



## **International Marcé Society Executive Meeting Minutes June 8, 2021, 17:00 GMT via Zoom**

### **Present: International Marcé Executive**

Louise Howard (Chair)  
Jane Fisher  
Nine Glangeaud  
Vivette Glover  
Jane Hanley  
Ian Jones  
Sarah Kittel-Schneider  
Jeannette Milgrom  
Lauren Osborne  
Jennifer Payne  
Nicole Reilly  
Deborah Sims  
Laura Miller, Executive Office

### **Apologies**

Lavinia Lumu  
Catherine Monk  
Ibone Olza  
Lisa Segre  
Simone Vigod  
Kathie Wisner

### Introduction and General Discussion

- There were no new conflicts of interest disclosed by Executive members.
- The April 2021 Executive meeting minutes were approved with no edits.
- Parthenon prepared a communications bulletin to share with the Executive periodically. This update was distributed prior to the June Executive meeting. Highlights include robust membership numbers for 2021, the Virtual Workshop program, Mentorship program, and developments with several Special Interest Groups.
- Follow up items from previous Executive meetings were reviewed.
  - Jane Fisher and Crystal Clark recorded their interview; Laura Miller will post to the International website after minor edits and subsequent approval. Jane offered to conduct more interviews as well.
  - Jane Hanley, Laura Miller and others will continue to follow up on the interviews recorded during the Bengaluru conference.
  - Vivette Glover's presentation to the Spanish Regional Group is available on the International website. **Action Item:** The availability can be posted on the Spanish listserv, translation pending.
  - A suggestion was made for one Executive member per month to write a blog post highlighting an excellent paper from the International community. **Action Item:** Sarah Kittel-Schneider will circulate an example from a German affiliate organization.

## 2021 Bursary Program

- An updated draft incorporating discussion from the April 2021 Executive meeting was distributed prior to the June Executive meeting.
- The proposed structure called for applicants to submit a letter of motivation and letter of reference. Applications which were complete and submitted by July 1 would have been granted membership for 2021.
- If additional qualitative information is required before providing a Bursary, the Executive has not reached consensus on what that information should be, and who will determine which applicants fulfill the criteria. The weight and determination of constrained financial resources, and the balance among areas of concentration such as clinical practice vs. research would add complexity to the proposed program.
- Alternate recommendations included: advertising over the upcoming months but opening the program late 2021 for 2022 memberships; combining 2022 biennial conference registration in the Bursary; and requiring service to the Society such as creating communications pieces (blogs). The benefits and drawbacks of the options were reviewed and recommended for further discussion during the July Away Day.

## Virtual Workshops

- Based on the positive reaction to the pilot program, future workshops should be considered but must be cost neutral to the Society.
- Potential topics include:
  - Cross-cultural review of postpartum psychosis – led by Ian Jones
  - Grant writing – led by Louise Howard
  - Joint workshops with affiliated organizations – recommendations requested
  - Maternal Mental Health in Africa – led by Dr. Kumar from Kenya
- The Communications Committee can support marketing and advertising for future workshops.

## FY22 Proposed Budget

- The budget was distributed prior to the meeting and was approved with no edits.

## July Away Day

- Based on the robust discussion, the Bursary program will be a featured discussion topic.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Executive members please send Louise and Laura Miller any agenda suggestions.

## June Newsletter

- Several articles have been submitted by Regional Groups and Special Interest Groups.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Executive members please send Louise and Laura additional article suggestions.

The next meeting will be July 15, 2021 (Away Day). A Doodle poll will be distributed for subsequent meetings.