

**2004 -2005 Report of the
Computers in Psychiatry Special Interest Group (CIPSIG)
to the Council of the Royal College of Psychiatrists**

CIPSIG continues to receive and respond to enquiries from individuals and organisations directly via our website or through the college. We are currently in discussion with the informatics subcommittee of the college regarding working more closely together to provide information and educational resources to the college.

The committee structure is now well established and committee members have responsibilities as follows:

Chair –	Dr Matthew Evans
Vice Chair –	Dr Nigel McKenzie
Secretary –	Dr John Brady
Treasurer –	Dr Nigel McKenzie
Workshops –	Dr Sudhir Kaligotla
Publications –	Dr Fionnbar Lenihan & Dr Matthew Evans
Membership –	Dr Nigel McKenzie
Website –	Dr Gurpal Gosall
Discussion list –	Dr Zia Nadeem, Dr Gurpal Gosall
Sponsorship -	Dr Martin Schmidt

Secretary's Report:

CIPSIG has amended and agreed Terms of Reference and a Constitution. CIPSIG meetings have developed towards a more online and virtual format.

Membership report:

Membership	10/02/03	1350
	01/06/04	1442
<i>Current membership</i>	<i>01/05/05</i>	<i>1521</i>

The CIPSIG AGM is held at the college summer annual meeting. The role of chair is due for renewal and proposals forms have already been circulated.

Treasurer's Report (for the period 1/1/04 to 31/12/04):

Opening balance	01/01/04	£8517.54
Closing balance	31/12/04	£4765.79

Despite sponsorship income of £1,100 the closing balance at the end to 2004 shows a reduction of £3751.75 over the year. This is largely accounted for by £3861.05 catering expenses carried over from the CIPSIG Conference held in September 2003. Regular annual expenditure items amount to less than £1000 in total and include the stand at the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Annual Meeting and publication costs for the CIPSIG Newsletter.

Conference Report:

The proposed conference for 2005 was cancelled. It is hoped a conference might be arranged for 2007.

Workshops Report:

We have been organising and running the workshops for the past seven years at the college AGM. The number and variety of workshops continues to expand. We have received positive verbal feedback from delegates and this year we intend to undertake a written survey to help us plan for the future.

Publications Report:

Since June 2004 the publications committee has brought out one issue of our printed newsletter Connect which was well received.

The publications committee has been working on a book entitled "Computers & the Internet for Psychiatrists" to be published by Gaskell books in July 2005.

Discussion List/Forum:

A joint discussion list was set up between the Informatics Subcommittee of the college and CIPSIG and is called 'Mental Health Informatics'. Membership currently stands at around 65 and it is hoped that this will be merged in to the new Royal College content management website in the future.

Website:

No changes were made to the website. It is hoped that the new college website will enable us to provide up to date information and publish via the content management system.

CIPSIG Committee
17th May 2005