

## PCE Europe Board meeting minutes 15th June 2011

**Present:** Willi Roes, Clair Higgon (Minutes), Angelique Timmerman, Danae Marinakis.

**Apologies:** Sylvia Rasch-Owald, Andrea Uphoff

1. Bordeaux Minutes

The minutes from Bordeaux were agreed by those present and they can now go onto the Website.

2. Planning of General Assembly

Beginning of the conference is as follows:

Date of conference - 8/7/2012

15.00h-17h30: registration

17h30 -20h: drink

20h: plenary: opening of the conference

20h30: first plenary speaker

It was agreed that the General Assembly will meet from 11-13h30 and then from 15h30-18h.

This would give the board time to register at 15h and then leave time for the newly configured board to meet from 18 h. This will enable to the board members to attend the beginning of the conference.

3. Newsletter WAPCEPC

The next newsletter will be issued in September/ October. Angelique will contact Susan to let her know that we will produce something to be included. In the meantime Andrea has written a summary of the Bordeaux board meeting, that is included in the current edition (June 2011).

4. PCE Europe Certificate

There was a brief discussion about the PCE Europe certificate and the European Association for Psychotherapy's certificate: the European Certificate of Psychotherapy. The mood of those present was that our certificate had a different purpose to that of the EAP's certificate. The topic will be carried over to the next meeting so that Sylvia can have input to the discussion.

5. European Association for Counselling (EAC)

Danae reported that the EAC has a certificate for counsellors that are distributed through the National Associations for Counselling in the different countries. Not all countries have a National Association and the EAC wondered if PCE Europe could assist with being a validator through which certificates could be awarded. It was noted that EAC would have to issue training and other criteria before that could be discussed further.

Two working groups have been set up:

Statutes working group and Certification working group. Danae has secured a place for PCE Europe on the Certification group but they are looking for someone from Germany to be that member. Sylvia to be consulted.

Angelique has been looking for someone to attend the statutes working group from the Netherlands. The meeting of these groups takes place in Florence on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

6. Mapping of European Regulation

Clair has nothing to report on this project as yet. The EAC are going to gather data on counselling and its legal status throughout Europe. There may be an opportunity for some joint working later on.

Clair will draft a letter inviting people to share their experiences of the regulation process in their respective countries with a view to this becoming a resource for those who will face it in the future.

7. Argumentation/motivation text

Willi discussed the text he has been working on that sets out the benefits of membership to those countries that are not yet members of PCE Europe. We agreed to continue to work on it together. In the next board meeting?

8. Questionnaire

There has been one organisational and two individual returns of the questionnaire to date. Danae is translating those from Greece.

Clair will draft an email to remind members and Danae will forward it. France has structural problems and will send out their questionnaires later.

9. Information to member organisations

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting and the financial statement will be forwarded to our members by email with a reminder that all other minutes can be accessed on the website.

Items 10 – 13 are carried over to the next meeting due to time constraints.

10. Translation at PCE World conference

11. Facebook news

12. New member organisations.

13. Certificate for Supervisors.

14. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 18h – 19.30h