

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

IASSID Council Meeting

August 25, 2008

Summary of Past Year's Activities

Roundtables. The SIRGAID 16th Roundtable was held in Oslo, Norway on May 30-June 1, 2007. It was sponsored by the Development Program on Ageing in People with Intellectual Disabilities (UAU) at The Norwegian Centre for Dementia Research. Approximately 60 SIRGAID members attended the two-day meetings. A parallel local congress took place on May 29-May 30, 2007. Over 200 local service providers, policy makers and academics registered for this event.

Elections. The SIRGAID elected its 2008-2012 leadership in May 2008. The membership elected Christine Bigby (Australia) Heather Wilkinson (UK) as co-Chairs, Philip McCallion (USA) as Treasurer, and Sonny Kalsy as Secretary. Matthew P. Janicki (USA) will continue as a member of the leadership as Past Chair. He will be joined by Philip W. Davidson (USA), immediate past chair. The membership also elected four At-Large members: Maria van Laake (The Netherlands), Jennifer Torr (Australia), Lisa Wang (Taiwan) and Frode Larsen (Norway). Dawna Torres Mughal (USA) leaves the Executive Committee after many years of service to the SIRGAID. Dr. Mughal most recently served with distinction as SIRGAID Newsletter Editor. We are all grateful for her fine contributions.

Membership. The IASSID Treasurer reports that we currently have 88 IASSID members who have elected membership in the SIRGAID.

Budget. At its Business Meeting at Oslo, Dr. Davidson, on behalf of Dr. McCallion, reported total unobligated assets of \$ 4,881.28, anticipated additional revenues of \$911.00, anticipated expenses of \$2,200.00, and an anticipated end-of-year balance of \$3,592.28. The budget was approved.

Plans for Upcoming Year

The SIRGAID program on Aging and Intellectual Disabilities to be presented at the International Congress in South Africa in 2008 includes 19 symposia covering a broad range of issues pertinent to aging with an intellectual disability. As has been the normal practice, the SIRGAID will hold no Roundtable during the International Congress year. The 17th Roundtable will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland on September 23-25, 2009, hosted by the University of Edinburgh. Guidelines for the organization of roundtables have now been drawn up and endorsed by the Executive Committee.

The SIRGAID plans a number of initiatives to boost participation of existing members in upcoming IASSID events and to increase the SIRGAID membership.

In March 2007, The SIRGAID's first Newsletter was disseminated to all members via e-mail. Dr. Mughal has prepared five additional issues since then.

The Executive Committee will continue its practice of holding frequent Skype meetings.

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