

Report of Parents and Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities
IASSID Council Meeting
August 25, 2008

Summary of Past Year Activities

Over the past year the SIRG has successfully prepared a Special Issue of the *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities*, published as Vol 21, no. 4, July 2008. This issue contains 8 papers representing five countries which highlight the important and informative research occurring on this topic around the world.

In addition the Special Issue contains the position paper of the SIRG on parents and parenting by people with intellectual disabilities. This paper has been endorsed by IASSID Council and is another significant achievement for this SIRG. The paper is titled: **Parents labeled with Intellectual Disability: Position of the IASSID SIRG on Parents and Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities**, *IASSID Special Interest Research Group on Parents and Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities, JARID, 21(4), 296-307.*

Professors Llewellyn, Traustadottir, McConnell and Sigurjónsdóttir have secured a contract with Wiley for a book provisionally titled **Parents with intellectual disabilities and their children: Living and learning in the community**, to be published in mid 2009. The 14 contributors to this publication come from seven countries; all are members of IASSID. This is an exciting endeavor which will further raise awareness of this important topic of parenting by people with intellectual disabilities.

Plans for Upcoming Year

1. To conduct the SIRG's first Roundtable in Cape Town on August 23rd just prior to the IASSID Congress in Cape Town.
2. To plan a series of international collaborative research efforts as an outcome of the Roundtable
3. To offer a Parenting Stream at IASSID Congress in Cape Town (19 papers accepted) and to similarly offer a well subscribed Parenting Stream at IASSID 2nd Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Singapore in June 2009.
4. To develop a series of Awards and possibly scholarship activities for early career researchers contributing to the knowledge base about parents and parenting with intellectual disability.
5. To consider ways in which we can engage more directly with parents with intellectual disability and support their inclusion in research which most affects their lives and their inclusion in dissemination of research through publication and conference presentation.

Issues or Acting Items

At our General Meeting at IASSID Congress in Cape Town we need to reconsider the Executive membership given that Gwynnyth Llewellyn has served now as Chair since 2004.

Discussion Points for Council

No current items. The SIRG thanks Council for its timely consideration of the Position Paper and in particular Professors David Felce and Glynis Murphy and Pat Clelland for their support and encouragement in the preparation of the Special Issue of JARID.