



5- IASA Minutes of Biennial General Meeting Oct 6, 2008, Bertinoro

Patricia Crittenden, the Chair of the IASA board, welcomed the members who attended this meeting.

Each member of the IASA Board presented themselves and their responsibilities and reported of accomplishments, plans, needs and suggestions from the membership:

Treasurer, Irmie Nickel, Canada, presented a review of the projections of the finances for 2007/2008.

Conference committee, Airi Hautamäki, Finland and Andrea Landini, Italy, presented a review of IASA's first Biennial conference. The conference was well attended and economically viable. The program was multifaceted. There was a good cooperation between those involved in implementing the program preparations.

Andrea Landini reported on the IASA Webpage: The website is on line with basic information about IASA. The conference and membership business were done through the website. We have bought forums and database functions, although these are not currently used. We need someone to take charge of these functions and to oversee a re-design of the website to make it clearer and more functional.

Bente Nilsen, Norway, reported on Membership: IASA has 72 members. We have an update of membership records and international organizers have been contacted. In collaboration with Emilia Sasson, a letter has been distributed in English and Spanish to inform people about IASA.

DMM News was presented by Mike Blows, UK, and Emilia Sasson, Uruguay. Emilia Sasson has translated the DMM News to Spanish: Noticias DMM. There could be requests for other translations including French, Russian and Italian. Next issues of DMM News will have focus on trauma and history of the DMM. There was a discussion of format such as e-journal that could eventually marry with the Website.

Forensics Committee was presented by Steve Farnfield, UK: The focus was on how to take court round table forwards with Angela de Mille, Juliet Butler, and Bob Lee.

Paul Holmes, UK, presented the work with the constitution: **IASA has an interim Board that signed Articles of Association in November 2007.** The Board, with Paul Holmes as an ad hoc member, has worked on a draft Constitution which reached draft 5 before

preparation for the Bertinoro conference took priority. The new Board will continue work on the Constitution which it will present to the IASA membership in due course.

Patricia Crittenden, the Chair of the IASA board introduced the proposed new Board members: Hélène Héту, Canada, Paul Holmes, UK, Shirley Gracias, UK, Robert Lee, USA, Emilia Sasson, Uruguay, Lane Strathearn, USA and Augusto Zagnutt Cahbar, Chile. The new board was accepted by acclamation by the assembled BGM.

The meeting opened for topics generated by membership:

Members were happy about the first conference, thanking Andrea Landini and the board with acclamation for the success of the conference. There were comments concerning organization, schedules etc. The Chair asked what the membership would suggest for IASA to do with the generated money. One suggestion was for IASA to sponsor research.

The next conference should aim for 250 delegates over 2 ½ to 3 days. Possible sites for the next conference will be explored by end of November 2008. The following sites will be elaborated: Norway (Bente Nilsen), UK (Mike Blows regarding Cambridge and Shirley Gracias regarding Edinburgh), USA (Lane Strathearn), Spain (Sandra Simo) and Greece (Sofia Bacharaki).

Plans:

1. It is important to transmit the organizational experience to the next organizers.
2. The conference could be slightly bigger in scale.
3. The invited speakers could be paid.
4. The cultural diversity could be expanded through conference advertisement.
5. The timetable and form of proposals to be submitted should be announced early.

Questions to be discussed for the next conference are:

1. Which are the needs that IASA conferences should serve:
 - a. To develop and maintain strict scientific standards in validating the DMM methods?
 - b. To develop evidence-based clinical guidelines based on the DMM, e.g., organizing more pre- or post-workshops (forensics, perinatal, substance abuse, psychosomatic perspective, aboriginal minorities, and disabilities)?
2. Case study presentations were found to be helpful for a dialogue between professionals and researchers with different backgrounds.
3. Handouts were considered informative.
4. The question concerning whether more basic issues of attachment theory should be presented for those less knowledgeable of the DMM, was raised.
5. It was also proposed that the conference should not be too close to the WAIMH conference. In general, the discussion indicated a satisfaction among the participants with the conference.