

Minutes of the ESHRE Business meeting SIG Psychology and Counselling: 27/6/2010

1. The first SIG Campus workshop took place in Basel in September 2009. The feedback was very positive and as a result, the SIG has organized the next workshop to take place in Amsterdam in December 2010 (for details, see <http://www.eshre.eu/ESHRE/English/Calendar/Eshre-campus/Raising-competence-in-psychosocial-care/page.aspx/1032>).
2. There has been a very active participation in other SIG campus workshops this year indicating good collaboration with other SIGs.
3. The next extensive project of our SIG will be the developments of guidelines. For this project, a junior group (Uschi Van den Broeck, Sofia Gameiro, Cora de Klerck) will be mentored by senior colleagues (Tewes Wischmann, Jacky Boivin, Marysa Emery, Petra Thorn) who were involved in the previous guidelines. This steering committee had a preliminary meeting during the ESHRE conference in Rome. Given the interest in this issue, the next steps for the development of the guidelines will be posted on the website so that members can stay informed. Uschi Van den Broeck is the spokesperson of the steering committee.
4. Jacky Boivin has developed a short survey to evaluate the needs of ESHRE members regarding future campus workshops. This survey will be sent out by the ESHRE central office and the results will be used to organize future campus workshops targeted at specific topics
5. For the programme for the Istanbul pre-congress course in 2012, a tentative programme will have to be submitted to the ESHRE central office by November 2010.

Members are asked to brainstorm on interesting topics and to provide feedback to Petra Thorn (mail@pthorn.de).

Members are also asked to indicate their preference of the type of course (plenary sessions with presentations or more in-depth workshops).

6. In the last year the number of PCC and campus workshops has gone up exponentially and this has an impact on ESHRE finances. At some point there will be more specific guidelines to set up campus workshops and a stricter procedure will need to be followed. For now ESHRE is not changing anything and will continue to invest in education.
7. There was a short discussion of having workshops once or twice a year. The decision was to continue ESHRE campus courses once a year for now and see what the number of participants and the need in the field are. All members are asked to suggest topics and speakers for such campus workshops.

8. In Austria, until recently, there were two fertility societies. They have recently merged and will carry out their first joined conference in September 2011. They have indicated interest in having a campus workshop by our SIG just prior to this conference in Vienna which would have the advantage that such a workshop reaches out to many potential participants.

This is in its very preliminary phases and will be followed up.

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