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Welcome to the first ENTMA⁰⁸ newsletter.

Firstly, the steering committee would like to thank those of you who attended the first ENTMA⁰⁸ conference event in the Amsterdam Arena in the Netherlands last November.

We are pleased to report that the feedback from participants was extremely positive and indicative of the desire from training providers, from many countries, to work together to share experience and achieve the vision outlined by ENTMA⁰⁸.

The steering committee members are all volunteers who are motivated to making ENTMA⁰⁸ a success. All members have full time jobs and as a result of our commitments we were unable to meet until last March.

The first 2009 steering committee meeting took place in Copenhagen on the 21st and 22nd of March and a second meeting was held in Stirling on 6th and 7th of June. There was a huge amount achieved over the two meetings and we are pleased to be sharing this update with members. Further meetings have been scheduled and we will ensure that members are updated on progress on a regular basis.

Steering committee

As members may be aware Rick Tucker from the UK resigned in October 2008 from the position of Chair due to other commitments. Yvonne van Engelen from the Netherlands held the position of Acting Chair until March 2009. In March 2009 the steering committee welcomed Brodie as a new member and voted in Gail Miller from the UK as Chair. Unfortunately she also had to leave the executive group due to personal and professional reasons. She will stay involved in the background, however. Also due to other commitments Gernot Walter from Germany had to stand back from his active role in the group.

Last June meeting it was decided that Brodie Paterson (UK / Scotland) will pick up the role of Chair and the steering committee is very pleased with his contribution. Brodie's knowledge and experience will certainly prove to be an asset.

The Committee would like to thank Rick, Gail and Gernot for their input in driving forward the ENTMA⁰⁸ vision. We are very pleased to report that Yvonne will be maintaining the position of Vice Chair, she is an active member of the group as she is also currently carrying out the role of Secretary. Ronald Vestergaard is continuing in the position of Treasurer.

Suzanne Tosch and Kevin McKenna are maintaining their positions as steering committee members and we are very pleased to welcome two new experienced members to join the group: Bill Fox from the UK, and Donal McCormack from Ireland.

Membership

Approximately 180 members from all over the world have registered this far as a member of ENTMA⁰⁸. Membership will continue to be free of charge until 2010. More details on membership will be published later this year.

General Assembly

The first General Assembly of ENTMA⁰⁸ took place following the Amsterdam conference in November 2008.

The members at the general assembly agreed to support the ongoing work of the steering committee. The steering committee will drive towards establishing ENTMA⁰⁸ as a formal organisation with a view to install a European wide representative board next to the present executive board at the next General Assembly in March 2010.

Please note that the minutes of the General Assembly will be forwarded to members by e-mail.

Conference

The steering committee would like to thank Nico Oud and Oud Consultancy who offered to support the next ENTMA⁰⁸ conference again, this time as a combined event with EViPRG in Stockholm in October 2009.

The steering group seriously considered the pros and cons of this option.

It was recognised that this combination of conferences would have several advantages to ENTMA⁰⁸, for example, a larger network, more contact between researchers, clinicians, managers and trainers, an agreed location, arrangements already settled, no financial risk.

However, it was decided to prepare a stand alone event for ENTMA⁰⁸. This will ensure a separate identity as a new association and create autonomy. We will also be in a position to produce a separate book of proceedings again which will further enhance both visibility and credibility.

We have therefore sourced the Meervaart Conference Centre in Amsterdam. Historically the events have always taken place in Amsterdam (since 1998) and it seems a good tradition to continue this.

The steering group also considered dates and agreed to alter an annual autumn meeting of ENTMA⁰⁸ to a yearly springtime event.

The springtime dates will ensure that there is no conflict with the biannual Workplace Violence, EViPRG and the yearly 'Dreiländer' congresses.

The second ENTMA⁰⁸ conference, entitled *Ethics, Evidence, Efficacy; the Challenges Facing Management of Aggression Training in the 21st Century* will therefore take place on Thursday and Friday the 25th & 26th March 2010. A conference programme and booking details will be placed on the website and members and other interested professionals will be informed by e-mail.

Website

The website will be updated following the steering committee meetings. Profiles of committee members, presentations and photographs from the conference will be added. Ongoing updates will occur throughout 2009.

Research

Dr Brodie Paterson will be progressing research initiatives to inform the training and practice agenda with regards to the prevention and management of aggression and violence. Members will be invited to support future research projects.

Members section

We would like to hear from members who would be interested in sharing ideas or experiences, e.g. on a secured webpage. Also if you would like to contribute to the members section of future newsletters, please e-mail the information to info@entma.eu.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Present Members Steering Committee

- Brodie Paterson (UK, SCO), Chair
- Yvonne van Engelen (NL), Secretary
- Ronald Vestergaard (DK), Treasurer
- Susanne Tosch (CH)
- Kevin McKenna (IRL)
- Bill Fox (UK, E)
- Donal McCormack (IRL)

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