**PPAN Chairs Report 2014/2015**

This year has been a year of change within PPAN where we have bid a farewell to departing committee members and welcomed new ones in.

At the end of the previous year’s report we had successfully ran the Introduction to CBA and Pain Course in Glasgow. We continued with the study evening format at GCU in November with a session on ‘Fibromyalgia – Trauma and Play’ delivered by Neil Clark. The session combined theory and practice whilst covering the pre history and history of fibromyalgia, stress biology and polyvagal theory, followed by a practical look at stress and emotion on bodily movement. The session was well attended by clinicians and students.

This was the first event where we used Eventbrite as a means of administering delegate registration and payment which released more of Jenny Drinkell’s time to organising the event. The event ran at a small profit which was mostly due to the free accommodation kindly provided by GCU and facilitated by Chris Seenan. A small fee was charged to non members with a discount for members, and students went free.

This was followed up by ‘The Great Scottish Explain Pain Off’ in May this year held at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh. A panel of 3 expert clinicians including Physio’s Ian Steven’s and Neil Clark and Consultant Anaesthetist Dr Steve Gilbert and expert patient Dianne Connor delivered an informative and entertaining look at both their practice and experiences of delivering or taking part in therapeutic pain education. The event ran at a slight loss and several of the delegates said they would have paid more to attend the afternoon. This feedback informs the committee for the planning of future events.

The PPAN AGM followed the session at QMUC and saw the departure of Linda Sparks as Treasurer, Jenny Drinkell as Secretary and Maeve O’Neill as Executive Committee Member. I would like to thank them all sincerely for their generosity in time and input into the running of PPAN.

A new Executive Committee member was elected, Claire Campbell, who will join Chris Seenan as Education Officer and Lyndsey Ackermann who moved into the vacant secretary post.

The new committee plan to meet up at the end of October to plan the work of PPAN for the forthcoming year.

Neil Clark

PPAN Chair