We decided on June for the next meeting but did not confirm how often we should meet.

NICE guidelines revision - Louise has been appointed as chair, meetings due to start in March, Alain. Liz, Ian, Sally Russell appointed so far.

Date and times of next meeting

Sue to arrange through doodle poll