

THE PERSON'S CURRENT INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Dr. Vianne Timmons has recently been appointed President of the University of Regina, Canada. Dr. Timmons's research areas include family literacy, knowledge translation and inclusive practices. She has worked and researched with children and adults with unique learning needs for the last 30 years. She has numerous research grants and has published extensively in international and national journals. She served as editor of the journal, Education Exceptionality Canada, for 10 years.

THE PERSON'S EXPERIENCE WITHIN IASSID

Dr. Timmons served as a Council member and secretary of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities, for the last four years. She also served on the executive of the Canadian Bureau of International Education, the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

THE PERSON'S EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THE ROLE FOR WHICH THE NOMINATION IS SUBMITTED

Dr. Timmons is asked to present frequently on her work in nationally and internationally. Vianne has spent the last decade working in India where she was instrumental in the development of the National Resource Centre for Inclusion. She has developed a curriculum for teachers in India to support them in the implementation of inclusive education practices. She is presently working with the Ministry of Higher Education in Sri Lanka on a project to improve teacher education. She brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and energy to IASSID and is committed to advancing the organization.

THE PERSON'S CAPACITY TO UNDERTAKE THE ROLE BETWEEN 2008 AND 2012

Able, willing and capable

THE PERSON'S CAPACITY TO UNDERTAKE THE ROLE BETWEEN 2012 AND 2016 SHOULD HE OR SHE BE ELECTED TO ANOTHER TERM (OR THE PERSON'S CAPACITY TO UNDERTAKE THE ROLE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT BETWEEN 2012 AND 2016 SHOULD THE PERSON BE NOMINATED AS PRESIDENT.

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THE PERSON'S GOALS FOR IASSID AND THE CONTRIBUTION HE OR SHE COULD MAKE:

The International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities (IASSID) is the first and only world-wide group dedicated to the scientific study of intellectual disability, and therefore serves a critical role internationally. IASSID brings together international and interdisciplinary scientific non governmental organizations and highlights their research and achievements. It promotes worldwide research and exchange of information on intellectual disabilities and provides numerous networking opportunities regionally and internationally. With the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities adopted in 2006, this is an opportune time for IASSID. Many countries are looking at better ways to support people with intellectual disabilities and IASSID can provide them with access to research that will enable them to make evidence informed decisions. In the next decade knowledge translation, continued promotion of interdisciplinary research, and advocacy should be an emphasis for IASSID.

This is the time to focus on building IASSID, to increase the membership in both diversity and numbers. With technology and access to information so accessible IASSID can enhance its role in exchange of information, encouraging countries to learn from each other and to mobilize research so it is easily accessible to the membership.