

CAIPE

CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

CAIPE Trustees Report 2008- 2009

This annual report for 2008-2009 was prepared by the Chair, Bryony Lamb, for the CAIPE Annual General Meeting on 24th June 2009, on behalf of the Trustees of CAIPE. The AGM was hosted by Kings College London, on the Guy's campus and Prof Anne Greenough, Head of the Medical School, gave the opening address. During the meeting, the role of Chair was handed over to the newly elected Chair, Elizabeth Howkins.

Introduction

A year of continual growth and development of the management and infrastructure by the Trustees has led to today CAIPE being a vibrant organisation, more financially secure and ready to take on new opportunities as well as provide increasingly better services for its members. CAIPE has adapted to the current economic and political climate, so is now an almost virtual organisation with no office base or paid staff. All CAIPE meetings are now hosted by corporate member organisations, largely universities, to which the Board are immensely grateful.

The majority of CAIPE Board members are in full time employment in the university sector, others being freelance consultants and trainers. This year, however, the Board was delighted to co-opt three students, representing the Student Network. Their contribution is an important development as well as being energising. All Board members bring a great deal of enthusiasm and commitment to CAIPE, working in partnership and clearly demonstrating a shared vision for IPE. The Board works together on a voluntary basis through an Executive team, with help from a volunteer administrator, to manage the organisation. In addition to the management and administration of CAIPE, Board members work together to support and develop services for members through sharing the responsibility of the following initiatives and management processes: Student Network development; CAIPE Forum development; responding to policy, consultations and the media; research and development; income generation; marketing and promotion; editing the CAIPE Bulletin; managing the website; managing enquiries through Webmail; international liaison; fund raising; and searching for patrons.

Through a shared vision for IPE and working together to support and develop CAIPE, the Board has demonstrated excellent interprofessional and partnership working in driving forward these initiatives. This has ensured that CAIPE has continued to serve its members throughout the year, *learning with, from and about* each other to provide new services, including the development of the CAIPE Student IPE Network; the CAIPE Forum for corporate members (largely universities); and CAIPE Ireland.

CAIPE continues to develop interprofessional theory and practice, its contribution being recognised worldwide by colleagues within international, interprofessional communities of practice, working together to contribute to the improvement of interprofessional education and practice.

This report charts the achievements during the year July 2008 – June 2009, as well as current and future challenges for the Trustees and wider membership.

Promoting CAIPE & Providing Resources

During the year, at the request of many members especially the students and corporate members, promotion leaflets, Student Network leaflets and a generic business card for the Executive group, were initiated by Elizabeth Howkins, Helena Low and Lynn Clouder. These were designed using the new logo, with the colour changing from red to a fresh green.

The CAIPE website has a wide range of functions with the potential to provide extensive services for members and effectively support a virtual organisation. Individual members and students can now apply for membership on-line and pay via PayPal, although the renewal function is still not operational. The Board is now using the Intranet, as a repository for Board and Executive papers, although the on-line discussion opportunities have not been fully utilised.

In spite of continued pressure since the site went live at the end of January 2008 from the team who currently manage the website (Bryony Lamb, Helena Low and Clare Stewart) to resolve such issues and make changes to achieve a fully functional website, progress has been extremely slow. Ichameleon have promised completion by the beginning of July 2009. In the meantime the Board are seeking someone with technical expertise to support the team.

The CAIPE Bulletin continues to provide the means to share information across the membership and beyond, on experiences of current practice and new developments. The editors Siobhan Ni Mhaolrunaigh and more recently Lesley Hughes and Richard Pitt, have done a tremendous job preparing each issue. Sincere thanks to Siobhan who is standing down from this role. The editors currently use Publisher to prepare the Bulletin and are looking for new ways to produce this, possibly using the website when work on this is complete.

The Executive team has worked hard to strengthen relationships with Informa Healthcare, the publishers of the Journal of Interprofessional Care (JIC), to ensure effective processes are in place to manage on-line access and subscription renewal. Some members especially corporates have had particular difficulty in accessing JIC on-line. Informa eventually managed to develop protocols to enable a Strategic Health Authority, to gain on-line access. Access is not as straightforward as it is for universities.

Publications in the pipeline include three additional books in the Wiley-Blackwell / CAIPE series Partnership for Health, edited by Hugh Barr, President of CAIPE: *International Perspectives on Health and Social Care*; *Service User and Carer Engagement in Health and Social Care Education*; and *Interprofessional Teamwork in Health and Social Care*.

Strengthening relationships nationally & internationally

During the year members of the CAIPE Board have continued to build and strengthen relationships with universities and employers, individual practice and academic staff, students, regulatory bodies and other agencies. CAIPE continues to be represented on the Inter-Regulatory Group hosted by the General Medical Council (GMC) which meets twice a year. Development in the UK includes working collaboratively and strengthening relationships within the IPE community e.g. with the Higher Education Academy Subject Centres (Health Sciences and Practice; Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Medicine; Social Policy and Social Work).

CAIPE continues to work in partnership with international IPE communities. Many Board members have significant roles within these networks: EIPEN, the European Interprofessional Education Network, Helena Low and Margaret Sills are steering group members and delivered workshops in Slovenia and Belgium during the year; The Network Towards Unity For Health, Dawn Forman is on the steering group and leads the IPE section of the Network; CIHC, the Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative;

JAIPE, the Japanese Association for Inter-Professional Education, Helena Low, Hugh Barr and other Board members have supported the launch of this network, have provided workshops and presentations in Japan and co-ordinated visits to the UK; NIPNET, the Nordic Inter-Professional Network, Susanne Lindqvist is on the steering group of this Network; and AIPPEN, the "Australasian" Inter-Professional Practice and Education Network, Jill Thistlethwaite is the Chair of this Network.

Two CAIPE Board members Dawn Forman and Helena Low recently delivered a series of ten IPE workshops on behalf of CAIPE for universities and practitioners across Australia and New Zealand. Board members have also made significant contributions at various international events, e.g. Hugh Barr and Margaret Sills at the Crossing Boundaries conference in Nova Scotia, in May.

CAIPE welcomes the increasing opportunities to work with partner organisations to increase national and international influence of IPE both in theory and practice. And beyond the IPE community, CAIPE aims to work more strategically with government bodies and local agencies to influence interprofessional learning and working.

Consultancy

During the year CAIPE was invited to contribute to various consultations: by the GMC for *'Tomorrow's Doctors' 2009*; the World Health Organisation for the *'Framework for Action on IPE and Collaborative Practice'*; the Health Professions Council for their *'Consultation on Revised Standards of Education and Training'*; and the Nursing and Midwifery Council for *'A Review of Pre-Registration Nursing Education'*. Following the launch of the Tomorrow's Doctors framework the GMC has invited CAIPE to be involved in its 'Road-Shows' across the regions.

CAIPE continued to be involved in advising the Regional Teaching Public Health Networks, contributing to the London Network conference in December and the West Midlands Network interprofessional learning project. The outcome of this work, Phileas – Public Health Interprofessional Learning Enhanced Educational Assessments – is a needs assessment tool for identifying the training needs of any interprofessional / multi-disciplinary public health workforce, aiming to prevent 'siloed' workforce planning. It was informed by the public health competencies in the Public Health Skills Career Framework and is dependent on the interprofessional group to identify joint training needs.

The CAIPE Forum

The CAIPE Forum is for corporate members, attracting so far 18 universities and one Strategic Health Authority (SHA): Birmingham City University; Bournemouth University; Coventry University CIPEL; De Montfort University; University of East Anglia (UEA); Essex University; Kings College London; University of Leicester; Middlesex University; University of Nottingham; Oxford Brookes University; Robert Gordon University; University of Sheffield; Sheffield Hallam University CIPEL; NHSE South Central; Institute of Technology, Tralee, Republic of Ireland; University of Warwick; University of Wolverhampton.

The first two meetings took place in September and March, providing networking opportunities for corporate members to share experiences and learn from each other, which has led to the planning of joint conferences with CAIPE, e.g. Birmingham City University will host a conference in 2011 on students and faculty staff working in partnership and Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen are planning a Scotland wide IPE conference in 2010.

CAIPE regional groups are also being established in some areas e.g. the Trent Region, to work collaboratively to meet local needs. Forum members are developing strategies to

involve local employers, strategic health and local authorities, and action at a national level is being taken to help progress this. Bryony Lamb met with the SHA Quality Leads from across England at their National Forum meeting in London to discuss how the universities and CAIPE can work in partnership with the SHAs within the regions to progress the IPE agenda. With thanks to Maggie Stiles from NHSE South Central for arranging this.

The universities and their practice partners have taken advantage of the international opportunities CAIPE provides for corporate members: to broaden links; learn from colleagues; work across national boundaries; and arrange visits. With thanks to Helena Low for co-ordinating this.

CAIPE IPE Student Network

Students are represented on the CAIPE Board, as mentioned earlier, and are increasingly taking a central part in CAIPE activities towards influencing and contributing to curriculum development in both theory and practice. The students have dedicated pages on the CAIPE website, providing learning resources and the opportunity to network. The students, particularly Andy Carson-Stevens, a medical student from Cardiff University, and Chris Green, a PhD student from Essex University, are currently working on a strategy for the Student Network to raise awareness of IPE; putting fun into education and learning activities to develop particular skills in interprofessional learning and collaborative practice; creating opportunities for projects and learning initiatives; and building an infrastructure for realising their aims for the Student Network.

The first step is planning a student conference at the University of East Anglia in November to find out exactly what students want and establish a student committee / Forum. Corporate members have been asked to invite their students to attend and encourage them to participate in the national student committee / Forum which will work closely with the CAIPE Board. The Student Network has developed links with a number of existing regional and international IPE student networks and will work closely with the CAIPE Forum regional groups.

A network for postgraduate students conducting research focusing on collaboration and IPE has been established, chaired by Chris Green. Some of the research students presented their work as part of the programme for the AGM, coordinated by Chris. A student poster competition was also held focusing on various aspects of interprofessional learning and working.

CAIPE Ireland

The Institute of Technology, Tralee (ITT), a corporate member of CAIPE, has established CAIPE Ireland through the commendable efforts of Siobhan Ni'Mhaolrunaigh, and are currently developing a CAIPE Forum for Ireland, with practice partners and universities. A series of bi-annual conferences have been held in Ireland to promote IP learning and working, the last being held at ITT in June coordinated by Siobhan and colleagues from the CAIPE UK Forum contributed to the programme providing keynote presentations and workshops.

Challenges and Next Steps

Immediate challenges for the CAIPE Board and the Forum for the next year include: finding out what members want, especially individual members; sustainability of CAIPE and building and sustaining communities of practice; technical support for the website; securing extra funding to support students' travel to meetings and conferences, in partnership with universities; corporate members identifying students to engage with the

student Forum / committee; growing the membership and services, especially for individuals.

Strategies to realise CAIPE's vision are being developed by the Board in partnership with the students and corporate members, working together for improvement. These initiatives will be taken forward by Elizabeth Howkins, as the new Chair of CAIPE.

Apart from the sustainability for CAIPE and its networks, Elizabeth and the Board will also be addressing the longer term challenges for IPE which include: quality education and training for working effectively within interprofessional teams and across agencies, looking beyond the health and social care workforce and reaching out to new partners; quality improvement, avoiding error, and patient safety and satisfaction; and building the evidence base. CAIPE has been acting as a conduit to funnel ideas, expertise and experiences within the UK and internationally. But more needs to be done to raise the profile of IPE and for CAIPE to work more closely with the Department of Health and other departments and agencies to raise awareness of the importance of interprofessional education, interprofessional teamwork and leadership to meet these challenges.

Sincere thanks

In reflecting upon the past year, it is important to thank the following for their continued support, advice and especially their time. Working together with such a highly motivated team, truly committed to CAIPE and the promotion of IPE has been both an honour and a privilege: Clare Stewart, the administrator; the CAIPE Board & Executive group, especially the Vice Chairs, Helena Low and Dawn Forman; Hugh Barr, President of CAIPE; Chris Green and Andy Carson-Stevens, the students co-opted to the CAIPE board; and not least, Tony Perry who has so ably taken on the role of treasurer. It is also important to mention again the goodwill and support of corporate members for hosting CAIPE meetings; for Birmingham City University, especially Rebecca Freeman and Nick Gee, for providing administrative support for the Student Network; and not to forget those who have donated so generously to CAIPE; to thank them all for believing that investment in CAIPE's future is worthwhile.

Bryony Lamb, Chair of CAIPE, July 2008 – June 2009