

PROPOSAL FOR THE AGENDA OF THE WAPCEPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012:

Proposed by

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(There must be 2 proposers. Proposers must be in current membership of the WAPCEPC)

Text of proposal:

At the General Assembly in 2010 it was agreed in principle that the WAPCEPC would develop a Scientific Committee as a means to foster PCE research activities. The WAPCEPC Board was asked to develop a detailed proposal for the functions and structure of a Scientific Committee. The following proposal has been developed following a consultation with WAPCEPC members held in December 2011.

Supporting information and explanation of the proposal (*Maximum 400 words*)

Proposal for the Functions and Structure of the Scientific Committee

Aims

- (1) To foster empirical quantitative and qualitative research as a means to develop the person-centred and experiential (PCE) approach and advise the WA board and General Assembly. While empirical research is the major concern, many areas of research and related topics may be fostered.
- (2) To promote, support and disseminate PCE research activities and outputs.

Functions:

- Create ideas to develop the approach through empirical quantitative and qualitative research
- Link and liaise with local research initiatives and interest groups, creating a network of research consultants, practitioners and consumers
- Link and liaise with University, and the equivalent, based initiatives.
- Create a research database for WA members.
- Support PCE conference organizers with information about state-of-the-art research for the development of conference themes and keynotes.
- Represent the WA board on PCE Conferences' scientific committees.
- Liaise with the WA Board and the Editors of PCEP
- Maintain and update research pages of the WAPCEPC website.
- Explore the possibility of further editions of *PCE Works*, and the possible commissioning/editing of future publications as part of an ongoing research publication series.
- Identify other areas of activity for the committee.

Structure:

- The committee will have a minimum of 6-8 people and maximum of 10 people.
- Members will be asked to commit for a period of 2/3 years.
- One person will be identified by the committee as a coordinator/spokesperson for the committee when necessary.
- The committee should make sure that, as far as possible, there is representation in terms of diversity.

Membership:

The overall membership of the committee should cover the following areas:

- 3-4 members should be University based.
- At least 3-4 members should be experienced in published research.
- The majority of members should be currently involved in PCE research activities
- All members should have research experience of some sort either as a practitioner and/or masters or PhD level (or the local equivalent).

Interim Arrangements: 1st Committee

After a formal call for interest the WA board will appoint a coordinator/spokesperson for the Committee. In consultation with the coordinator/spokesperson, the board will appoint the 1st committee.

The first committee will review the structure, membership and terms of reference for the committee including:

- Length of tenure on the committee
- Membership and roles of the committee
- Activities of the committee

and make recommendations to the WA Board for the future maintenance of the scientific committee in support of its aims.