

To: All Council Members of IASSID.

Re: **Nominations to IASSID Council.**

Dear Colleagues,

I refer to the nominations to the Council of IASSID for the term 2008 – 2012. attached are:

The people currently on Council

The number of Council Members by Region

The people serving a further term

The nominees for the Research Centre and Organisational Membership Panels

**The elected individual members for the term
2008 – 2012**

Routes to Council:

In the past people were elected to Council by one route only – National Associations.

Changes to the Bylaws brought in two new membership categories –

- Individual members.
- Research centres.

The size of the Council is limited to 30.

Individual members:

David Felce and Patricia N. Walsh were the first two individual members elected to Council. The Council agreed the level of representation as, one individual member for 100 paid up members.

As of July 31st. 2008 there are 561 paid up members Individual members are polled separately.

Research Centres:

No ratio formula for the representation of Research Centres has been agreed by Council. There are currently 42 paid up research centres as of the 31.7.2008.

National Organisations:

No ratio formula for the representation of National Organisations has been agreed by Council. There are currently 14 paid up national organisations as of the 31.7.2008.

Defining the membership for elections:

This year, the cut off point was extended to the 31.7.2008. The incoming Council may wish to have a fixed date in place going forward, for example –

Invoices to go out in December with a 3 month deadline, with reminders after 2 months. This does not mean not accepting members throughout the year but rather before any election to have an agreed cut off date to allow for a reasonable run in time and to take the paid up membership as of an agreed date.

This is important in any year in which an election takes place or in the event of an extraordinary general meeting of the Assembly.

Geographical spread:

The Articles and Bylaws place a requirement on Council to seek a geographical spread. Originally this was achieved by looking at the country of origin of national organisations and later research centres but in the overall context of what the then Council considered as to what representation was in the best interests of IASSID.

SIRGs:

Prior to Montpellier, at Assembly meetings SIRGs were not formally represented on the Council. The Assembly meeting agreed to a change in the Bylaws to panel representation as set down by Council (Article IV, section 3 b). There are 8 recognised SIRGs. David, in his discussion paper, identified the importance of SIRG representation on Council. SIRGs have the potential to act as significant drivers for the research agenda. SIRGs will be represented on Council by their Chairperson or another nominee of the SIRG. SIRG representative serve **for one term** unless re-appointed at the SIRG AGM to serve for a second term.

Individual membership requirement to be a member of Council:

If the rule changes are agreed at the Assembly meeting all members of **Council must be paid up individual members.**

Assembly:

Research centres and organisational members appoint delegates to the Assembly. The number of delegates depends on the size of the organisation / research centre. Currently the formula is –

- 1 voting delegate for an organisation / research centre with less than one hundred (100) members.
- 2 voting delegates for an organisation with one hundred to five hundred (100 – 500) members.
- 3 voting delegates for an organisation with over five hundred (500) members.

The Secretary has written to named people in both categories of membership asking that their named delegate contact her office in Cape Town prior to the Assembly.

The Council at its meeting appoints Individual Members as delegates to the Assembly.

Currently Council members cannot act as a delegate to the Assembly (Article III Section d).

Changes in this procedure:

One of the proposed changes in the Bylaws is to remove the delegate requirement to the Assembly and give the franchise to:

- All Individual members.
- Named nominees of –
 Research Centres National Organisations

and remove the restriction on members of Council. The number of named representatives from research centres and national organisations will be -

- One named voting member for a member organisation with less than three hundred (300) members.
- Two named voting members for a member organisation with three hundred or more (300 +) members.

Research centres:

Some research centres, listed as research centres may have a number of members in single digits. The incoming Council may wish to re-define what is a research centre in the context of numbers etc.

Automatic representation:

Under the existing rules, the only automatic right of representation rests with:

- Individual members on the basis of the formula of representation outlined above.
- The SIRG Panel as determined by Council:

After the Montpellier meeting, people were assigned to represent SIRGs.

From Cape Town Chairs of SIRGs or another agreed nominee of a SIRG will be represented on Council but only for **one term** to take account of a change in the SIRG officers and membership.

As outlined above, 8 SIRGs will be represented on Council for the period 2008 – 2012. At the time of writing, some of the nominees are known but others will not be known until after their respective meetings.

Transition:

The above transition in Council representation has taken place over two Assembly meetings. The Assembly meeting in Cape Town allows for further changes.

Deciding the slate of nominees for the Assembly meeting:

At the Council meeting on August 25th. members of Council will decide on the slate of nominees for the General Assembly.

Once the SIRG positions have been assigned, and as the Individual Member positions are now filled there are seven free places on Council. There are however, 10 people nominated from Research Centres and National Organisations for these 7 positions.

I hope the foregoing clarifies the position for the Council meeting.

Kind regards,

Stephen Kealy.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL 2008 – 2012

Nominations for Council 2008 – 2012.

Officers:

- President: Professor Glynis Murphy.
- President-elect:* Prof. Vianne Timmons / Dr. Giorgio Albertini.

* For voting on by secret ballot at Council meeting, August 25th. 2008.

- Secretary: Dr. Helene Oulette Kuntz. **Unopposed.**
- Treasurer: Dr. Phil Davidson. **Unopposed.**

Council members not in a position to attend at Cape Town have been asked to send a proxy vote to Stephen Kealy.

Nominations – SIRG Panel:

| SIRGs | Currently | 2008 - 2012 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Families | Jan Blacher | Awaiting nomination. |
| Quality of Life | | Ivan Brown |
| Ageing | Phil Davidson | Christine Bigby |
| Health | Bob Davis | Bob Davis |
| Comparative policy and practice | | Jim Mansell |
| Mental health | Tony Holland | Awaiting nomination. |
| Profound and multiple disabilities | Carla Vlaskamp | Bea Maes |
| Parenting | | Awaiting nomination. |

Nominations - Research Centres Panel:

| Research Centre Name | Candidate |
|---|--------------------|
| Welsh Centre for Disabilities Studies | Mike Kerr |
| UCD Centre for Disabilities Studies | Philip Dodd |
| Down's Syndrome Research Foundation – (Vancouver, Canada) | Naznin Virji Babul |
| Disability Study Unite – National Chung Cheng University in Min-hSiung, Taiwan. | Jin Dig Ling. |

**NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL
2008 – 2012**

Nominees - National Associations:

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|---|-------------------------------|
| South African Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Handicap | Prof. Coleen Adnams |
| AAIDD | Professor Tamar Heller |
| Inclusion Ireland | Dr. Kathy O'Grady |
| Royal College of Psychiatrists | Dr. Tom Berney |
| German Society of Mental Handicap (DGSGB) | Dr. Michael Siedel |
| African Ass. of Psychiatrists & Allied Professions | Dr. Frank Njenga Gitau Njenga |

Council members serving a second term or a further term by virtue of their position as an Officer.

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| Glynis Murphy | President-elect. |
| Vianne Timmons | Possible President-elect. |
| Hans Reinders. | |
| Giorgio Albertini. | Possible President-elect. |
| Helene Oulette Kuntz. | Secretary. |
| Phil Davidson. | Treasurer. |
| David Felce (ex-officio) | |
| Bob Davis. | |
| Richard Hastings. | |
| Joel Levy. | |
| Ulla Jacobsen. | |
| Keith McVilly. | |
| Franck Sturtz. | |
| Shigeru Suemitsu. | |

Individual members:

3 positions to be filled from individual membership.

National Associations nominees listed below.

Research Centres nominees listed below.

Appendix 4

| Individual members | Retiring | Second term | Original point of entry. |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Patricia N. Walsh | √ | | Individual member |
| Maria Malbran | √ | | Individual member |
| Joel Levy | | √ | Individual member. |
| Richard Hastings | | √ | Individual member. |
| Helene Oulette Kuntz | | √ | Individual member. |
| Hans Reinders | | √ | Individual member |
| Miguel del Verdugo | √ | | |
| David Felce | | Ex-officio member of Council | Individual member. |

Vacant slots for Individual Members - 3.

Why?

Hans Reinders was assigned in 2004 following the Montpellier meeting to the Ethics Affinity Group

Helene Oulette Kuntz nominated as Secretary. As the only nomination, will be elected as Secretary.

David Felce – as President, vacated an individual member slot in 2004.

| National Associations | Retiring | Second term | Original point of entry. |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Oulette Jacobsen | | √ | Danish Association |
| Matt Janicki | √ | | AAMR |
| Stephen Kealy | √ | | Inclusion Ireland |
| Sheila Hollins | √ | | Royal College of Psychiatrists |
| Shigeru Suemitsu | | √ | Japanese Association |
| Keith McVilly | | √ | ASSID |

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|------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Neil Ross | √ | | Villepinte |
| Tamar Heller | | For re-election | AAIDD |
| Iliana Duvdevany | √ | | Israel Association |
| Carla Vlaskamp | √ | | Dutch Association |
| Monica Bjorkman | √ | | Swedish Association |
| Fabrizio Fea | √ | | MAMH |
| George Jessien | √ | | Association of University Affiliated Programmes. |

Appendix 5

| Research Centres | Retiring | Second term | Original point of entry. |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|--|
| Franck Sturtz | | √ | Jerome le Jeune Fondation |
| Glynis Murphy | | President | Tizard Centre |
| Giorgio Albertini | | √ | Casa di Cura |
| Vianne Timmons | | √ | Research Department, University PI. |
| Lisa Wang | √ | | National Chung Cheng University |
| Tony Holland | √ | | Research Dept. Cambridge Univ. (Assigned to Mental Health). |
| Henny Lantman | | | |
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Result of Individual Polling:

| NAME | COUNTRY |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Liliana Mayo | Peru |
| Gwynneth Llewelyn | Australia |
| Germain Weber | Austria |

| SIRG | REPRESENTATIVE | RETIRING | 2008 - 2012 | ORIGINAL POINT OF ENTRY |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Families | Jan Blacher | √ | May be re-appointed | Families |
| Health | Bob Davis | √ | Has been re-appointed | Health |
| Mental Health | Tony Holland | √ | Nominee to be appointed. | Research centre assigned to Mental Health SIRG |
| Ageing | Phil Davidson | √ | Christine Bigby | Originally assigned Ageing SIRG (P. Davidson) |

Appendix 6

Current distribution by Country:

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|----------------|--|----------------|
| United Kingdom | Glynis Murphy Sheila Hollins David Felce Richard Hastings Tony Holland Mike Kerr (Observer) | 5 + 1 observer |
| Japan | Shigeru Suemitsu | 1 |
| France | Neil Ross Franck Sturtz | 2 |
| Netherlands | Hans Reinders Henny Lantman Carla Vlaskamp | 3 |
| Italy | Fabrizio Fea Giorgio Albertini | 2 |
| Taiwan | Lisa Wang | 1 |
| Australia | Keith McVilly Bob Davis | 2 |
| Canada | Vianne Timmons Helene Oulette Kuntz | 2 |
| Argentina | Maria Malbran | 1 |
| Spain | Miguel de Verdugo | 1 |
| Israel | Ilana Duvdevany | 1 |
| Ireland | P.N. Walsh. Stephen Kealy | 2 |
| USA | Tamar Heller Matt Janicki Phil Davidson Jan Blacher Joel Levy George Jessien | 6 |
| Denmark | Ulla Jacobsen | 1 |
| Sweden | Monica Bjorkman | 1 |

Regions:**Number**

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Europe including Israel | 17 + 1 observer + 1 Ex-officio |
| North America (USA / Canada) | 8 |
| South America | 1 |
| Africa | 0 |
| Asia / Australia | 4 |

STEVEN'S SHAPIRO FELLOWSHIPS

| NAME | COUNTRY | AMOUNT | WAIVED REGISTRATION |
|----------------|---------|---------------|------------------------|
| Katie McDonald | USA | €1,400 | √ |
| Shaun Cleaver | Canada | €1,400 | √ |
| Ine Hostyn | Belgium | €1,400 | √ |
| Grace Kelly | Ireland | €1,400 | √ |
| | | | |
| Total | | €6,600 | €1,800 |
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| Combined total | | €8,400 | |
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MENCAP FELLOWSHIPS

| Name | Country | Amount | Waived Registration |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Ereny Gobrial | Egypt | €1,400 | √ |
| Evariste Karangwa | Rwanda | €1,400 | √ |
| Paul M. Ajuwon | Nigeria | €1,400 | √ |
| Kelvin Mwaba | South Africa | | √ |
| Ancent Muli Muraba | South Africa | | √ |
| Nomonde Ngada | South Africa | | √ |
| El Marie Janse van Rensberg | South Africa | | √ |
| Amud Sayed | South Africa | €250 | √ |
| Marinda Roelofse | South Africa | | √ |
| Amanda Roux | South Africa | | √ |
| Maletsatsi Annah Ttshabangu | South Africa | €110 | √ |
| Karen Spenser | United Kingdom | €1,000 | √ |
| Craig Hart | United Kingdom | €1,000 | √ |
| Total: | | €6,860 | €3,235 |
| Combined total | | €10,095 | |

STEVENS SHAPIRO FELLOWSHIPS

| NAME | COUNTRY | AMOUNT | WAIVED REGISTRATION |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Kate McDonald | USA | €1,400 | √ |
| Shaun Cleaver | Canada | €1,400 | √ |
| Ine Hostyn | Belgium | €1,400 | √ |
| Grace Kelly | Ireland | €1,400 | √ |
| Total | | €6,600 | |
| Combined total | | €8,400 | |