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ANNUAL REVIEW & FESTIVAL

The Annual Review and Festival was held at the University of Leicester over the weekend 18-19 April 2009. This year all activities were within the John Foster Hall, where the meeting rooms were extremely pleasant with wonderful energies, and many members asking if we could have the same rooms again next year. The halls of residence were a very short distance from the meeting block, with a very good standard of décor and comfort. Once gain the University were very accommodating, and even those who had not notified of special diets beforehand, were catered for at the last minute.

The Annual Review was held on Saturday 18 April 2009, which was followed by talks in the afternoon by a guest speaker. The Management Committee for 2009-2010 is confirmed as Robert Jefford (Chair), Michael Randell (Vice Chair), Veronica Fenn (Co-opted Treasurer), Doreen Sawyer (Secretary) with committee members Sylvia Clegg, Sandra Garratt, Wendy Liles, Joseph Potter, John Spillman. All members of the Management Committee in attendance took on various roles during the weekend and were pleased to meet so many members. After the formal activities of the morning, we were pleased to welcome Dr Rosy Daniel from the Integrated Health Trust who gave two separate talks entitled "The Integrated Approach to Holistic Cancer Care" and "Health Creation – Picture of Health" which took the form of a mini workshop for individuals to review their health and well being. Rosy has already sent an email thanking us for the opportunity to speak at the meeting, and to say how much she enjoyed the wonderful energies, and meeting the members.

The Festival was held on 19 April 2009, where a selection of workshops were offered by delegates, with additional time scheduled in between workshops to allow for delegates to "network" and meet other members. Unfortunately we are not able to announce workshops in advance as many of the offers come in at the last minute, but they were well worth waiting for. One of the delegates has sent in a report to Resonance about the workshops therefore we will not repeat it here, only to say a big thank you to all those who contributed. Many thanks also for the wonderful feedback from the weekend and we are delighted that so many of you enjoyed the experience.

We are again able to give you advance warning of next year's event which is scheduled for 10-11 April 2010, further details of which will be sent out later in the year.

WORKING TEAMS

We would like to extend a vote of thanks to all members of our various working teams within the UKRF. Some of you may not realise that every member of every working team works on a totally voluntary basis (ie without pay), which includes team co-ordinators and those within the teams. Many of our volunteers give tirelessly of their time in support of the UK Reiki Federation and we owe them all an immense vote of thanks for their work and for their support. There is a misconception, however, that members of our working teams may use their role to promote their own courses, however, this is not the case as no-one undertaking a voluntary role within the UKRF is permitted to use that role to self promote, or to promote any event which is not for charity or solely cost recovery. The office is able to give guidance if there is any confusion about an event.

In addition, those who hold data about members of the UKRF as part of their role are bound strictly by the Data Protection Act and should not use such data for any other purpose than that required within their role. The UKRF at no time sells information from its database to third parties and members should be assured that the UKRF places a very high emphasis on maintaining privacy and security of information for members.

As a reminder to members, we all have the opportunity to promote our courses and products via a number of routes, details of which are usually given in the Resonance magazine or newsletters, viz

- a) display advert in the Resonance magazine (but not for Reiki courses – as our members all use Reiki so it is inappropriate)
- b) courses in the Courses & Retreats section of the magazine (3-4 lines £15)
- c) An advertisement in the CPD listings, 100 words for £50. The CPD list is sent out to all new members, and is sent out with each Resonance magazine.

Please free to contact Christine Johnston for (a) and (b) above, contact Doreen Sawyer for (c).

CORE CURRICULUM FOR REIKI

The Core Curriculum for Reiki has been reviewed against the revised NOS and will be included in a book for purchase from the Reiki Council, or for download shortly. Further information will be available on their website at www.reikicouncil.org

CRB CHECKS

Due to changes with regards to the Vetting and Barring Scheme and forthcoming changes re CRB checks, the UKRF made further enquiries about being able to carry out CRB checks on behalf of members. Unfortunately as the majority of members do not have regular long-term contact with children or vulnerable adults, we do not meet the required criteria to become a Registered Body as set out in the Police Act 1997. In England individuals may not ask for CRB checks on themselves, these should be sought by an employer, professional or regulatory body for the purpose of determining suitability for employment or membership with the body.

The Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) “will be implementing a new scheme on October 12th 2009 – the ISA’s responsibilities for barring individuals who pose a known risk from working or volunteering with children and vulnerable adults will be further strengthened as more sectors – such as the NHS and the Prison Service – will come under the Scheme and new criminal offences will come into force. This will be implemented in phases from October 2009, through to November 2010.

Further information can be obtained at www.isa.gov.uk

As an alternative to the ISA scheme, there is an organisation in Scotland which will offer CRB checks to individuals, throughout the whole of the UK, viz

“Disclosure Scotland provides an accurate and responsive disclosure service to enhance security, public safety and protect the vulnerable in society

“Disclosure Scotland is a service provided by Scottish Ministers to manage and operate the Disclosure service in Scotland, as provided for in Part V of the Police Act 1997. From 1st April 2009, Disclosure Scotland became a Scottish Government agency, which will plan, then manage and operate the new vetting and barring service, as provided for in the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007.

There are three types or levels of Disclosure available from Disclosure Scotland but the Basic Disclosure level would probably be of most interest to our members.

The lowest level, the **Basic Disclosure** (termed as a “*criminal conviction certificate*” in [Part V](#) of *The Police Act 1997* – the “[1997 Act](#)”) is available to anyone for any purpose subject to confirmation of identity of the applicant and payment of the appropriate fee. The Basic Disclosure will contain details of convictions held in central police records which are [unspent](#) according to the *Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974* (the “[1974 Act](#)”) or will state that there are no such convictions. Only one copy is issued, normally to the applicant, and will not be provided directly to employers or prospective employers

(unless by prior agreement with Disclosure Scotland and where the employer/prospective employer has obtained appropriate prior written consent from the applicant).

You can apply for a Basic Disclosure online via their website or by paper application form available from [Disclosure Scotland](#). Their website is www.disclosurescotland.co.uk

NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

The project for the revision of the National Occupational Standards for a range of therapies, including Reiki, is now complete. The final documents have been forwarded to UKCES (UK Commission on Employment & Skills) for final approval. Once approved they will then become Crown Copyright but will be available for download for personal use from the Skills for Health website at www.sfh.org.uk

REGULATION

For those new to the UKRF, the Reiki Council has evolved from the Reiki Regulatory Working Group which encouraged Reiki organisations to come together to continue the work towards Voluntary Self Regulation which had been started by the UKRF in 2001.

The Reiki Council came to the conclusion that it would not be appropriate to become a single regulator for Reiki, partly because the majority of Reiki professionals are multi-therapy practitioners and it would be financially more viable for them to join a Registration body which could accommodate their various therapies. The role of the Reiki Council is now that of a lead advisory body for both practitioners and the regulator for Reiki.

Individual practitioners have a choice as to which Regulator they join, but at the present time the GRCT (General Regulatory Council for Complementary Therapists) is the only regulator offering registration to multi-therapy practitioners and particularly for Reiki. Their website is www.grct.org and full information on GRCT is given on the website. The media section on that website may also be of interest to practitioners.

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AREA REPRESENTATION

We give below a list of current area representatives, who you may contact by sending an email via enquiry@reikifed.co.uk and ask for the email to be forwarded to the representative and quoting their area. If there is no-one listed for your area and you would be interested in this voluntary role then please contact ncn@reikifed.co.uk

Name	Area Rep for
Elizabeth Harley	Aberdeenshire
Jacqueline Gayle	Bedfordshire
Sue Blackmore	Cheshire
Annie Harrington	Cornwall
Donna McCheyne	Devon
John Spillman	Essex, Gtr London E
Linda Cowan	Fife, Falkirk
Mary Barka Namurtha	Hampshire, IOW
Milton-Stuart Hawkins	Hertfordshire, Gtr London N
Elaine Hobson	Lancs & Gtr Manchester
Ruth Chambers	Leics, Notts, Derbyshire
Wendy Liles	Lincolnshire
Michelle Kurth	London SW, E, W, Central
Lorraine Murray	Mid & East Lothian, Edinburgh
Jan Kirsop Taylor	N London
Susan Davis	Northamptonshire
Lyn Haworth	Perth & Kinross
Janine Wilbraham	Powys
Susan Bonar	Renfrewshire (East)/Glasgow City
Clarissa Woodcock	Shropshire
Sandra Garratt	Surrey, Gtr London SW
Anne Tottingham	Wiltshire
Fiona Heath	Worcestershire

ONE DAY EVENT – SCOTLAND

Advance notification that a one day event is being planned for Saturday 19 September 2009 to be held at the Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh Airport, Scotland. It is hoped to include details with this mailing, if not it will be forwarded at a later date and will be put on the UKRF website.

USE OF LOGO BY MEMBERS

At a recent meeting of the Management Committee it was agreed that current Practitioner Members could use the UKRF logo on their stationery and/or websites, subject to the following criteria:

- Must be a current practitioner member of the UKRF
- Wording should state “UK Reiki Federation Member” adjacent to the logo
- When used on website should include a link to the UKRF website www.reikifed.co.uk
- The logo is not to be used on certificates or training manuals.

LEAFLETS

At a recent Management Committee Meeting it was decided that the UKRF promotional leaflet would now be printed with a matt finish on lighter weight paper, in a slightly different blue. It was agreed that for every 25 Client/Patient leaflets purchased, 5 copies of the reprinted UKRF leaflet would be supplied free of charge. There are still a few copies of the former “glossy” UKRF promotional leaflet available at 20 p each. Members may purchase additional copies of the revised UKRF promotional leaflet at the same rates as for the Client/Patient leaflets

25 leaflets	£5.00
50 leaflets	£9.00
100 leaflets	£15.00
200 leaflets	£27.00

For all orders please send in your cheque, together with clear details of exactly what you require, not forgetting to include your name, address and membership number.