

Here are Ireland's responses to the questions below.

- A status update on your Associations' compliance with the new AAE Code of Professional Conduct;

The existing Irish Code is already very close to fully compliant but we have a new version which will be 100% compliant. The draft is subject to member consultation at present, we expect to have our revision in place well before 31.12.20.

- Your proposal on how to audit an FMA's compliance with and in accordance with our Statutes:

- The new AAE Code of Professional Conduct;
- Having a formal disciplinary process in place.

We suggest for each of these a questionnaire is compiled for FMA's to complete, for the Code this include a request for a mapping of each of the requirements of the code onto the FMA's code. These can then be desk reviewed by volunteer team and follow up questions sent if necessary. Then a draft report on state of compliance across FMA's but including individual details where the FMAs are not in compliance (which FMA's have a chance to examine and correct if need be, before going to other parties)

- Any challenges that your Association is facing or any interesting information for the other ProfC Members.

Much of our CPD is based around physical meetings. As our profession is concentrated in Dublin this has been traditional and possible for most members. We also value the connectivity that this gives our members. This is now difficult due to COVID 19. Unlike some professional bodies our CPD has been based largely on single year basis. We are considering relaxing this so that members can complete 2 years CPD over 2 years as an initial response to the difficulty.

We believe that "Speaking Out" is a key issue and are currently planning to follow IFoA practice and have it as part of our Code as a separate principle.

Some members have suggested that we review whether our disciplinary scheme could be more graduated in its application so that it might be more appropriately calibrated. This is a complicated area which we are considering.

- Any arguments/questions you may have on the documents sent with the agenda. This will allow me to group similar points which are raised by several members and hence make the call more efficient.

No.

- Proposal of a topic for the ProfC 2021 Webinar.

No suggestions at present.

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