

ESYI Representative's Report - April 2010

This is my second year as your ESYI Representative to the IYA (UK) Executive Council and, as my three year term of office finishes next year (2011) the Committee will shortly be looking for my successor from next January. I hope one of you may wish to take over this interesting, but not terribly demanding role.

Basically, there are three Council meetings a year - two in London and one in York, which you are invited to attend, and report back to the Committee. There is also the AGM at the annual Convention, that usually takes place in May/June. The Executive Council is the overseeing Committee for all the other Standing Committees (ie, Management, Communications, Ethics, Events, Finance, etc) and there is a representative from each Standing Committee on the 'EX' (as the Executive Council is popularly termed). Any issues which cannot be resolved by the Standing Committees are usually brought before the EX for consideration. (Please feel free to contact me for further details, if you are interested in this job.)

I did not attend the last meeting of the EX in York on 20 March, but a draft copy of the minutes should be available on the IYA (UK) website.

However, I did travel down to London to attend the previous IYA(UK) Executive Council on 23 January. The meetings are always over four hours long and, as you can imagine, cover many areas. Some of the discussion points I have listed have been superseded by recent correspondence, so do check, but briefly, at that time, there were three areas of discussion that may have effected/been of interest to the ESYI members. These were:

- **Yoga Therapy:** There was much discussion following the circulation of the announcement of new rules concerning yoga therapy. Until recently Junior Intermediate II could take classes with students who had ongoing health problems, but now can only do remedial work in class, in the presence of a teacher 'qualified' for this work. It was thought that JI II teachers already doing this work, would be able to continue, but newly qualified JI IIs would not. You have to hold at least a Senior Intermediate I certificate and have attended 'medical' classes in Pune before doing remedial work. It was agreed to set up a Working Group for Yoga therapy (from members of the committee).
- **Accreditation Working Group:** Sharon Klaff outlined the proposals for accreditation. As formal negotiations are still ongoing Sharon has asked that discussion points be kept confidential for the time being. If you have any specific questions about accreditation please send them to me and I will contact Sharon on your behalf.

- **2011 Convention -**

The Events Committee has now provisionally booked Strathclyde University for the 2011 (17 June) Convention instead of an 'Edinburgh' university. Jawahar to be invited to teach.