

SAGE Award 2009

The Founding Members of the International Association for Music and Medicine (IAMM) attended inaugural meetings from June 4th through June 7th, 2009, at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick, Ireland. The meeting days included the establishment of a mission statement, policies and



procedures, and the institution of by-laws. Additionally, the Founding Members elected officers to serve the first term of the IAMM. Jane Edwards will serve as President; Vera Brandes as Vice President; Fred Schwartz as Treasurer; and Viktoria Korneeva as Secretary. There were also three grand rounds in local hospitals and clinics in Limerick presented by several Founding Members and organized by Professor Jane Edwards. These presentations were in keeping with the mission of program building and coordinated initiatives for research incentives across

the world. The Founding Members include doctors, medics, music therapists, musicians, psychologists, and creative arts therapists from 20 countries.

The inaugural meetings included “Country Features” of Music and Medicine in three countries: China—presented by Tian Gao, PhD, MT; Thailand—presented by Bussakorn Sumronthong,

PhD; and Ireland—presented by Jane Edwards, PhD, MT. Additionally, there was a full-day conference chaired by Professor Jane Edwards which was open to the public. Each of the Founding Members and conference presenters were invited to submit a paper of their presentation to an independent review panel who voted upon the SAGE prize winner. Pictured above are Suzanne Hanser, EdD, MT-BC, receiving the SAGE prize—a crystal Celtic harp and a check for \$200. To the left is President Jane Edwards, PhD, MT, and to Dr. Hanser’s right is Shelley Andrews, SAGE Publications.