

November 2018

annual report of the ppa executive committee chair

From the perspective of the PPA executive committee much work has gone into consolidating our training, promoting the Post qualifying course and extending the training therapist committee. I think you will find in the reports below, that in all these departments, the PPA, volunteer committee members and administration, have worked tirelessly and successfully. We owe all of them a debt of gratitude.

The so called legacy trainings, trainings from the previously existing institution of the LCP, the Lincoln and the BAP are increasingly drawing to a close after five years as the final trainees come towards qualification. Planning for ever smaller numbers of these in combined groupings are made through to the autumn term of 2019.

I want to also express my gratitude on behalf of the PPA executive committee to all those committee members who have managed and sustained the legacy trainings, fulfilling an important commitment of the merger.

The governance review has been an important landmark for the future development in the *bpf*. From our point of view, the newly emerging structure of governance contains all the elements to give the *bpf* a real chance to be successful. From a PPA position, we are satisfied, that in future the association chairs will have a permanent seat on the board of trustees and will in that context be able to contribute to the strategic direction of the *bpf* as a whole. The PPA executive committee has actively promoted this development and we are gratified about this outcome. I have to express the committees heartfelt thanks to Miranda Feuchtwang, who with some others has carried so much of the load and the hard work that went into the much needed review.

The PPA executive committee is fully aware of the financial challenges the *bpf* faces and is committed to making contributions to rectifying our deficit. We welcome the development of a commercial arm to our *bpf* operation and want to defend in turn our intensive PPA training.

Some of our committee chairs will be stepping down in the foreseeable future. It is now the turn of the next generation and other members of our organisation to step up and take their place. Let us keep in mind, this is our organisation and as such we all have an interest and also an obligation in helping to shape its future.

In this context I want to salute those new members who have stepped forward and are willing to take up posts on the board and elsewhere which will allow them to not only to contribute, but to shape the future development of our organisation.

The PPA executive committee will call for a meeting of the PPA membership soon to determine the process of electing a new chair of the PPA executive.

I want to conclude by keeping in mind and honouring those of our members who have died last year;

They were: Maureen Gledhill, Rosemary Loshak and David Mayers.

David Mayers, in particular, has contributed to the Training therapist committee and in all the important discussions that the *bpf* has undertaken over the years always upholding the value of the PPA intensive training.

Hansjorg Messner

Chair of the PPA executive committee

annual report April 2017 – March 2018

training committee activities:

There are 33 PPA members working on the PPA training committees

Trainee numbers: 5 new trainees accepted from 9 applications for the January 2018 cohort bringing the total number in PPA to 52 trainees.

64 training patients being seen during this period.

This means that a total of 8064 of low fee clinical hours were provided by our trainees to the public.

Number of seminars run by PPA Training: 260

Curriculum review: New Rolling programme of theory seminars was devised and is being piloted since January 2018. This brings trainees in years 2 – 4 together for learning, and introduces a broad range of contemporary subjects to the curriculum.

New standardised Assessment and reporting processes have been devised providing better consistency and clearer assessment of standards

New qualification process has been devised which includes clear guidelines for assessment of the final paper and a celebratory reading in party.

Teresa Hirsch Prize event was organised and held on June 20th 2017. Two prize winners for the 'best qualifying paper', 40 members and trainees attended.

6 trainees qualified between April 2017 – March 2018

TC Outreach work:

- Open evening: 50 people signed up, 30 attended.

- Open Day 20 people asked for further contact and information re PPA training
- 71 Full Training and 25 MES have enquired about the training and 18 (full training) and 11 (MES) have gone on to show an interest/applied for training.
- This is up from 43 full training enquiries made in the previous year.

Introductory Course:

Organised and marketed a new Introductory level Reading Group.

- 7 participants attended in two terms. Successful, excellent feedback. To be continued
- 3 have gone on to show an interest/applied for the training

Governance review:

Committee participated in all aspects and drew up draft Terms of Reference

BPC External Examiner appointed.

- First Annual Report received: 'I have formed a very positive view of the training and the serious calibre of work being undertaken by trainees, teaching staff and the Training Committee'

Marketing audit and report:

- Substantial piece of work research and auditing the activity of competitors, analysing the profile of current trainees, examining the last BPC re-accreditation report and discussions with the TC postholders.

Susan Rodgers and Sophina Khan

post-qualifying committee

The PQC has had a productive year. A new two year Senior Membership Course started last year with eight course members. The course is currently run on alternate Saturday mornings thus enabling those from further afield to attend. Furthermore, with two seminars taking place together it has halved the required attendance per term from ten to five mornings in a bid to make the course more time-manageable.

The committee has also expanded it's role by offering CPD seminars to the membership that will promote professional development and thinking without undertaking the full SMC. The first workshop starts in November.

The PQC is working hand in hand with the Scientific Committee and the Training Therapists Committee to attend to issues of career progression and development of the membership to produce a coherent programme in the years ahead.

The PQC consists of seven members, having been joined by a new member this year. I will be standing down as Chair of this committee at the end of the current course, thus there may be a vacancy on this stimulating committee for a new member. if you think that this work may suit you please feel free to contact me.

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annual report from the training therapists and supervisors committee 2017-2018

There are currently six members of the TTC, One of them was David Mayers, who died this summer, a most valued and long standing member of our committee. David was a distinguished clinician, teacher and supervisor. He was a member of the LCP and the Lincoln, member of training therapists committees and a member of this committee from its establishment. Those who knew him, will be well aware of his love and commitment to psychoanalysis, to the importance of rigour in training and clinical practice. They would also be aware of his passionate belief and need to protect and develop intensive psychoanalytic training and practice. This dedication and passion will be greatly missed by us on the committed, and I believe, by all those who knew him, his colleagues, patients and trainees. We all owe him a debt of gratitude. It is with him in mind that I write this report:

Current TTC members: Flavia Morante, Christina Wieland, Barbara Hart, Susan Irving, Karl Figlio and Ora Dresner.

Alongside the Training Committee and POC, our committee is there to support those training and those interested to train to find a suitable therapist and supervisor. Another significant role of the committee is to support the professional development of members interested to become training therapists. We see this a vital part of the life of PPA, to encourage and support those who seek to develop their experience in intensive work through further training, seminars and supervision.

We need more people to take that direction, so that the PPA has a continually growing strong body of training therapists and supervisors. We need more training therapists and supervisors who are PPA members; especially as many older ones are retiring. It will be good to see a greater number of people from our association in the pool, alongside therapists and analysts from other organisations. There are various career paths for PPA members apart from becoming a training therapist, all extremely valuable; it is what makes our profession a creative group with wide range of expertise to offer to the wide public and to each other. We have a body of psychoanalytic psychotherapists who have expertise in the various psychoanalytic and other modalities of treatment, in intensive work, in less intensive work, brief work, couple work, DIT, in a variety applications of psychoanalytic work. They maybe interested in clinical teaching and education to the wide public, in academia or in writing, many have expertise in working in the public sector.

We want to encourage ongoing interest in clinicians who want to develop the particular expertise of a training therapist and supervisor; we always welcome enquiries in this direction and strive to support people in this area.

This year we have continued to deal on a regular basis with enquiries from people who are interested in applying to train and with clinicians who want to become training therapists and supervisors. We have received 9 applications and 7 therapists were accepted either as full members or under flexibility clause (i.e. for a specific patient only)

Ora Dresner
Chair, Training Therapists and Supervisors Committee