

**International Marcé Society Executive Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2021 19:00 UTC**

Present

Jennifer Payne (Chair)
Sheehan Fisher
Nine Glangeaud
Vivette Glover
Jane Hanley
Ian Jones
Lavinia Lumu
Jeannette Milgrom
Catherine Monk
Ibone Olza
Lauren Osborne
Nicole Reilly
Lisa Segre
Deborah Sims
Simone Vigod
Laura Miller, Executive Office
John White, Executive Office

Absent with Apologies

Jane Fisher
Louise Howard
Sarah Kittel-Schneider
Kathie Wisner

2022 Biennial Conference

- Conference co-chair Ian Jones provided an update from discussions with Imperial College and Kings College. The current plan is to hold a face to face conference with reduced capacity (maximum 350 participants) at Imperial College, followed by a virtual conference presented by Kings College.
- The contract with Imperial has been renegotiated so that no additional deposits or payments will be required before the conference takes place.
- Registration rates will be reasonable. The refund policy should be clear and should cover a wide array of circumstances (government lockdowns, university travel policies, etc.) If attendees cancel due to illness, quarantines, etc., options will be provided for registration payments to be refunded or donated to the Society.
- The conference website will be ready to launch late December.
- A contract has been signed with Oxford for abstract submission management. The Call for Abstracts will be distributed at the beginning of January 2022. The preliminary plan is to offer an integrated submission process, and following review of the abstracts, determine which presentations will be made in person or virtually. This sequence will provide for consideration of evolving COVID travel restrictions.
- Executive members who have recent experience with hybrid meetings (Lisa Segre, Deb Sims, Jennifer Payne, Lauren Osborne) offered to share their expertise with Ian and the conference planning team.

- The plan is for the two day virtual meeting to follow the three day in-person meeting. The group discussed providing more time between events to allow those traveling to return home and participate in the virtual conference.
- The organizing committee will consider regional hubs where attendees can gather in person to participate in the virtual conference. This would create a sense of community and provide networking opportunities.

2022 Conference Medals

- Jennifer Payne presented Louise Howard's recommendations for medals to be awarded at the 2022 Conference:
 - Marcé Medal: Prabha Chandra
 - John Cox Medal: Jane Fisher
 - Channi Kumar Lecture: Simone Vigod
- Executive members strongly supported Louise's nominations.
- The Executive Office will notify the medal winners.

Special Interest Groups

- Sheehan Fisher, who is serving as the Representative of the Special Interest Groups to the Executive, presented a summary of the current SIGs:
 - Fathers – Chair, Sheehan Fisher
 - Pregnancy Loss and Newborn Death – Chair, Deb Rich
 - Prevention of Perinatal Mental Health Disorders – Co-Chairs, Mimi Le and Emma Motrico
 - Reproductive Mental Health Forensics – Chair, Diana Barnes
 - A new group focusing on LGBTQ issues is being formed.
- Infrastructure and documentation are being developed to create transparency and consistency, and to streamline effort from the SIG chairs and leadership.

International Marcé Mentorship Program (IMMP)

- Lisa Segre shared that 22 mentor and mentee pairs were successfully matched for the 2021 program. Mentors are now being sought for the 2022 program. Matches will take place in the first quarter of 2022.
- A new initiative called "Ask an Expert" is in development to create opportunities for Marcé members to interact and learn from experts in the Marcé community. More details will follow in early 2022.

The following meeting of the Executive will include Regional Group Representatives, with agenda items focused the 2022 Election and Biennial General Assembly.

Commented [MM1]: Louise correction: Regional members will be invited to March 2022 meeting