

International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability
Report of the Special Interest Research Group on Comparative Policy and Practice

Summary of activities

Following the inaugural meeting at IASSID-Europe, the first roundtable was held in Prague 16-17 November 2007. The roundtable was held in association with a 1.5 day conference to launch the report of the DECLOC project, which was attended by approximately 100 participants.

Two linked symposia were organised by the SIRG at the IASSID meeting in Cape Town together with a business meeting.

Forward plan

The SIRG plan a roundtable in Germany or the Czech Republic in 2009 focusing on Personalisation (individualised and self-directed services); and a roundtable at IASSID-Europe in Rome in 2010 focusing on deinstitutionalisation and community living.

The SIRG will also explore with the organisers of the Asia Pacific meeting in 2009 how to make a contribution to the event perhaps in reviewing and organising contributions on policy and practice.

Issues

None.

Matters for Council

The SIRG discussed the proposed rationalisation of special interest areas and the concerns expressed on behalf of the Quality of Life SIRG about taking responsibility for the area of community living and employment. It was agreed that if no other resolution could be found these topics could be added to this SIRG's portfolio.

Jim Mansell, Chair

Julie Beadle-Brown, Secretary/Treasurer