

**MINUTES OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE FOR THE SPECIAL INTEREST
GROUP IN EDUCATION FOR THE BRITISH PAIN SOCIETY
THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2008 at 1500 HOURS**

Attendance

M. Briggs
Maggie Whittaker
Marcia Schofield

Apologies

Eloise Carr

Other members

Dr S Gupta
Ann Taylor

Chair

Dr Paul Wilkinson

1. Previous Minutes.

These were accepted by the group.

2. Update on Speakers for December meeting.

There was little further feedback about what the SIG membership would wish to have on the meeting.

Following discussions about the programme a modified programme has been produced (enclosed). Against each component of the programme there is an agreed lead. It was hoped that Eloise would lead the section on internet resources with help from Marcia Schofield. In addition Professor Maggie Favin-Baden, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of Coventry has agreed to do the morning session. She indicated she would not set a specific honorarium but advised that her normal daily is a £1000. It was discussed that customarily at professional educational meetings commercial rates were not paid. Previously the Pain Society has paid honorariums based on the revenue achieved. However, in view of the sponsorship already gained, it was felt we could offer £300 at this point plus expenses. Richard Holland had been unavailable who was our original first speaker. It was agreed to extend this problem-based learning session to 1½ hour and reduce the interdisciplinary session. **By way of process, it was agreed that leads for each of the sessions for the programme would circulate their progress by Email by Monday, 20th October 2008 to allow discussion at the next meeting.**

Action Points

- a. To explore with Ken what honorarium we could offer.
- b. Eloise to consider leading the Internet Resources session.

3. Marketing Plans

Eloise has agreed to use a nursing network. Members of the Committee struggled with this as an issue and would look towards Ken to circulate along normal mailing lists. This may include by way of suggestion members of the Pain Society, Association of Anaesthetists and any other usual networking mechanism.

4. Update on UK survey

Emma and Maggie highlighted the excellent progress made with this project. Modifications prior to final ethical submission are in hand. They expect to be able to present either final or preliminary data back at the next British Pain Society Conference (*Well Done!*).

5. Workshop for next British Pain Society

The Group was conscious of the acute timescale. Marcia had suggested a workshop on E.learning. It was suggested that perhaps this year we should have more structure and allow people to take away skills or messages. It was agreed that part of the workshop should be feedback of the postgraduate study with consideration of implications. The preferred option by the (neutral) members of the group was the problem-based learning option to enable attenders to take away problem-based learning skills or refine existing skills. Having an expert at the meeting in London was felt to help this further. We agreed that we would move forward with these ideas (summarised on enclose) unless Marcia or Eloise had strong objections (given the acute timescale).

Action

Paul to liaise with Eloise about progressing the BPS application form.

Any Other Business

None

Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th October 2008 5.15 pm – 6.15 pm (this represents a change from the previous date). No November Meeting was arranged at this point.

