

# International Society of Critical Health Psychology (ISCHP)

Report and Action Notes from the Biennial General Meeting of the Society

19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Adelaide, Australia

## Chair's report

Wendy Stainton Rogers welcomed ISCHP members and introduced the meeting's agenda.

Brief reports were made by:

- Gareth Treharne (Secretary)
- Chris Stephens (Treasurer)
- Kerry Chamberlain (email list, website)
- Tria Moore (Newsletter Editor)
- Suzanne Cosh and Britta Wigginton (Postgraduate Student Representatives)
- Shona Crabb (2011 Conference Chair)

Time was allocated for general discussion on two main topics\*:

1. How ISCHP can offer more and better support (for postgraduate and early-career academic members).
2. How the Society can flourish through locally organised events and meetings.

\* Potential changes in the system of membership were on the agenda but were not discussed due to lack of time.

In her report Wendy brought us up to date on the progress of the Society since the previous conference in Lausanne, Suisse/Switzerland, in July 2009. Mainly this has been the establishment of ways to make decision-making more collective and communications more effective, mainly achieved through the setting up and running (through Massey University, New Zealand) of three email lists:

1. An email list to contact all ISCHP members (see the first item of the following Action Notes).
2. An email list for the ISCHP Organising Committee (used, for example, to review the three bids to stage the 2011 conference and decide upon which best served ISCHP's core principles and international nature).
3. An email list for the ISCHP Conference Organising Committee (used for collective action: for example, nominating and then deciding between suggested keynote speakers).

Wendy also outlined two meetings that had taken place since the Lausanne conference: an ISCHP conference planning meeting held in Brisbane in February 2010 at the Australasian Society for Behavioural Health and Medicine (ASBHM) and a one-day ISCHP Hui held in Milton Keynes in September 2010 (Hui is a word for an important meeting borrowed from Te Reo Māori, the Māori language).

Wendy ended her report by announcing that one bid had been received to host the 8<sup>th</sup> ISCHP conference in 2013 from a consortium led by the Department of Psychology at the University of Bradford and including the Feminism and Health Research Group and Centre for Men's Health at Leeds Metropolitan University and the Centre for Applied Psychological Research and Institute for Health Citizenship at the University of Huddersfield (see the item about the bid for further details).

## Action notes from the meeting (and subsequent goings-on)

<b>Membership and the email list</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who?</b>
<p>Kerry Chamberlain runs the ISCHP members email list (<a href="mailto:ischp@lists.massey.ac.nz">ischp@lists.massey.ac.nz</a>). In his report he reminded us that membership of ISCHP has always been automatic for anyone who attends an ISCHP conference. After the 2011 conference all new attendees will be added to the list.</p> <p>In addition, anyone wanting to join the lists (and hence the Society) can do so by emailing: <a href="mailto:sympa@lists.massey.ac.nz">sympa@lists.massey.ac.nz</a> with the following in either the subject or body of the email: SUBSCRIBE ISCHP.</p> <p>Kerry drew attention to the fact that this email list is one of the main ways in which the Society functions and members keep in touch. He encouraged members to make greater use of this facility, with a request that emails don't include attachments (as some members cannot open these) and that the subject line include pertinent details such as specific location details (that may not be common knowledge among international members). In this way the list can be both useful and informative without being too intrusive.</p>	<p>Encourage colleagues and students to join.</p> <p>Send important announcements to the mailing list (beware: replying to incoming messages replies to the whole list!).</p>	<p>All ISCHP members!</p>
<b>Finances</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who?</b>
<p>Chris Stephens confirmed that the balance of profits from previous conferences have gradually been getting transferred into ISCHP's central bank account (with Barclays Bank, UK), involving a somewhat protracted process of establishing new signatories, arranging international transfers and changing its name. Once this work has been completed, Chris will issue a detailed set of accounts.</p> <p>Shona Crabb reported that the financial outcome for the ISCHP 2011 conference is looking healthy but will need to be confirmed when all local accounts have been settled by the University of Adelaide. Any profit, plus seeding money passed on from Lausanne, will be transferred to the central bank account. A seeding fund will then be negotiated with the University of Bradford who will be the lead hosting institution for the ISCHP 2013 conference.</p>	<p>Financial outcome of 2011 conference to be finalised.</p> <p>Funds to be transferred.</p>	<p>Chris Stephens, Shona Crabb, Christine Horrocks, Sally Johnson and Wendy Stainton Rogers.</p>

<b>ISCHP Organising Committee</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who?</b>
<p>Gareth Treharne reported on the changes to the ISCHP Organising Committee. A list of the committee members at the time of the 2011 conference was included in the abstract book. An updated list is appended to these notes. The committee can be contacted by emailing <a href="mailto:ischp-exec@lists.massey.ac.nz">ischp-exec@lists.massey.ac.nz</a>.</p> <p>The following members have stepped down from the committee and are thanked for their input: Marie Santiago Delefosse (Chair of the ISCHP 2009 conference), Catriona Mcleod (international representative), Maria del Rio Carral (postgraduate student representative) and Boshadi Semanya (postgraduate student representative).</p> <p>The following individuals who had already volunteered to join the committee were welcomed: Sally Johnson (Co-Chair of the 2013 conference along with Christine Horrocks who was already an international representative), Yasuhiro Igarashi (international representative) and Sally Sargeant (early career liaison). A call for further nominations was proposed and subsequent to the meeting the following individuals volunteered to join the committee as international representatives: Lauren Breen, Michelle Lafrance, Anne Scott and Radoslaw Stupak. Two postgraduate student representatives (who volunteered during the preceding student involvement meeting) were also welcomed to the committee: Suzie Cosh and Britta Wigginton.</p>	<p>Canvass for further international/ student representation on the organising committee.</p>	<p>Gareth Treharne and Wendy Stainton Rogers.</p>
<b>Student involvement/support and career development</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who?</b>
<p>Britta Wigginton and Suzie Cosh spoke about the outcomes of the student involvement meeting. They recommended that the hands-on format of the pre-conference workshops should be continued at future conferences. The activities such as the small group dinners were also commended but it was noted that brief background information about the hosts would help newcomers decide on a relevant dinner to attend and that active efforts to engage newcomers would make these dinners more inclusive. Other activities such as intellectual speed-dating were proposed.</p> <p>A question was raised about whether the reduced registration rate would be available at the 2013 conference and it was confirmed that this two-tier structure would be continued.</p> <p>Sally Sargeant volunteered to act as an early career liaison. At the conference close Michelle Lafrance volunteered to co-ordinate information about the location and costing of international postgraduate courses in health psychology that have a critical focus.</p>	<p>Plan for student involvement at the 2013 conference.</p> <p>Facilitate student communication and career development via the website and mailing list.</p>	<p>The local conference organisers.</p> <p>Student members and the early career liaisons with support from the website co-ordinator.</p>

<b>ISCHP website</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Kerry Chamberlain reminded us that the ISCHP website is hosted and supported by Massey University, New Zealand, with its Website Co-ordinator, Floriane Fonjallaz, working from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.	Ongoing – manage the ISCHP website and its design and delivery.	Kerry Chamberlain.
Kerry reported that the website is currently not operational, as there have been a series of problems in developing and finalising its design. This is now being sorted. The revised design will be loaded by Floriane as soon as she is free to do so, and this improved version of the ISCHP website will be launched in August/September 2011.	Load website design and announce the relaunch.	Floriane Fonjallaz with support from Kerry Chamberlain.
In the interim, information will be available about ISCHP on the websites developed for the last two conferences: <a href="http://www.unil.ch/ischp09">www.unil.ch/ischp09</a> (mainly newsletters) and <a href="http://www.adelaide.edu.au/ischp">www.adelaide.edu.au/ischp</a> (now acting as an interim website until the main one is relaunched)	Post materials from ISCHP 2011 conference in the interim.	Shona Crabb.
We have most of the content required for our ISCHP website, which will include important notices (ISCHP events and activities worldwide, details of the 2013 conference, etc.) and documents including all the ISCHP newsletters (that are currently hosted on the ISCHP 2009 conference website: <a href="http://www.unil.ch/ischp09">www.unil.ch/ischp09</a> ).	Continued preparation of materials to be posted.	Organised by Kerry Chamberlain.
Work has started on collecting biographies and photographs of ISCHP organising committee members to be posted on the website.	Complete the collection of text/pictures to be posted.	Organised by Chris Stephens.
Kerry also reported that the domains <a href="http://www.ischp.org">www.ischp.org</a> and <a href="http://www.ischp.com">www.ischp.com</a> are currently unavailable but are being monitored.	Acquire these domains if they become available.	Kerry Chamberlain.

<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Tria Moore spoke about the aims of the ISCHP newsletter, <i>Connected</i> , which she edits with Adam Bourne, who was unable to attend the conference. Tria also called for submissions for the next issue of the newsletter, particularly reviews of the 2011 conference. The newsletter will be published on an approximately annual basis. It was noted that the newsletter is an important form of publicity and communication (particularly for orienting invited keynote speakers) and Tria and Adam are thanked for their continuing work.	Produce the next newsletter with a focus on the 2011 conference.	Tria Moore and Adam Bourne in liaison with attendees.
<b>Special issue call for papers</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Damien Riggs announced a call for papers on gender and/or sexuality from the 2011 conference (via a flyer) for inclusion in a special issue of the Australian Psychological Society's journal, <i>Gay and Lesbian Issues and Psychology Review</i> (see <a href="http://www.groups.psychology.org.au/glip/glip_review">http://www.groups.psychology.org.au/glip/glip_review</a> ).	Submit papers by 5th March 2012.	Anyone with a relevant paper.
<b>Local events</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Wendy (following a number of suggestions, including from the postgraduate members) encouraged ISCHP members to plan and stage local interim events between conferences. More information about this will be circulated through the ISCHP members email list. Subsequent to the meeting, it has been proposed that ISCHP members meet at ASBHM in Melbourne in February 2012 (abstract submission due in August 2011).	Meet with local colleagues before 2013.	All ISCHP members!

<b>ISCHP 2013 Conference</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who?</b>
<p>Christine Horrocks and Sally Johnson presented information about how they will host the ISCHP 2013 Conference at the University of Bradford.</p> <p>It was confirmed that senior management at the University were keen to support the conference being hosted at Bradford. The conference will be organised by a West Yorkshire Consortium consisting of the University of Bradford, Leeds Metropolitan University and the University of Huddersfield working in partnership with ISCHP.</p> <p>It was reported that among the Consortium members there is a wealth of critical health psychology experience and expertise with local research groups throughout the region already agreeing to make significant contributions to the 2013 Conference.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the new 'Sustainable Student Village', currently under construction at the University of Bradford, will provide comfortable and convenient accommodation for delegates. However, the Conference dates will determine if this is possible.</p> <p>It was also reported that conference organisation can be supported by Events@Bradford, the University's conference support department. This is currently a service provided with no cost attached, however, the Committee were advised that this may change in light of recent fiscal demands. Bradford have made it clear, though, that they do not intend to make any profit.</p>	<p>Convene a local conference committee. Liaise with the central committee about dates.</p>	<p>Christine Horrocks, Sally Johnson and Wendy Stainton Rogers.</p>
<p>Feedback on the ISCHP 2011 Conference will be collated soon and passed on to the Bradford team to inform plans for the 2013 Conference.</p>	<p>Collate feedback on ISCHP 2011 Conference.</p>	<p>Shona Crabb.</p>

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