

BPOS Executive Committee Meeting, Friday 5th December 2008, Leeds

Present

Galina Velikova (Chair)
Penny Wright (Treasurer)
Teresa Young (Secretary)
Nick Hulbert- Williams (Open)
Sue Catt (Open)
Tony Duffy (Nursing Rep)

Apologies

Alex Mitchell (Psychiatry Rep, Newsletter Editor)
Val Morrison (Psychology Rep)

1. **Website:** agreed payment for work done by Justine Kilkerr, also Justine will be asked about possibility of future maintenance of the website and any likely fees. After Christmas SC, NHW & TY will be trained on how to update the website content. An additional page just for Journals will be added to the website making sure Psycho-Oncology has a prime position. Agreed that BPOS needs to request reciprocal links to other charities websites, GV to contact IPOS, APOS, BPS, Compass, CECO.
2. **Leeds 2008 Conference:** Trophies won by Christine Campbell and Emma Blows.
3. **IPOS:** To fulfil requirements for BPOS becoming an IPOS Federation member GV confirmed that she had taken out IPOS membership and that BPOS members' details (only surname and first initial) have been sent to IPOS.
4. **2009 Conference:** Consideration was being given to using a professional conference organizer to assist with the running of the event. TY will investigate a potential venue in the Chilterns and AD possible venues in Wales. PW to supply TY & AD with the details of the conference rates obtained for the 2008 conference for comparison purposes. Topics for the 2009 conference were discussed and agreed to go with "Psychosocial Oncology: interventions & impact on practice".
5. **BPOS joint meeting with SIGOPAC:** Venue/date etc confirmed as 17 March '09, Birmingham – Postgraduate Centre at QE Hospital, 10am-3pm. Topics to include Transitions-Treatment to Survivorship. Possible speakers discussed, TY to invite Prof. Jane Maher. NHW to check that SIGOPAC will deal with finances/registration and pay BPOS from profit at end.
6. **Abstracts from conference for Psycho-Oncology:** TY liaising with journal, providing text and will sign global Copyright Transfer Agreement. Should be published in March or April volume.
7. **Treasure's report:** Accounts as reported at 2008 AGM. Agreed to offer £200 to two delegates who withdrew at short notice due to unforeseen personal circumstances.
8. **BPOS commissioned survey:** GV to check with Prof Dominic Upton whether he intends to publish anything using the survey data.
9. **CRUK Research Strategy:** Discussion of whether BPOS should/could respond to the news of loss of future funding to psychosocial oncology community.
10. **AOB:** Exec Committee to confirm whether AM wishes to remain as Psychiatry Representative. Exec noted that a Palliative Care representative is still needed. Noted that Dr Clare Foster has been appointed as Chair Elect and Dr Dawn Storey as Medical representative.
11. **Next meeting:** Scheduled for 13 May 2009, London.