

Minutes from PIMD SIRG-meeting. 30th August 2017. Fribourg

1. Newsletter:
Thanks were given to SN & LB. We are very pleased with the current format. The newsletter will come out 6-monthly. The editors will send a reminder for contributions and are happy to have suggestions for content.
2. Website:
Speakers at the Round Table were asked to send their presentations to Juliane Dind for upload to the website.
3. Conference 2018 Athens – 18-20 July 2018:
Ideas for workshops, discussion topics and symposia were discussed. It was suggested that we should both put papers into other SIRGs' sessions and possibly invite people to contribute to ours, in order to encourage other researchers to consider people with PIMD. BM suggested that this might be better as adjunct to the next Round Table, but agreed that it was good practice to broaden our engagement.
4. World Congress Glasgow 2019. Different content for the different events.
Just noted the location and date. It was felt there might not be time for a Round Table during 2019.
5. Next roundtable:
When and where? We discussed whether this should be either in year of the Asia Pacific conference (2020), but this would exclude some colleagues. Alternatively, should we hold a Round Table every 18 months. Various options were considered, including combining a RT with the World Congress.
SN asked whether there would be time for an ECR meeting as well as a RT alongside the World Congress. It would be important to think about different content across the two conferences, and this may be too big a time commitment.
JW suggested using the pre-conference workshop time to maximize attendance. HG agreed, as it would be good to hear diverse experiences and views.
BM asked if there any volunteers to organise RTs in the years up to 2020. It would be good to establish a pattern and agree locations and rough dates.
6. The next ECRM:
When and where? It was agreed to defer discussion to tomorrow at ECRM. SN and LB agreed to mention the ECR meeting in the newsletter and invite those willing to contribute
7. C. Vlaskamp award Athens.
Will announce this on the website and in newsletter. Will be an award for European and World. [Secretary's note: This did not happen for the European congress, and we need to agree a process for the World Congress well in advance.]
8. Plovdiv, Bulgaria training session/conference.
We are in discussion with colleagues there, but there is no concrete plan as yet.
9. Budget for the SIRG – It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.
10. Miscellaneous: We noted a range of exciting projects in planning or early stages.