

**Report of (*Health*)  
IASSID Council Meeting  
June 10, 2005  
Taiwan**

**Summary of Past Year Activities**

Primary focus on participation in Montpellier conference in which the SIRG played a major role.

Teleconference held

Planning of joint SIRG meeting with mental health in Melbourne September 2005

Newsletters produced

Continued work on key themes: health disparity, h pylori and others.

**Plans for Upcoming Year**

Successful meeting in Melbourne 2005

Begin discussions for contribution to Maastricht meeting

Continue newsletter

Continue to work on key themes

**Issues or Acting Items**

See below

**Discussion Points for Council**

1. SIRG membership- we notice that people seem not to be registering for the SIRG- it is felt that the current website registration system does not make it easy to identify which SIRG you would like to join. Several of our members feel they have registered but are not appearing on the books.
2. On a more broad issue we do not feel the charging to be a member of a SIRG is appropriate. The amount is insignificant and can have very little use to the actual SIRG. We feel it holds at least two deterrent roles to the development of SIRG activity. The first is that some people do not join due to cost. The second is that it holds back cross communication between scientists as it pigeonhole people to some degree. It would be much better to have a very small stipend from IASSID to hold teleconferences, have dedicated time at the large meetings and have no-cost membership.