

**Annual General Meeting
Gay & Lesbian Mental Health Special Interest Group of the Royal College of
Psychiatrists
Imperial College, Wednesday 2nd July 2008**

Attendees: Annie Bartlett (Chair), Helen Killaspy (secretary), Sandra Evans, Anthony Fairington, Gian Galeazzi, Steve Hopker

Apologies: Michael King, Ian Hall (Finance officer), Susan Galea

Minutes of Business meeting 2007 – agreed

Matters arising – AB to follow-up on contacting the College's support service for psychiatrists

Agenda and minutes

- 1) Chair's report – AB reported on the work of the SIG over the last 12 months. This is summarised in the Annual Report 2008 which will be posted on the website.
- 2) IH reported (via AB) that the SIG's Business Plan was accepted by the College. The finance report for the last 12 months was circulated and agreed. It will be posted on the website. IH is stepping down as Finance officer and was officially thanked for his work for the SIG over the last few years. Sandra Evans has agreed to take on this role.
- 3) SIG website – now active. SH was formally thanked for all the hard work in putting this together and in advance for continuing to keep the website up to date. Minutes of Exec and Business meetings and other relevant documents will be posted there.
- 4) Church of England Listening Exercise – the SIG submitted a contribution that was approved by the College. This will be reprinted in the next Newsletter.
- 5) Training pack. Training materials from the training pack have been included in the College's on-line CPD. IH, SE and Brian Douglas formally thanked for their help with this venture. HK and AB are liaising with the College Education and Training unit regarding any support they could give for further dissemination.
- 6) The SIG plan to organise event/s to explore different perspectives on the nature of homophobia. These may include a public discussion event with the Wellcome on the effect of discrimination on health/mental health and a "round table" event with invited experts from different academic disciplines, the output of which would be a publication.
- 7) Future events: possibility of organising a session at the College for trainees. Plan to advertise the idea for expressions of interest in the Newsletter.
- 8) Contribution at conferences - two SIG sessions were accepted for the 2008 College annual meeting:
 - i) discrimination and mental health (organised by HK)
 - ii) parenting (organised by AB)Three suggestions for the 2009 College annual meeting were discussed: a session on the treatment of homosexuality; a session on cultural

competence; and a workshop on multiple diversities. HK will submit these to the conference office.