

International Society of Critical Health Psychology (ISCHP)

Report and Action Notes from the Biennial General Meeting of the Society
11th July 2017 at the 10th Biennial Conference, Loughborough, United Kingdom

Apologies

- Adam Bourne (member of the ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Peter Branney (member of the ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Rochelle Burgess (member of the ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Jane Callaghan (member of the ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Shona Crabb (member of ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Jessica Drakett (Blog Co-Editor)
- Kayla Marshall (member of ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Natalie May (member of ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Chris McVittie (member of the ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Janice Moodley (member of ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Azizi Seixas (member of ISCHP Executive Committee)
- Radoslaw Stupak (member of ISCHP Executive Committee)

Agenda and Reports

Chris Stephens (ISCHP Chair) welcomed ISCHP members, and Gareth Treharne (Vice-Chair) introduced the agenda:

1. Finances.
2. Deciding on the venue for ISCHP's 11th biennial conference in 2019.
3. Thinking forwards to potential venues for ISCHP 2021.
4. Discussion of accessibility of conference
5. Discussion of the student bursary scheme and registration fees for student attendees.
6. ISCHP's newsletter, website and social media.
7. Constituency and tenure of the Executive Committee.
8. Nominations of the core roles of the Executive Committee.

Brief reports about core ISCHP matters were presented by:

- Chris Stephens as Treasurer.
- Elizabeth Peel as current Conference Chair regarding student bursaries.
- Kerry Chamberlain as Communication Co-ordinator about the email list and the website
- Glen Jankowski as Blog Co-Editor and one of the facilitators of ISCHP's social media.

Further details of these reports and other points are included in the following Action Notes, which are formulated as a record of discussions but also identifying the ongoing actions to be taken. These notes were collated by Poul Rohleder (ISCHP Secretary) and confirmed among the Executive Committee.

A full of members of the Executive Committee and their affiliations is included at the end of these notes. The affiliations of individuals who contributed to discussion who are not members of the Executive Committee are listed within the notes the first time they are referred to.

Action Notes from the Meeting

| Finances | Actions | Who? |
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| <p>Chris Stephens confirmed that the balance of profits from previous ISCHP conferences are still held in ISCHP's central bank account, which is with Kiwibank in New Zealand. The reserves in ISCHP's central bank account are separate to the local conference account held at Loughborough University for this conference. Most of the funds in the central account were transferred to Loughborough University as seed funding for this year's conference, with the remaining balance being around NZ\$820. The signatories for the Kiwibank ISCHP account are Kerry Chamberlain, Antonia Lyons, Chris Stephens and Gareth Treharne. Two signatories are required to authorise any transaction and the bank account is run as per ISCHP's operational principles (https://ischp.net/). Chris Stephens noted that ISCHP came out even after the 2015 conference in Grahamstown.</p> <p>Elizabeth Peel presented a provisional report of current conference finances. The conference was attended by 105 full delegates and 17 day delegates from 24 countries. The financial break-even goal for the conference was met. The local conference organisers will report on the full financial outcome of the conference to the Treasurer after all expenditures have been settled and then close the account by transferring any profits to ISCHP's central bank account. An appropriate amount of seed funding will later be transferred to an account to be set up at the host institution of the next ISCHP conference.</p> <p>Gareth Treharne gave thanks to Elizabeth Peel and Sue White for their conference organisation.</p> | <p>Financial outcome of 2017 conference to be finalised and reported to the Treasurer. Profits to be transferred to ISCHP's central bank account.</p> <p>Bank account to be set up at the 2019 conference host institution. Seed funding to be transferred.</p> | <p>Elizabeth Peel, Chris Stephens and 2019 Conference Chair.</p> |
| <p>ISCHP 2019 conference and beyond</p> | | |
| <p>No formal bids to host the conference in 2019 were submitted prior to the AGM. At the AGM, two potential bids were presented:</p> <p>Rado Masaryk, with the support of Wendy Stainton-Rogers expressed an interest for the 2019 conference to be held in Bratislava, Slovakia. Wendy spoke of the history of engagement in critical health psychology with countries of Eastern Europe, and described this as a unique opportunity to grow the accessibility of critical psychology in central and eastern Europe. Rado emphasised the accessibility of Bratislava with affordable flights from within Europe. There was some enthusiasm from the audience for this.</p> <p>Maria Del Rio Carral and Fabienne Fasseur expressed an interest for the 2019 conference to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland. This was the venue of the ISCHP2009 conference. Maria and Fabienne highlighted having successfully delivered the conference in the past, the accessibility of the venue from within Europe, and the multilingual context.</p> <p>Subsequent to the AGM, the Lausanne team felt they could not put in a formal bid for 2019, but expressed an interest to bid for the conference to be held there in 2021.</p> | <p>Local conference committees to submit a formal bid to the ISCHP exec, who will then take a vote.</p> <p>Once a venue is decided on, convene a local conference organising committee and an international advisory group.</p> | <p>Rado Masaryk, Wendy Stainton-Rogers, Chris Stephens, Gareth Treharne and Poul Rohleder.</p> |

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| <p>Discussion was also had about potential venues for ISCHP conferences beyond 2019. There was some enthusiasm prior to the AGM and during the meeting for the conference to be held in Canada, where the first ISCHP conference was held 20 year ago. Ama de-Graft Atkins (University of Ghana) pointed out how the conference has only been to an African country once, and expressed an interest in bidding to host the 2021 conference in Ghana. There was a lot of enthusiasm for this too.</p> | <p>Call for bids to host the 2021 conference to be sent out to the full ISCHP list in early 2019.</p> | <p>Gareth Treharne, Poul Rohleder and Abigail Locke.</p> |
| <p>Accessibility of future conferences</p> | <p>Actions</p> | <p>Who?</p> |
| <p>There was considerable discussion about ways to make future conferences more accessible to delegates with different needs. Wendy Stainton-Rogers highlighted the challenge of hosting the ISCHP conference (which does not make much of a profit) within increasingly neoliberal university structures. Comments were made about the cost of attending in expensive locations (in terms of travel or foreign exchange). A number of suggestions were put forward for possible consideration in future conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Including a process of fund-raising when registering for the conference (i.e., requests for voluntary contributions). - Possibility of providing flexible registration costs according to academic seniority, GDP of delegate's country. The logistics of organising this were noted to be very challenging. - Using technology to improve accessibility to other locations – e.g. live-streaming keynotes; interactive online sessions and workshops. However, it was pointed out that accessing different locations across different time zones makes this difficult. - Inviting students at the host institution to freely attend the conference (even if not presenting). <p>There was also discussion about making future conferences more accessible to delegates who may have childcare requirements/needs. The issue regarding legality and safeguarding in different contexts makes this complicated. It was suggested that future conference hosts be required to investigate local childcare arrangements (as was done at Loughborough).</p> <p>Glen Jankowski emphasised the need to consider the diversity of representation of keynote speakers at future conferences.</p> | <p>All suggestions to be considered by ISCHP Exec.</p> | <p>2019 conference committee and Executive Committee.</p> |
| <p>Conference bursaries</p> | <p>Actions</p> | <p>Who?</p> |
| <p>Due to financial uncertainty, ISCHP could not fund conference bursaries for students this year. It was noted that reduced registration rates are always made available for students.</p> | <p>Student bursaries to be considered for future ISCHP conferences.</p> | <p>Chris Stephens, Gareth Treharne and 2019 Conference Chair.</p> |

| Newsletter, communications, website and social media | Actions | Who? |
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| <p>Kerry Chamberlain discussed the moderation of the ISCHP email list. He stated that there has been very little need to moderate posts, so he suggested that the manual process of moderation be removed. He encouraged ISCHP members to use the email list to generate discussions, and connect to others. Kerry also noted that all members of ISCHP are welcome to circulate relevant announcements etc. to the ISCHP members email list (ischp@lists.massey.ac.nz). He noted the UK-centric nature of mailings, and encouraged contributions from diverse contexts. Kerry reminded attendees that membership of ISCHP has always been automatic for anyone who attends an ISCHP conference and following this conference, it will now pass 1000 members. Details of how to unsubscribe are contained at the end of every circulated email. Anyone wanting to join the list (and hence join ISCHP) in between conferences can do so by emailing: sympa@lists.massey.ac.nz with the following in either the subject or body of the email: SUBSCRIBE ISCHP. This process can be used to change the email address at which members want to receive these emails to by unsubscribing their old email address and then resubscribing with their new email address.</p> | <p>Encourage colleagues and new students to join ISCHP.</p> <p>Send important announcements to the mailing list.</p> | <p>All ISCHP members.</p> |
| <p>Glen Jankowski presented the utilization of the ISCHP blog (https://ischp.net/). The blog was launched in December 2015, and since then it has had around 10,000 visitors. To date there have been 47 blog posts. Glen announced that he and Jessica Drakett will be stepping down as Blog Co-Editors, to be replaced by Devina Lister and Neda Mahmoodi. They discussed the possibility of creating a monthly electronic journal/newsletter.</p> <p>Glen also noted that ISCHP has an official Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ISCHPsychology) and Twitter account (https://twitter.com/crithealthpsych). The tweetchats have been discontinued as it was not effective to hold them with so many ISCHP members being located in differing time zones.</p> | <p>Continue regular blog posts.</p> | <p>Devina Lister, Neda Mahmoodi and Kerry Chamberlain.</p> <p>All ISCHP members can contribute to the blog.</p> |
| <p>Brett Scholz, Ally Gibson and Britta Wigginton presented a proposal to develop a series of podcasts for the ISCHP. They proposed a title of “The Operative Word”. The proposal is to create a series of podcasts that aim to make academic knowledge of critical psychology more accessible, and that can be used as a resource for teaching and by other researchers. They proposed a format of podcasts published as a volume with issues, with an initial six issues for the first year. Each issue is a single podcast episode. The podcasts are to be 30-60 minutes each, and can take on different formats (e.g. interviews, conversations, debates, discussion of research). The podcasts can be created with the use of free software and hosted through Sound Cloud which can be linked to the ISCHP blog.</p> <p>There was some caution raised about this being a lot of work and responsibility for the team to take on, but they suggested doing a trial run of six issues in the first instance. There was a suggestion to make post-conference podcasts of some of the talks (e.g. the 5-minute challenges). Glen Jankowski pointed out that he and colleagues have been working on three podcasts which they are happy to hand over. They have also created a “how to” guide that can be used. It was agreed to go ahead with a trial of podcasts.</p> | <p>Interested ISCHP members to submit proposals for a podcast to Brett Scholz, Ally Gibson and Britta Wigginton.</p> | <p>Brett Scholz, Ally Gibson and Britta Wigginton.</p> |

| ISCHP Executive Committee | Actions | Who? |
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| <p>The structure and tenure of the Executive Committee was discussed.</p> <p>Gareth Treharne thanked Chris Stephens for her contribution as Chair for the past 2 years, and the other Executive Committee members who are stepping down for their contribution to ISCHP. The following people stepped down at this time: Chris Stephens (as Chair but remaining as Treasurer), Jessica Drakett and Glen Jankowski (Blog Co-Editors), and Peter Branney, Bob Kugelmann, Azizi Seixas, Suzie Cosh, Sally Sargeant, Ian Lubek, Antonia Lyons, Tria Moore and Bridgette Rickett (International Representatives).</p> <p>There is a 4-year period of tenure for Executive Committee members. Those who joined in 2015 or earlier who wish to continue serving on the committee beyond the 2019 conference will have to be renominated.</p> | <p>Call for (re)nominations to join the committee before the 2019 conference.</p> | <p>Poul Rohleder and Abigail Locke.</p> |
| <p>Gareth Treharne reported on nominations for the ISCHP Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gareth Treharne was nominated as Chair by Chris Stephens and Poul Rohleder and was approved. - Poul Rohleder was nominated as Vice-Chair by Chris Stephens and Gareth Treharne and was approved. - Abigail Locke was nominated as Secretary by Poul Rohleder and Peter Branney and was approved. - Devina Lister and Neda Mahmoodi were nominated as Blog Co-editors by Glen Jankowski and Jessica Drakett and were approved. After the meeting this title was changed to Website Co-editors. - Anthea Lesch was as an International Rep by Poul Rohleder and Chris Stephens and was approved. - Declan Heaslewood was nominated as student rep by Gareth Treharne and Glen Jankowski and was approved. - Sagar Murdeshwar was nominated as student rep by Sarah Riley and Gareth Treharne and was approved. - Phil Jefferies (in his absence and with his knowledge) was nominated as Early Careers Liaison by Poul Rohleder and Gareth Treharne and was approved. - Gareth noted also that Chris Stephens becomes Past Chair of ISCHP (as well as Treasurer), and Elizabeth Peel becomes Past Conference Chair. - After the conference, Brett Scholz was nominated to become an International Representative by Gareth Treharne and Chris Stephens to keep him informed in his role as Podcast Co-Editor. Additionally, Lisa Rubin was nominated to become an International Representative by Gareth Treharne and Chris Stephens. <p>All members of the Executive Committee's roles and affiliations are provided in the appended list.</p> | <p>Update the Executive Committee email list and website.</p> | <p>Chris Stephens, Gareth Treharne and Neda Mahmoodi.</p> |

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