

Report of the EtC

The EAMI General Assembly in Italy 2024 has seen significant progress from the Ethics Committee: we have completed extensive work on updating the EAMI Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. During the assembly, examples from the updated document had been showcased. The committee has also focused on online working, updating language use, terminology, gender pronouns, and GDPR compliance. Members are encouraged to refer to the documents available on the EAMI website.

In collaboration with the EAMI Training Committee we also updated the Training Standards.

The Grievance Procedure requires more consultation and thought. The current document's content raises questions about its realism, relevance, and necessity. The current style of writing is highly legalised for an association which carries no legal jurisdiction or authority.

We recommend that a new document be created which lists resources and procedures for attending to grievances, signposting to legislation and procedures in each region. For instance in the UK the registrative body for music therapists is the Health and Care Professions Council who hold the authority to assess qualifications, capacities and ethical conduct of practitioners in the UK.

The facts of the matter are that according to EU and International law, we as an association, are limited with regards to the implementation of any grievance procedures. And we are also bound by EU GDPR legislation. Our Association, as any Association is not permitted to respond or address factually incorrect accusations by re-circulating private materials through unsolicited emails.

The role of the Association and serving officers is to advise and oversee supervision, consider professional status, re-training,

ultimately redacting membership or primary trainer status if needed.

It must be emphasised that all members and generally professionals do have a duty to highlight concerns or potential infringements to the relevant authorities and governing bodies in clinical work environments, across different countries.

We are bound by EU law to report any known or suspected infringements breaches of GDPR legislation.

Furthermore, serving officers may consider extending their existing Public Liability Insurance to cover any retrospective investigations or court summons during their period of active involvement.

Our Et committee's role is to listen, explore possibilities, and seek advice on behalf of our members.

Last but not least, a resurgence of unsolicited emails to the GIM Community undermining organisational standards was mentioned. The emails are from a source calling themselves Independent GIM Review. If any of our members has been affected or feel confused in any way and would like to speak with someone, please know you are welcome to contact a member of the EAMI Ethics Committee or the EAMI Board.

We would like to point out that we are urgently looking for two new members for the Ethics Committee, as Anna and Jojo will be stepping down from their positions. Please contact the board if you are interested.

We at the Ethics Committee wish all our members peaceful, colourful, contemplative holidays and a happy new year filled with health and creativity, lots of beautiful music and enriching encounters.

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