

# International Society of Critical Health Psychology (ISCHP)

Report and Action Notes from the Biennial General Meeting of the Society  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Bratislava, Slovakia

## Apologies

Adam Bourne (member of the ISCHP Executive Committee); Rochelle Burgess (member of the ISCHP Executive Committee); Shona Crabb (member of ISCHP Executive Committee); Ally Gibson (member of ISCHP Executive Committee); Adam Jowett (member of ISCHP Executive Committee) Dee Lister (former Blog Co-Editor); Antonia Lyons (member of the team bidding to host ISCHP 2021); Neda Mahmoodi (Blog Co-Editor); Tracy Morison (Blog Co-Editor); Poul Rohleder (Vice-Chair of ISCHP Executive Committee); Chris Stephens (ISCHP Treasurer); Britta Wigginton (Podcast Co-Editor).

## Agenda and Reports

Gareth Treharne (ISCHP Chair) welcomed ISCHP members and confirmed everyone's permission to audio-record the meeting solely for confirming details of discussions for these notes, and introduced the agenda along with Abigail Locke (ISCHP Secretary):

1. Action Notes of the previous ISCHP meeting (July 2017) were confirmed (proposed by Gareth Treharne and seconded by Abigail Locke).
2. Matters arising after the 2017 AGM (Gareth Treharne): Rado Masaryk was confirmed as Conference Chair for ISCHP 2019.
3. Reports:
  - Gareth Treharne both as Chair and on behalf of the Treasurer, Chris Stephens.
  - Rado Masaryk as current Conference Chair.
  - Kerry Chamberlain as Communication Co-ordinator.
  - Magda Marczak as Blog Co-Editor.
  - Brett Scholz as Podcast Co-Editor.
4. Nominations for the core roles of the Executive Committee (Vice-Chair).
5. Nominations for other representatives on the Executive Committee and discussion of specific roles for early career representatives and student representatives.
6. Deciding on the venue for ISCHP's 11<sup>th</sup> biennial conference in 2021.
7. Potential student presentation prizes.
8. Student bursary scheme and registration fees for students and unwaged attendees.
9. Thinking forwards to potential venues for ISCHP 2023.
10. Any other business.

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 Abigail Locke and Gareth Treharne 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?
<p>Gareth Treharne 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 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 (<a href="https://ischp.net/">https://ischp.net/</a>). The profits from the 2017 conference in Loughborough were transferred to the central bank account and Gareth thanks Elizabeth Peel for running the 2017 conference successfully. A seed loan was transferred from the ISCHP central account to a local bank account in Bratislava in 2018 to develop the 2019 conference and pay relevant deposits.</p> <p>Rado Masaryk presented a provisional report of current conference. The conference was attended by 95 full delegates from 16 countries. The main challenge was people who submitted an abstract but did not formally withdraw when reminded about registering. The financial break-even goal for the conference was met and the conference will not make any substantial profit or loss after returning the seed loan. Gareth Treharne noted that the aim is to break even as this ensures the costs for delegates have been kept appropriately low and he gave thanks to Rado and the local organisers. 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.</p> <p>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>Financial outcome of 2019 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 2021 conference host institution. Seed funding to be transferred.</p>	<p>Rado Masaryk, Chris Stephens, Gareth Treharne, and Ally Gibson.</p>
ISCHP Executive Committee	Actions	Who?
<p>Gareth Treharne noted that there is a 4-year period of tenure for Executive Committee members, which was agreed upon in 2015. Therefore Executive Committee members who took up roles in 2017 will continue until 2021 unless stepping down.</p> <p>Gareth Treharne announced that Poul Rohleder has stepped down as Vice-Chair. Gareth thanked Poul for his contribution over the past 2 years (and as Secretary prior to that). Gareth also noted that Devina Lister stood down as Blog Co-Editor in 2018 and was replaced by Magda Marczak and Tracy Morison following an open call for nominations. Gareth also noted that Neda Mahmoodi is on maternity leave but plans to return as a Blog Co-Editor alongside Magda and Tracy. The following people also stepped down: Amedeo D'Angiulli, Britta Wigginton (International Rep and Podcast Co-Editor), Irina Todorova, Kayla Marshall, Melissa Sparrow, Natalie May, Nicole Scullard, and Stefan Frederick. Gareth thanked these people for their contribution to ISCHP.</p>	<p>Call for nominations to (re)join the committee before the 2019 conference.</p>	<p>Abigail Locke and Gareth Treharne.</p>

<p>Gareth Treharne went through nominations for Executive Committee roles and all were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sarah Riley was nominated as Vice-Chair by Gareth Treharne and Abigail Locke.</li> <li>- Adam Jowett was nominated to continue as an International Rep by Gareth Treharne and Sarah Riley.</li> <li>- Andrea Lamarre was nominated to continue as an International Rep (previously a Student Rep) by Gareth Treharne and Brett Scholz.</li> <li>- Catriona Macleod was nominated to continue as an International Rep by Gareth Treharne and Elizabeth Peel.</li> <li>- Elizabeth Peel was nominated to continue as an International Rep (previously Past Conference Chair) by Gareth Treharne and Sarah Riley.</li> <li>- Rochelle Burgess was nominated to continue as an International Rep by Gareth Treharne and Wendy Stainton Rogers.</li> <li>- Jenny Setchell was nominated as an International Rep by Gareth Treharne and Sarah Riley.</li> <li>- Sarah Seymour-Smith was nominated as an International Rep by Kerry Chamberlain and Gareth Treharne.</li> <li>- Kathryn McGuigan was nominated as an International Rep by Kerry Chamberlain and Gareth Treharne.</li> <li>- Yanela Ndabula was nominated as a Student Rep by Catriona Macleod and Gareth Treharne.</li> <li>- Kristi Urry was nominated as a Student Rep by Gareth Treharne and Kerry Chamberlain.</li> </ul> <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 (Executive Committee email list), Magda Marczak, Tracy Morison, and Kerry Chamberlain (website).</p>
<p><b>ISCHP 2021 conference and beyond</b></p>		
<p>One formal bids to host the conference in 2021 was submitted prior to the AGM from a group of contributors in Aotearoa New Zealand led by Ally Gibson and including several other regular attendees of ISCHP conferences. The discussions of this bid were chaired by Elizabeth Peel because Gareth Treharne is one of contributors to the bid, and Gareth thanked Elizabeth for leading the call for bids. Gareth and Denise Blake presented the bid and introduced the proposed themes for the conference. In addition, Gareth and Denise emphasised that the conference will involve close collaboration with Māori as tangata whenua (indigenous peoples) of Aotearoa New Zealand. The bid was unanimously accepted and Ally Gibson accepted the position of 2021 Conference Chair.</p> <p>Virginia Braun raised a point about ISCHP having very long and full days which are a barrier for people with disabilities being involved, and it was agreed that this would be addressed in planning the 2021 conference.</p>	<p>Local conference organisers to send a formal announcement and invitation and start planning the conference with input from an international advisory group.</p>	<p>Ally Gibson, Gareth Treharne, Sarah Riley, Andrea Lamarre, Tracy Morison, Denise Blake, Antonia Lyons, and Abigail Locke.</p>

<p>Discussion of potential conference venues for 2023 was deferred from the AGM due to time constraints but will follow the formal bidding process in early 2021, and the decision will be made at the 2021 AGM. Enquiries from interested groups are welcome by email at any time.</p>	<p>A call for bids to host the 2023 conference to be sent out in 2021.</p>	<p>Gareth Treharne, Sarah Riley, and Abigail Locke.</p>
<p><b>Student bursaries</b></p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>	<p><b>Who?</b></p>
<p>ISCHP did not fund conference bursaries for students this year but reduced registration rates were available for students. Discussion of how to organise a bursary scheme was deferred from the AGM due to time constraints. Wendy Stainton Rogers and Kerry Chamberlain agreed to develop a working party explore this.</p>	<p>A working party on bursaries to be set up.</p>	<p>Wendy Stainton Rogers and Kerry Chamberlain.</p>
<p><b>Student awards</b></p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>	<p><b>Who?</b></p>
<p>Catriona Macleod led discussion of potential student presentation awards for future ISCHP conferences. The journal <i>Feminism &amp; Psychology</i> organises awards for the British Psychological Society's Psychology of Women and Equalities Section (POWES) as well as conferences in the US and South Africa. <i>Feminism &amp; Psychology</i> would also like to have an award at an international level and Catriona therefore proposed a student award at ISCHP. The process at these other conferences involves student abstracts relevant to <i>Feminism &amp; Psychology</i> being sent to a committee and shortlisted. Members of the awards committee go to the presentations of shortlisted students and two awards are made (best presentation and a runner up). The prize is a certificate and one year subscription to <i>Feminism &amp; Psychology</i>. Other criteria for the award are that the student is the first author and the presenter of the talk. The proposal was received enthusiastically and discussion of a range of awards was had. Sarah Riley explained the awards given by the British Psychological Society's Qualitative Methods in Psychology section and the range of possibilities discussed included ISCHP awards for student presentation, early career presentation, mid-career presentation, senior researcher presentation, and lifetime achievement. Catriona and Sarah agreed to develop a working party explore the awards.</p>	<p>A working party on ISCHP awards to be set up.</p>	<p>Catriona Macleod, Sarah Riley, and others.</p>
<p><b>Communications, blog, and podcast</b></p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>	<p><b>Who?</b></p>
<p>Magda Marczak gave a summary of the success of the ISCHP blog (<a href="https://ischp.net/category/commentaries/">https://ischp.net/category/commentaries/</a>) and plans for future. Magda and Tracy Morison have been co-editing the blog since September 2018 and have had some struggles getting blog posts. Magda thanked Wendy Stainton Rogers and Craig Owen for the blogs they have written themselves and commissioned from others. Magda encouraged blog posts from delegates and colleagues. Magda or Tracy can be contacted by anyone who has an idea for a blog post, and there are some guidelines on the website (<a href="https://ischp.net/guidelines-for-blog-posts/">https://ischp.net/guidelines-for-blog-posts/</a>). The blog posts we have published over the past 2 years have been thought-provoking and well-received. In addition, we publish career files (<a href="https://ischp.net/category/proffile/">https://ischp.net/category/proffile/</a>) and Magda thanked the contributors and encouraged others to email about potential career files.</p>	<p>Continue regular blog posts. All ISCHP members can contribute to the blog.</p>	<p>Magda Marczak, Tracy Morison, Neda Mahmoodi, and Kerry Chamberlain.</p>

<p>Brett Scholz gave a summary of the success of the Operative Word – the ISCHP podcast (<a href="https://ischp.net/podcast-2/">https://ischp.net/podcast-2/</a>) over the past 2 years since it was started following ISCHP 2017. Brett, Ally Gibson, and Britta Wigginton organised six episodes in the first volume over the past 2 years. There have been over 700 listens around the world and Brett suggested that we want a ten-fold increase. Brett has positive emails from listeners and there are listeners outside psychology and ISCHP, including social work etc. The podcasts are also being used in teaching – e.g. Victoria Uni, Wellington, NZ. Brett thanked Ally and Britta for their phenomenal work. There were some technical blips along the way and it involved a lot of work but it has been really great to the outcome. In terms of accessibility there were limitation due to a lack of resources for things like transcription and translation. Britta has stepped down from involvement in the podcast. Brett called for more ideas and for people to get involved by emailing with ideas for content.</p>	<p>Further podcasts to be organised.</p>	<p>Brett Scholz, Ally Gibson and any member of ISCHP interested in contributing to an episode.</p>
<p>Kerry Chamberlain gave a summary of communications. ISCHP has 1,040 members based on the number of people signed up to the email list and this number is stable. Kerry noted all ISCHP members can all post to the list and Kerry does not need to post on your behalf. Kerry also raised issue of the email list becoming an announcement list rather than a discussion list and argued that it should be a discussion list. Previously the email list was fully moderated, meaning that Kerry has to approve every incoming email. Now the list is set to circulate emails from anyone who is a member of the list and only emails from other addresses get sent from moderation. Kerry has only rejected two messages in recent years after consulting with other members of the Executive Committee. Kerry suggested that we need to agree on a way of working and protocol for everyone that is respectful of 'netiquette'. Gareth Treharne asked if the reply setting can be changed so that when someone replies to an email that has been sent to email list the reply only goes to the email address of the person sending the original message. Kerry noted that it can be changed but argue that it should be kept as it is in order to encourage discussion. Gareth noted that members could easily copy the email list address into to the 'to' field if they want to continue a discussion and noted that members are reporting that personal emails being sent to the whole list has caused the problems with netiquette we have experienced over recent years. Gareth called for a vote about whether to change the setting and 13 voted to change whereas 11 voted to keep the current setting. Kerry complained that this was unfair as it was a close vote and inappropriate for 24 members to make a decision on behalf the whole membership so the decision was deferred and no change was made. Members are reminded that if they reply to an email that has been sent to the ISCHP list it will reply to the whole list (even if they select reply rather than reply-all in their email software) and they are advised to be mindful of this when intending to reply only the sender of the original email as their personal message will be sent straight to all ISCHP members if they do not notice what they are doing.</p>	<p>Encourage colleagues and new students to join ISCHP.</p> <p>Hold relevant discussions and send important announcements to the mailing list.</p>	<p>All ISCHP members.</p>
<p>Subsequent to the conference Kerry, Magda and Tracy were invited by Gareth to consider organising a working party to explore what ISCHP members want from communications including the email list and blog.</p>	<p>A working party on ISCHP communications to be considered.</p>	<p>To be decided.</p>

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