



International Marcé Society Executive Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020 20:00 GMT

Present

Louise Howard (Chair)
Jane Fisher
Nine Glangeaud
Vivette Glover
Jane Hanley
Ian Jones
Sarah Kittel-Schneider
Jeannette Milgrom
Catherine Monk
Ibone Olza
Lauren Osborne
Lavinia Lumu
Jennifer Payne
Nicole Reilly
Lisa Segre
Deborah Sims
Simone Vigod
Kathie Wisner
Laura Miller, Executive Office

Welcome/Introductions/Leadership Team

- President and Meeting Chair Louise Howard welcomed the new leadership team and invited each member to introduce themselves.
- Simone Vigod has agreed to continue to serve as Information Editor.
- Social media consultant Rita Stockhowe's contract has ended. (Jennifer Payne has since created a Communications Committee with a group of early career researchers who will represent the International Marcé Society on social media).

2020 Conference

- The leadership team toasted Conference Chair Lisa Segre for the success of the first virtual conference of the Society.
- Conference metrics:
 - 659 attendees from 42 countries; 65 of which were students, 72 were from Low and Middle Income countries
 - Preliminary estimate of the conference is approximately \$80,000 USD. Workshops represented \$20,000 of the profit. Conference organizer rate is \$52/attendee to cover management costs.
- In addition to keynote speakers and symposia, new interactive opportunities were offered in the virtual conference:
 - Online discussion boards
 - Virtual networking sessions
 - First ever case conference

- The conference will be featured in a special topical issue of the *Archives of Women's Mental Health*: the issue will feature the 40th Anniversary of the Society with the conference theme "Innovations in Research, Policy, and Clinical Care."

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Procedure

- The International Marcé Society disclosure procedure and form have been updated to be consistent with the UK Charities Commission guidelines.
- **ACTION: Disclosure of potential conflicts will now be a standing item on the agenda for Executive meetings. All to please send DOI form to Laura ready to read out at next meeting.**

Future Strategy and Away Day Planning Session

- An away day is planned for January 2021.
- BGA discussion board items will be included on the agenda.
- In response to an email from a Marcé member challenging the Society to improve, inclusivity will be addressed in partnership with MONA (Marcé of North America) and MONA's President Crystal Clark. It is hoped that a webinar can be developed to address Black Lives Matter and diversity issues.
- Other key initiatives to be explored in the strategic planning session;
 - Regional Groups relationship with the International Society
 - Expanded membership in Low and Middle Income countries
 - Support for Early Career researchers/virtual workshops
 - Cross-disciplinary links with the arts and humanities
 - Procedures for position papers

Request for Official Letter of Support

- International Marcé member Associate Professor Jaroslaw has requested an official letter of support from the International Marcé Society, addressing a change in direction by the government of Poland with regards to women's reproductive rights.
- Due to the multiple personal considerations regarding these issues, the Board felt unable to provide an official letter that would reflect the views of the collective membership. Members of the Board were encouraged to send individual letters if appropriate.
- To provide a longer-term solution, an evidence based position paper could be drafted on behalf of the Society. It was decided that procedures for this would be discussed at the away day.
- **ACTION: Breakout sessions to be arranged for the away day to discuss the issues above.**