

InterEd News

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Setting up the Secretariat

Since our last communication with members, InterEd has been moving slowly to establish itself as an Association. We have had a number of discussions about membership, and office support for InterEd at the University of British Columbia.

Earlier in this term, we were sad to lose Sylvia Rodger as Secretary, because of her large number of new commitments at the University of Brisbane. We are currently working to identify an individual to take over that role.

I am happy to report that as of December 4th, our administrative contact person for InterEd is Juliet Ho. Juliet has been with the College of Health Disciplines for the past 10 years, and brings a wealth of experience to this role. Her email address is: jho@chspr.ubc.ca

Communication

I am also very happy to report that Lisa Hughes, Director, Creating an Interprofessional Workforce in the U.K. has kindly agreed to act as Chair of the Committee on Communications. Lisa is working with IT people at UBC to move the InterEd Website forward. Lisa has enormous experience in this area having established the Website for her portfolio (www.cipw.org.uk). Lisa will also be working with our colleagues in Stockholm (see below) as plans for the 2008 InterEd meeting move forward.

2008 International Meeting

It is a pleasure to tell you that Suzanne Lindqvist at the University of East Anglia in the UK agreed to serve as Chair of the Meetings Committee. The next meeting of InterEd will be held in Stockholm from June 2-5, 2008.

Our colleague Ester Mogenson is Chair of a very active committee that will host the meeting. Suzanne is working closely with Ester, and with our nascent student organization to make this meeting a great forum for showcasing work in interprofessional education and collaborative practice. We expect to be posting news of the meeting very soon.

Our colleagues in Australia & New Zealand have formed a new organization, AIPPEN and have asked if they might host our InterEd meeting in 2010, in Australia

New Years Greetings from our President

My very best wishes to all of you for 2007.

Association with the Journal of Inter-professional Care (JIC)

Our discussions with Taylor and Francis (T&F), publishers of JIC, were delayed in the fall because of personnel changes at T&F. We have made a number of suggestions to T&F about possible packages for members of InterEd that would help us build our special relationship with the Journal. I am pleased to report that Hugh Barr is working on behalf of the association to move those discussions forward.

Discussions with other associations

I am pleased to report that we are working on a template to guide InterEd's relationship with other associations. CAIPE in the UK, TUFH based at Maastricht, European Interprofessional Education Network (IEPN) – the newly formed European association, and the AIPPEN are all organizations with whom we should like to develop quasi-formal relationships. The new Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative (CIHC) (for which I have the honour to be Project Lead) is also seen as a future partner.

Membership Dues

Our Treasurer Jill Macleod-Clark, is continuing to work on a financial plan (including dues structure) for the association. We are deliberating slowly on the matter of dues, since it is clearly important that InterEd has something unique to offer members, but also that the price of membership should reflect the relatively limited set of activities that the association will be able to perform for members e.g. the organization of the bi-annual international meeting, and an innovative subscription rate for the JIC. It is not anticipated that the association will perform many services (since these are already in place at national levels) but rather serve as a primary conduit for

information sources on IPE, and as indicated above, a link to other associations.

Forthcoming meetings

It is a pleasure to report that Dr. Barbara Brandt at the University of Minnesota is working with colleagues to host a Canadian-USA meeting in Minneapolis in October 25-26, 2007. Our colleagues at IPEN will be holding their first meeting in Krakow, Poland in September and there a number of related meetings planned for 2007-08. We would be very happy to hear from our members about meetings that they feel would be of interest to the IPE community.

We plan to send out a regular quarterly newsletter, as the business of the association begins to develop. Our new newsletter will appear in February, 2007. All will be sent directly to our member email list, and published on the website.



John Gilbert,
President