

Business Meeting of the  
**Challenging Behaviour and Mental Health Special Interest Group**

**Rome, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**

**Present**

Angela Hassiotis (Co-chair, England, UK)  
Alick Bush (Treasurer & Executive Committee Member, England, UK)  
Deborah Elliot (Executive Committee Member, Australia)  
Michael Seidel (Executive Committee Member, Germany)  
Jane McCarthy (Executive Committee Member, England, UK)  
Karen Nankervis (Executive Committee Member, Australia)  
Glyn Murphy (Iassid President, England, UK)  
Edwin Jones (Secretary, Wales, UK)  
Bob Davis (Australia)  
Raghu Raghavan (England, UK)  
Saraswathi Devi (India)  
Roy Dineau (England, UK)  
Gerda De Kuyper (Netherlands)  
Eric Emerson (England, UK)  
Peter McGill (England, UK)  
Ken Courtenay (England, UK)  
Andie Strydom (England, UK)  
Clare Townsend (Australia)  
Maria Vassos (Australia)  
Jim Mansell (England, UK)  
Pia Bienstien (Germany)  
Lawrence Taggart (Northern Ireland , UK)

**Agenda**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Introduction</b>  The Chair welcomed members and gave a brief account of the history and mission of the group.	
<b>Progress Report</b>  The Chair, presented the annual report (which had previously been circulated electronically to all members), then gave a brief report on the SIRG's progress over the last 12 months.	
<b>Administrative Matters</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of administrative matters had been addressed over the previous year.</li></ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current membership stands at 147,</li> <li>• Current funds at \$ 8955.29.</li> </ul> <p>Agreed that we need to write a plan outlining proposed activities and expenditure. Attendees were made aware of arrangements for joining the SIRG and encouraged to do so if they were not already members.</p>	<p>Co chairs and Treasurer to lead on producing plan of future activities and expenditure.</p>
<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Attendees expressed frustration regarding the difficulties encountered with the main lassid website re paying fees, registering for the conference, etc. Glynis advised that council were aware of the problems and had taken action to resolve them. A new website had been developed and was ready to use. SIRG Chairs can get administrative rights to add new content etc to</p> <p>The CB &amp; MH SIRG section of the lassid website current content includes, in addition to the bylaws, biographical and contact details of the Executive Committee, copies of the SIRG newsletter and business meeting minutes are also posted there.</p>	<p>Co chairs to discuss with Maureen</p>
<p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p>Edwin reported that another edition of the newsletter will be sent out before Xmas. He reminded attendees that articles and other content was always welcome, especially from outside the UK</p>	<p>All members to send suggestions of articles to Edwin</p>
<p><b>Other Activities</b></p> <p>Eric Emerson reported that the World health organisation was interested in what lassid could do to support the implementation of Mental health action programme to help develop Mental health care in low income countries. Agreed that the co chair should discuss this further , but that in principle we should offer to support the initiative by offering both clinical/training expertise as well as research support on evaluating the impact of the programme.</p>	<p>Co chair to discuss further at lassid council and then write to Eric</p>
<p><b>Future SIRG Activities</b></p>	
<p>An open discussion took place on future actions that attendees would like the Executive Committee to consider. The following were suggested as useful future activities to support with SIRG finances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting bursaries for students from low income countries to attend future lassid events- the Family SIRG provide bursaries up to £1k and could advise</li> <li>• Contribute to funding a relevant research project in low income countries</li> </ul>	<p>Co chairs to lead on producing plan of future activities and expenditure.</p> <p>Co chair to discuss bursaries with</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing more lassid academy workshops regarding PWID &amp; CB &amp; MH, especially in low income countries</li><li>• Funding and organising an international scoping exercise to identify a longterm research agenda</li></ul> <p>Funding and organising an international comparison of service models re PWID &amp; CB &amp; MH,</p>	family SIRG Co- Chairs to explore all these possibilities with the Executive Committee
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  lassid World Congress July 9-14, Halifax 2012 (exact details to be arranged)	Angela Hassiotis