

Report of Parents and Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities
IASSID Council Meeting
May 27-28, 2007

Summary of Past Year Activities

The Parents and Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities SIRG held its fourth meeting at E-IASSID at Maastricht in August 2006. Thirteen people attended with nine apologies. The meeting expressed its appreciation for the efforts involved in having a Keynote presentation on Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities at the conference and a well attended stream on parenting. Given that the SIRG is relatively small, the quality and quantity of the presentations at each of the IASSID, E-IASSID and Asia Pacific Conferences since the group's inception is quite outstanding.

The SIRG resolved to seek publication of a special issue on Parents and Parenting with intellectual disabilities. Professor G. Llewellyn has approached Professor David Felce and Professor Glynis Murphy and plans are now well advanced with invited authors preparing manuscripts for a Special Issue of JARID on this topic scheduled for later in 2008. The co-editors for this special issue are Professor G Llewellyn, Dr Rachel Mayes and Associate Professor D McConnell.

The SIRG also resolved to prepare a Position Paper on Parents and Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities for consideration by IASSID Council. Associate Professor D. McConnell has assumed responsibility for consultation with SIRG Members and preparing this paper. The Position Paper once approved would also be included in the Special Issue.

Professors R. Traustadottir and G. Llewellyn following conversations with Blackwell Publishing at the conference have prepared in consultation with Dr H. Sigurjónsdóttir and Associate Professor D McConnell and subsequently forwarded to Blackwell's a prospectus for an edited book on Parents and Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities featuring the work of SIRG members.

Plans for Upcoming Year

1. To complete the Special Issue according to the timeline presented to JARID.
2. To complete the Position Paper for forwarding to IASSID Council for their endorsement
3. To plan for the SIRG's first Roundtable at the IASSID Conference in Capetown in 2008.
4. To expend funds to ensure development of Position Paper and support for Roundtable at Capetown in 2008.

Issues or Acting Items

None current

Discussion Points for Council

No current items. The SIRG thanks Council for consideration of SIRG fees disbursement and the subsequent policy and distribution

Financial Statement May 07

Held funds	\$660.00
Disbursed funds May 07	\$513.07

Total: \$1173.07