



ICS Continence Promotion Committee meeting Minutes

09:00 – 12:00, Sunday 14th October 2012

China National Convention Centre, Beijing, China

Attending: Vasan Srin (Chair, VS) , Frankie Bates (FB), Sherif Mourad (SM), Diane Newman (DN)

Apologies: Elisabeth Bakker, Brian Buckley, Barry Cahill, Jacky Cahill, Tamara Dickinson, Deborah Gordon, Ewa Kolby Falck, Jane Meijlink, Peter Meyers, Tomasz Michalek, Nancy Muller, Diane Owen, Diaa Rizk, Christa Thiel, Mary Van Poelgeest-Pomfret

In Attendance: Ashley Brooke, Nicola Huige, Tom Rosenbaum, Malgorzata Semeniuk, Ajay Singla, Dan Snowdon, Siow Woei-Yun

DS informed the committee that the meeting was not quorate as a third plus 1 of the committee membership is required to be present in order for decisions to stand. Therefore all decisions and action points are subject to the agreement of the wider committee.

Ajay Singla attended to outline the Board's plans for an ICS strategic planning process. VS suggested the Board focus further on continence promotion, as this must come from the top. Gaining WHO recognition of world continence week (WCW) would greatly assist the success of the event. NH felt that this was imperative.

The CPC should collaborate with the Education Committee on courses and promotion. Steps have been made to ensure this joint working. The CPC should also help establish continence societies in countries where none exist. SM recommended office presence at all education courses as the office aids promotion and acts as a contact point. This will be discussed further with the Education Committee.

SM suggested the CPC focus on one or two key jobs a year as currently the work is too broad and this results in a lack of cohesion and activity. VS felt WCW should be a top CPC priority. SWY felt the power of the CPC was in its collective power of individual members and societies. SM suggested the CPC focus on one country each year in relation to WCW.

1. **Photo of committee – taken**

2. **Approval of Paris meeting minutes**

These were approved but will need ratification by the wider CPC membership as this meeting is not quorate.

3. **Terms of Reference, Terms of Office**

The majority of CPC members' terms end in 2014 and cannot be renewed. The CPC will take on more members in 2013 and will look into staggering ending terms in 2014. This will need to be discussed with

the office and approved by the Board. NH and VS expressed interest. VS as exiting Chair would like to stay on the committee, and NH to replace Ewa Kolby Falck as SCA representative.

Action: CPC Chair to look into membership terms, particularly following 2014.

4. Subcommittee reports and plans for next year

FB reported on the Education Subcommittee. The CPC workshop was full and the public forum had an expected attendance of 200. Two very positive results.

Website Subcommittee: DS reported that Dominic Turner had met with Els Bakker, Chair of the Website Subcommittee to develop content for the CPC website. This will be updated as part of the wider ICS website revamp. VS would like the CPC website to be more dynamic, with CPC members uploading content. The current website format does not easily facilitate this. A change allowing CPC members to upload content would also ensure information was added sooner, while it was most relevant. AB informed the committee that the new website design allowed far easier editing of microsites.

Fistula Subcommittee: SM updated the committee on the two fistula workshops organised for 2012. A workshop is planned for Rwanda in April 2013 (Tom R leaves).

5. CPC Source of Funding

Action: VS to ask the Board for a budget for CPC activities and a mid-term meeting (at EAU?)

6. WCW 2013, planned activities

A priority should be getting the event recognised by WHO. Then WCW could also be listed on the AUA and EAU websites. SWY asked the CPC to consider endorsing Singapore 2013 WCW events.

Action: CPC to work towards WHO recognition of WCW

7. ICS 2013: workshop, public forum and CPC booth

Tamara will look into these items when she becomes CPC Chair.

DS said the ICS booth could be used to help promote CPC activities. DS also recommended the CPC make use of ICS facilities and promote WCW more widely. Membership mailings, ICS News and the website should be more heavily utilised. The adopt a country option should be considered soon if it is to take place in 2013.

Action: CPC to write an article on WCW 2013 for the January 2013 issue of ICS News. Deadline for content is in November 2012.

8. Listing of priorities for 2013

Tamara ran a survey and will soon list the CPC priorities. VS recommend a focus, perhaps as focused as just one key priority for 2013.

FB reminded the CPC to use WFIP as a patient advocacy resource. FB also thanked WFIP and Lynne Poelgeest for subsidising her travel to the annual meeting, by way of support for the public forum.

The CPC workshop should focus on CPC priorities. Industry should be consulted for their thoughts on the direction of continence promotion.

The public forum is beneficial as a way of linking the work of the CPC to the ICS. Local support is essential as organising the event from afar is a real challenge. £5000 is usually given by the ICS to support the event, and in the last two years the forum has been held in the annual meeting venue, further saving on expenses.

DS recommended that a strong justification accompany budget requests as there are less ICS funds for activities than in recent years.

9. Adopt a country initiative

The CPC still needs to work out how to decide which country is supported. SM recommended that the CPC maintain links with the chosen country once the year was concluded. (Diane joins meeting)