

PCE Europe Board meeting 12th October 2011

Present : Willi Roes, Clair Higgon, Sylvia Rasch-Owald, Danae Marinakis, Angelique Timmerman

Apologies: Andrea Uphoff

Minute taker – Clair Higgon

1. Approval of minutes.

The minutes for July and September were approved.

2. European Association for Counselling - (EAC) meeting in Florence

Danae requested clarification on two main issues;

- The Collaboration of EAC and PCE Europe in the issuing of certificates.

The EAC wishes to seek the collaboration of PCE Europe in issuing its own Certificate. The EAC normally issues certificates to counsellors through the National Associations for Counselling in member countries. Where no National Association exists then they would like verification to come from organisations such as PCE Europe.

The board was clear that if someone approaches the EAC for a certificate where there is no National Association and they are a member of an organisational member of PCE Europe then we can be of assistance. If they are counsellors who are not members of a member organisation of PCE Europe then we cannot. The reason for this being that PCE Europe is there for counsellors and psychotherapists embracing the person-centred and experiential paradigm.

- Voting.

Questions on the place of the European Wide Organisations and voting on the EAC executive have arisen. The board is clear that at this early stage in restructuring we are there to provide support and assistance in forming good statutes and Bylaws the form of which cannot be predetermined. We gave our support to Danae to 'trust the process' and make the best initial decisions she could.

Danae and Simone Anderhub will attend together and be on different working groups.

It was suggested that Simone could join one of our board meetings to contribute to the ongoing work with EAC.

Action: Danae

3. Payment for PCE Europe certificates.

A question had arisen that if a practitioner had been awarded a certificate for counselling and then became eligible for a psychotherapy certificate would the certificate be charged for. The board agreed that it was a new certificate and should be paid for. It was also clarified that if a practitioner had been refused a certificate then there was no refund.

4. Letter to our members about the PCE world conference.

Willi drafted a letter to our members to encourage them to be involved and participate in language pools and make others aware that these are being encouraged to facilitate their attendance.

The letter was agreed.

Action : Willi

5. “Methodological Paper of the German National Scientific Council for psychotherapy

Sylvia reported that she has been unable to obtain a copy of a counter argument that had been presented.

Action : Sylvia

6. PCE Europe Questionnaire

There are still very few questionnaires returned. Angelique reported that her board had informed her that the questionnaire did not address what they offered and had been unable to fill it in. Clair suggested that she follow that up with them in the hope of gaining some information. Angelique will forward the details.

Action : Clair & Angelique.

7. Regulation information project

Clair had proposed some questions that may help to frame the request for experiences and some of the board had filled them in to see if they elicited the information that may be helpful.

Action : Clair

8. European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP)

No significant activity to report. It was suggested that Heino Mönnich could attend one of our board meetings if there was important issues to discuss.

Date and time of next meeting : Wednesday 9th November 2011 18hrs