

Medical Sociology Study Group Report (Main group)

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48th Annual Conference 7-09 Sept 2016 – Aston University, Birmingham

This continues to be a thriving event, with 285 delegates. There continues to be a healthy international interest in the conference with 19% of delegates attending the 2016 conference coming from overseas. The plenary speakers were Professor Nicholas Watson and Professor Davina Allen.

The conference continued with Pecha Kucha sessions, and the successful mentoring corner. There were seven symposia and two committee events (Cost of living blog event and workshop on conversation analysis and medical sociology).

The AGM was held at the conference as is customary.

Pre- conference Early Career Researchers' (ECR) Event

The fifth annual event took place prior to the 48th Annual Conference.

'Medicine, Health and Illness Stream' at the BSA Annual Conference April 2016:

Under the convenorship of Sally Brown and Julia Hiscock there were 50 submissions, resulting in 36 papers, eight roundtables and two posters. Three were referred to other streams and four referred from other streams. Ian Rees Jones gave the Medicine Health and Illness stream plenary for 2016. The new conveners are Ewen Speed and Paul Whybrow and the Plenary will be given by Catherine Pope

Regional / Special Interest Groups –

There continues to be very buoyant actives from most of the Regional Groups, the current active regional groups are East Midlands, North West, North East, South West, Wales, West Midlands, London, Scottish, South Coats and Yorkshire.

There are four Special Interest Groups of the Sociology of Mental Health, Applied Qualitative Health Research, Deconstructing Donation and Environment and Health.

The Cost of Living Blog which is supported by MedSoc

It has visitors from across the world with the majority of readers in the UK and North America.

MedSoc Committee

There were two changes to the Medsoc committee in 2016 with Zahira Latif joining as postgraduate representative and Shadrek Mwale as an ordinary committee member. Names and contact details for committee members are available on the website: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/medical-sociology.aspx>

Phil Strong Memorial Prize

Received no entries so the committee is reconsidering how to raise interest in the prize and is in a position to present two awards in 2017.

The 49th Annual Conference

From 13th-15th September 2017 at University of York

The 50th Annual conference

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Takes place in 2018. An advisory group representing supporters of MedSoc from a range of institutions and levels of seniority that reports to the MedSoc committee has been formed and is active

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