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1. Introduction

Dear members of ISPOG. This newsletter is meant to inform you about the recent developments in ISPOG. After Venice 2010 and the Executive Committee meeting in London, March 22, the ISPOG Board Officers and some more ISPOG members have been very active in several ways.

2. Expanding ISPOG with new National Societies

The new team is working actively on expanding the Society.

New societies to be in the near future are:

- a. The North American Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology (NASPOG), which includes the USA, Canada and Mexico (January 2012). Celebrating this renewed membership, ISPOG will be represented at the annual congress of NASPOG in Rhode Island April 22-25 2012
- b. The National Iranian Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology (NISPOG)
- c. Portugal

Countries that have shown active interest in joining ISPOG are:

- d. Egypt
- e. Czech Republic
- f. Slovenia
- g. Croatia
- h. Russia
- i. Kuwait

Concerning our Latin American colleagues, our President Elect Carlos Damonte is currently working successfully encouraging the creation of new national groups or societies in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. The Iberoamerican ISPOG congress in 2016 in Granada, Spain, certainly will help to strengthen these bonds. Argentina will be involved in the organisation of this ISPOG congress.

3. Linking with other international organizations

ENTOG

Recently, we have made contact with the European Network of Trainees in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (ENTOG), an organization representing 10.000 residents in 29 European countries. They are very interested in our skills on doctor-patient relationships and psychosomatic subjects. They will be involved in the organization of the next ISPOG congress in 2013 in Berlin.

FIGO

Carlos Damonte has had good contacts with the President of the FIGO (International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics) Gamal Serrour. They are interested in our educational capacities. The next Executive Committee meeting will be at the FIGO congress in Rome, October 2012, in order to be able to share mutual interests at that congress. We offer an ISPOG symposium on teaching psychosomatic Ob/Gyn

IAWMH

The International Association of Women's Mental Health (IAWMH) has had its 4th International Congress in Madrid. Beate Wimmer Puchinger and Marieke Paarlberg have had presentations over there. There were sympathetic meetings with the IAWMH Board members. We would like to be sponsors (in an endorsement sense) of each other's societies, in order to draw attention to each other's organizations. Those contacts will be worked out further.

4. Keep in touch with ISPOG members

Newsletter

In a world-wide organisation, it is difficult to keep in touch with each other and with the interests we are sharing. Therefore, this newsletter is brought up.

Website

Our ISPOG website (www.ispog.org) has been renewed. The website is meant to become a lively website, with a separate closed forum for ISPOG members only. It is still under construction, but we all can create input for the website. Our Secretary General Pauline Slade (p.slade@sheffield.ac.uk) and her Secretary General Assistant Angie Rollinson (a.rollinson@sheffield.ac.uk) may be contacted about this. They work together with webmaster Lázár Levente (lazar_levente@hotmail.com) in order to put this properly on the web. Online registration is already possible. Please keep in mind, that in countries where a National Society exists, the registration is through your National Society.

Pamphlet

ISPOG has produced a pamphlet. When the final form is agreed on, it will be distributed among the members, in order to spread it digitally, and also in paper on congresses etc

JPOG

The Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology is our main scientific canal to inform each other about recent scientific developments.

5. Educational projects by ISPOG

We would like to be able to propose educational programs. FIGO is interested in workshops given by ISPOG members. We will offer some good presentations at the FIGO congress in Rome, October 7-12, 2012.

ENTOG is also interested in our educational possibilities and capacities. The ISPOG Board is currently talking with some ISPOG members specialized in psychosomatic education about 1. An internet tool in order to facilitate education through E-learning and 2. A European curriculum for psychosomatic obstetrics and gynaecology. We will keep you informed about that.

6. Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology

There has been a call for a new team of Editors-in-Chief, preferably a gynaecologist and a psychologist. Our current Editors will resign in two years, since they are retiring. If you would

like to do this important work for ISPOG, and you meet the following qualifications, please apply to our Secretary General Pauline Slade (p.slade@sheffield.ac.uk) by the end of September 2011:

Editors will need to be:

- a psychologist and gynaecologist who could work together
- with expertise in different areas
- be members of ISPOG
- have extensive experience of research using a variety of methodologies
- diplomacy skills to manage the sensitivities of authors
- have previous editorial experience of at least editorial board level.

7. Congress calendar for ISPOG in 2012-2013

NASPOG congress with ISPOG participation

Rhode Island, USA

April 22-25 2012

<http://www.naspog.org/meetings.html>

FIGO congress with ISPOG symposium and ISPOG ExCo meeting

Rome, Italy

October 7-12, 2012

<http://www.figo.org/image/figo-rome-congress-2012>

17th International ISPOG congress

Berlin, Germany

May 22-25, 2013

<http://www.ispog2013.de>

8. Concluding

On behalf of the ISPOG Executives, I wish you all the best and a lot of inspiration for the coming period. I hope to meet you at one or more of congresses mentioned above,



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