

Action plan for COTEC 2015

Introduction

The action plan for COTEC 2015 continues to build on the political program 2012-2016 adopted at the COTEC Council meeting in Stockholm, May 22 2012. However the Executive Committee is already looking beyond 2016 and incorporating the European and World Health policy agendas leading up to 2020

In keeping with the proposal from the GA in Malta, October 2013, the action plan for 2015 is leaner, more focussed and action and outcome oriented. The Executive has decided to concentrate on three main areas of concern:

- Continuing to build relationships with other European NGOs. This is where we hope to create opportunities for wider engagement at a European level, work with others to secure and demonstrate effective health and social care interventions, create opportunities for occupational therapy practitioners and researchers to be involved in European projects and, through demonstrating effectiveness, create additional work opportunities for occupational therapists. The GA will appreciate that this stream of work will be ongoing for a number of years, relies on making personal contacts and ensuring that the profession across Europe is able and willing to respond to opportunities. Whilst the Executive may have the major responsibility for making opportunities through its networks, COTEC relies on its Member Associations to respond to calls for support.
- Supporting Member Associations to achieve their objectives through a strong COTEC network. The Executive recognises that the 30 Member Associations are at different stages of development; some have been in existence for many decades and have strong membership, whilst others are just beginning to develop an infrastructure and have few members. The larger, well established Associations have already found strategies to manage specialist practice, clinical research, entry level qualifications and political advocacy. The Executive is considering how best to help Associations share their best practice and approaches by collecting information that can be shared across the network more easily. This may require more and different information to be collected along with the summary of the profession, databases to be created along with a web site that can support it and in conjunction with other occupational therapy organisations e.g. ENOTHE.
- Ensuring that COTEC has a governance structure that is sufficiently robust, is transparent and equitable, yet can be adaptable and flexible enough to enable actions to be taken in a timely fashion. The Executive this last year has been working on reviewing the Constitution and its Rules of Procedure and has made good progress. However, there is still work to be completed on a communication strategy, procedural handbook and membership fee strategy.



The Action Plan for 2015 is presented in a different format this year. There are three elements:

- This Introduction
- A copy of the 2012-16 Political Statement
- A statement of the planned actions for 2015, cross referenced to the Political Statement, identifying the priority for COTEC and the locus of responsibility.