

Report of the Special Interest Research Group on Aging and Intellectual Disability (SIRGAID)

June 2006

Past Activities

The Special Interest Research Group on Aging and Intellectual Disability held its 14th Roundtable and Annual Meeting in Dortmund, Germany on May 17th through 19th, 2005. It was organized by Dr. Meindert Haveman. Approximately 34 SIRGAID members attended the meetings. The themes included Health Outcomes, Death and Dying, and Social Aspects of Aging with ID. A parallel conference was held on the 20th of May attended by over 75 local providers and University faculty. Four members of the SIRGAID gave presentations.

The SIRGAID 15th Roundtable was held in Toronto, Canada on April 26th-29th, 2006. The University of Rochester, located in nearby upstate New York hosted the meetings. The meetings were held jointly with the SIRG on Quality of Life. The University of Toronto and the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy were co-hosts. There were three thematic foci: Health and aging, Service Policy, and Low Incidence Conditions. 52 people attended the meetings.

The SIRGAID designated Oslo Norway as its venue for the 16th Roundtable, to be held May 20-22, 2007. It will be sponsored by the Development Program on Ageing in People with Intellectual Disabilities (UAU) at The Norwegian Centre for Dementia Research.

The current officers continued in leadership, including Philip Davidson and Christine Bigby as co-Chairs, Dawna Torres Mughal as Treasurer, Heather Wilkinson as Secretary, and Matthew P. Janicki as Past Chair. Dr. Davidson also continued to serve as the SIRGAID Council Representative.

Membership

Dr. Dawna Mughal, our Treasurer reports that we currently have 36 IASSID members who have paid their \$20 SIRG dues for 2006.

Budget

At its Business Meeting at Toronto, Dr. Mughal reported cash on hand of \$ 5,101.37 anticipated additional revenues of \$800.00, anticipated expenses of \$2,200.00, and an anticipated end-of-year balance of \$3,701.37. The budget was approved, although discussion recommended caution in adopting a spending plan that overestimated dues revenues. There was strong sentiment to limit travel expenses of Officers attending IASSID sponsored events without substantial sharing of costs with IASSID.

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