

CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR & MENTAL HEALTH SIRG MEETING

Held during the Joint European Association Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities and SIRG Congress

2 September 2011

Manchester UK

Present

Angela Hassiotis, Chair

Karen Nankervis, SIRG Exec member and EAMHID board member

Jane McCarthy, Exec member

Knut Hoffmann

Berit Koch

Liz James

Edwin Jones

Michael Seidel, Exec member

Amanda Sinai

Olivette Mikolajcak

Discussion:

1. The audience suggested a SIRG roundtable for the EAMHID meeting in Lisbon . Subsequently, Dr McCarthy has confirmed that it would be desirable for the SIRG to take part in the Lisbon congress given the similarity of interests and scope of the organisations. This is to be further discussed in Halifax and decisions to be made by the new chair and executive.
2. The chair asked for contributions to the forthcoming issue of the newsletter
3. The chair mentioned that the term of the present cochairs and executive will be coming to an end and new officers are to be elected in Halifax. The process by which this is achieved may need to change so that the new team can be elected beforehand and the membership can have a greater contribution to who is elected. This is an issue for consideration vis a vis current SIRG and IASSID bylaws.
4. It was agreed that the joint congress was a very successful one with many excellent presentations and it could be a strength for the Challenging Behaviour and Mental Health SIRG to develop such partnerships.