

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

## IASSID Council Meeting

May 27-28, 2007

### *Summary of Past Year's Activities*

**Roundtables.** The Special Interest Research Group on Aging and Intellectual Disability (SIRGAID) held its 15<sup>th</sup> Roundtable in Toronto, Canada on April 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> Roundtable will be held in Oslo, Norway on May 30-June 1, 2007. It is being sponsored by the Development Program on Ageing in People with Intellectual Disabilities (UAU) at The Norwegian Centre for Dementia Research. A parallel local congress will take place on May 29-May 30, 2007. Registration figures for this event are strong.

**Elections.** The SIRGAID elected its 2007-2008 leadership in September 2006. The membership elected Philip Davidson (USA) and Christine Bigby (Australia) as co-Chairs, Philip McCallion (USA) as Treasurer, and Heather Wilkinson (UK) as Secretary. Matthew P. Janicki (USA) will continue as a member of the leadership as Past Chair. Dr. Davidson also will continue to serve as the SIRGAID Council Representative. The membership also elected three At-Large members: Dawna Torres Mughal (USA), Maria van Laake (The Netherlands) and Sunny Kalsy (UK). Dr. Mughal will serve as Newsletter Editor and Dr. Kalsy will assume responsibility for membership activities.

**Membership.** The IASSID Treasurer reports that we currently have 77 IASSID members who have elected membership in the SIRGAID.

**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.

### **Plans for Upcoming Year**

Planning is underway to prepare a program on Aging and Intellectual Disabilities to be presented at the International Congress in South Africa in 2008. As has been the normal practice, the SIRGAIUD will hold no Roundtable during the International Congress year. There will be a Roundtable in 2009, but a sponsor and venue has not yet been designated. Guidelines for the organization of roundtables have now been

drawn up and endorsed by the executive group and will be discussed at the annual business meeting at the Roundtable in May.

In March 2007, The SIRGAID's first Newsletter was disseminated to all members via e-mail. Dr. Mughal is preparing a second issue.

The Executive Committee will continue its practice of holding bi-monthly Skype meetings. The committee would like the IASSID council to note the difficulties experienced by the SIRGAID in having updated information posted to the IASSID website in a timely manner and request that this issue be addressed.

Submitted – PW Davidson and Christine Bigby, Co-Chairs/Aging SIRG  
11 May 2007