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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ICPSYCH PSYCHOTHERAPY FACULTY MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2006, 121 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, DUBLIN 2

<b>Present:</b>	Dr B McCormack	Dr D O'Rourke
	Dr A Moran	Dr M McDonough
	Dr P Galligan	Dr A Noonan
	Ms M Silke	Ms L Burton
	Ms B Maguire	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dr B Fitzmaurice	Dr P Dodd
	Dr A McCarthy	Dr S Rooney

### 1. Attendance and apologies.

Noted.

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on September 12 2005 were approved.

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) **Winter Meeting – Cork 2005** was very successful. There were excellent speakers, good discussions and a high attendance.
- b) **Spring 2006 Meeting.** The dates for this meeting are set as 30-31 March 2006 and the venue will be Dublin. Ms. Silke noted that we needed to circulate something by the end of January. Liaison Psychiatry have agreed to a merged session but no topics have been decided upon as yet. Dr. A. McCarthy and Dr. J. Sheehan are discussing options for topics. Dr. McCormack suggested having a Plan B from this Faculty in case the format with Liaison falls through. Ms. Silke will follow up with Drs. McCarthy and Sheehan on their progress.
- c) **Winter 2006 Meeting.** The dates for this meeting are set as 9-10 November 2006 and the venue will be The Holiday Inn Hotel, Belfast. Dr. McCormack will liaise with the N.I. Division to figure out topics and speakers. He is planning to contact Dr. M O'Kane to discuss in detail.
- d) **Review of Training for Trainees.** The Management Committee discussed the survey at their meeting last week (January 11 2006). It needed a covering letter providing background information which explained the survey's aim as a training and management resource. It should also be made clear how the information will be used and that it is a College project. Dr. O'Rourke and Dr. Noonan agreed to prepare a letter prior to the February 8 Management Committee meeting.

**e) Development of SpR and consultant posts.**

Dr. McCormack reported that there had been some discussion with the Psychotherapy Faculty in London and with PTSAC over the past year regarding recognition of consultants in psychotherapy in Ireland. However as Ireland and the UK may in due course have separate training and accreditation structures it is important that the ICPsych agrees standards with the IPTC. It was agreed to set up a subcommittee to write a position paper which will make recommendations as to appropriate training and work structures for consultant specialists in psychotherapy. Members of the subcommittee are: Dr. Moran (Chair), Dr McCormack, Dr. Noonan, Dr. Galligan, Dr. O'Rourke and Dr. McDonough. This sub-committee will meet on Monday January 30 2006 at 3:30pm at 121 St. Stephen's Green.

**4. Representation and Reports:**

**CPD**

Nothing to report

**Law Committee**

Criminal Law (Insanity) Bill is being reported on as is the Health & Social Care Professionals Bill 2004.

**Executive Committee**

Dr. McCormack reported back regarding a few relevant issues arising from the recent Executive Committee meeting, January 11 2006:

**1) Statutory registration.**

DR McCormack had attended a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 05 of a number of Irish psychotherapy organisations concerning this matter and a further meeting is due to be held in Feb. When the HEALTH and SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS BILL 2004 comes into effect psychotherapists will be required to be registered and regulated under the terms of the Act. The ICPsych is concerned to ensure that psychiatrists are not compromised in the use of psychotherapy in treating patients as part of normal psychiatric practice and as specialists.

Dr. Ganter had written to Dr McCormack expressing this concern.

This issue would also be for consideration by the "SpR and Consultant Posts" subcommittee.

**2) Green Paper**

Dr. McCormack informed the committee that the Executive Committee are looking for feedback on the Green Paper issued by the EU Commission regarding improving Mental Health for the population. Responses should be forwarded to Dr. Ganter by the end of April in time for the next Executive Committee Meeting at the end of May 2006.

**3) Expert Group**

Will be discussed at January 30 2006 meeting.

**IPTC**

A letter was received from the IPTC requesting a successor to Dr. A. Campbell on the Psychotherapy SAC. It was agreed that Dr. B. McCormack would be nominated. Dr McCormack thanked Dr Campbell on behalf of the Faculty for her valuable contribution during her time as PTSAC representative.

It was also noted that Dr. McCarthy is succeeding Dr. Twoomey on the IPTC Eastern Region Psychotherapy Committee. The next meeting of the IPTC is February 2 2006.

## **Public Education Sub-committee**

Dr. Moran was not at the most recent meeting as she was unable to attend. She reiterated that the Spike Milligan Competition was January 26, 2006 at the Guinness Store House at 6pm. Dr. Moran also reported that the Carers' Survey is in process. The Management Committee has referred it back to the Public Education Committee for more information.

### **5. Website**

Ms Silke noted that each Faculty is to have it's own page on the website. A draft was circulated prior to the meeting and the committee was asked for feedback. It was agreed that Dr. Noonan as Honorary Secretary of the Faculty would be the coordinator of the psychotherapy page on the ICPsych website. All suggestion for additions or for changes should be directed to Dr Noonan. It was usual that the names of members of the Faculty Executive would be put on the webpage. All present agreed. Ms Maguire confirm agreement of those not present before all the names are added.

### **6. Interpreters in Psychotherapy**

Provided e-mail as information for members.

### **7. CR116: Psychotherapy and Learning Disability**

Any member with comments should forward via e-mail to Dr. McCormack or Ms. Maguire

### **9. AOB**

#### **Winter 2006 Meeting**

Dr. McCormack will liaise with Dr. O'Kane in Northern Ireland regarding speakers.

#### **Elections April 2006**

Elections are due to take place in April 2006 for both the Chairperson and Hon. Secretary positions. It is necessary to circulate a call for nominations 28 days prior to the Spring 2006 Meeting. If no other nominations are made then Dr Noonan and Dr. McCormack will be approved. If there are other nominations there will be a postal ballot.

### **10. Date of Next Meetings:**

1. **February 27, 11:30am – 1pm; Robert Smith Boardroom, 123 St. Stephen's Green**
2. April 24, 11:30am – 1pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, 121 St. Stephen's Green
3. June 19, 11:30am – 1pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom, 121 St. Stephen's Green

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