

## Minutes

Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
IASSID Council Meeting  
2:30 pm – 6:30 pm.  
Furama Riverfront Hotel

Attending: Glynis Murphy (Chair), Vianne Timmons (note taker), Keith McVilly, Bob Davis, David Allen, Julie Beadle-Brown, Christine Bigby, Gwynnyth Llewellyn, Liliana Mayo, Mike Kerr, Kathy O'Grady, Shigeru Suemitsu (Kiyoshi Otomo guest translator), Germain Weber, Tamar Heller, Eric Emerson, Ivan Brown, Michael Seidel, Matt Janicki, Penny Robertson (observer from Down Syndrome International), R. Brown (guest).

Regrets: Giorgio Albertini, David Felce, Jan Blacher, H el ene Ouellette-Kuntz, Phil Davidson, Neil Ross, Phillip Dodd, Richard Hastings, Tony Holland, Joel Levy, Bea Maes, David McConnell, Colleen Adnams.

### 1. Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda: Moved by G. Llewellyn and seconded by I. Brown.

M. Seidel requested two items be added:

Congress registration fees for Council Members (not paid but council members can invoice for up to \$500 US for any legitimate expense eg air fares, hotels, etc).

Inclusion International (taken under All Other Business).

### 3. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Moved by M. Kerr and seconded by T. Heller.

Matters Arising: Amended By-Laws to be distributed to Council members. K. McVilly will work with H. Ouellette-Kuntz to revise the IASSID By-Laws.

### 4. President's Report:

G. Murphy spoke to the highlights of her distributed President's Report. She distributed an updated budget summary of the 2008 South Africa World Congress.

IASSID Research in Africa Grants. G. Murphy has asked for two reviewers of the research reports from the awards given to support Africa research. N. Ross and H. Ouellette-Kuntz have agreed to review. Summaries will be

written up in the newsletter.

For the Academy review, the Executive has recommended that the reviewers talk to select IASSID Executive past and present members and SIRG Chairs. There may be an interest in Council members in this review and they are to let the President know if they want to be interviewed. I. Brown suggested that the reviewers speak to select Academy presenters.

#### 5. SIRG Coordination:

B. Davis reported on the meeting with the SIRG Chairs.

Membership lists and databases need to be maintained and improved. The President reported that this is being reviewed with an intent to improve the registration software and website.

Communication and efficiency of the website were topics on the agenda. B. Davis will be working on improving communication processes. The relationship between SIRGs and the Academy was discussed.

The SIRG Chairs would like to be contacted regarding items for the newsletters. They feel a need to develop a more formal communication structure with each other and the Vice President that oversees SIRGs. B. Davis will set up a list serve for the SIRG chairs (when the website is updated the SIRG list serve will be hosted on the website). There will be a SIRG coordination meeting at every regional and World Congress conference and advertised in the program.

There is a request that there be a discussion with SIRG Chairs on their needs as the website is updated. Council members were invited to provide input to the committee, which is comprised of K. McVilly, P. Davidson, H. Ouellette-Kuntz and N. Ross.

There is a request to establish a Down Syndrome SIRG. There is an agreement that was signed with IASSID and Down Syndrome International (DSI) in 2006, which indicated that they would be permitted to establish a SIRG. Down Syndrome International appointed Roy Brown as their liaison to IASSID, and B. Davis will be the IASSID liaison to DSI.

#### 6. Position Statement from Comparative Policy and Practice SIRG:

The position statement on deinstitutionalization and community living was approved by the SIRG. J. Beadle-Brown moved and E. Emerson seconded that it be formally approved as a position statement of IASSID. **The motion was carried.** There was a discussion by M. Seidel and G. Weber of the cultural understanding of the term 'institution'. I. Brown suggested that the paper be

posted on the web as a SIRG position paper and get wider feedback from colleagues to develop the position in more detail with cultural sensitivity. J. Beadle-Brown said the paper had been widely discussed with colleagues from Europe. She will discuss the issue over the term 'institution' with M. Seidel and G. Weber, so as to make a minor clarification to the paper.

## 7. Conference Reports:

Asia Pacific 2009: K. McVilly gave a brief report. Approximately 350 – 400 delegates representing 35 countries attended. There were Academy workshops preceding and following the conference. The budget will be completed within a month. The organizers hope that any surplus could be allocated to projects within the region.

E. Emerson complemented the conference organizers. He hoped that any projects funded by conference surplus would be allocated to developing countries in the region. B. Davis suggested some of the money be allocated to building connections between researchers. There was a suggestion to connect with organizations such as World Bank, Australia Aid etc.

Thank you to K. McVilly for his efforts.

Europe Rome 2010 Oct 20-22: Report provided. M. Janicki spoke to the highlights. The SIRGs asked that the papers falling into SIRG areas be sent to the SIRGs to organize into topics and assign moderators. The theme is "Integrating Biomedical and Psycho-Social Educational Perspectives". A snappier title would be good. The number of female plenary speakers was thought to be low. The organizers are looking into an abstract software program. K. McVilly is using Oxford Abstract and will report on the effectiveness of it. E. Emerson recommended including a speaker from the WHO.

South America 2011: J. Blacher has made contact with a Brazilian colleague. L. Mayo will work with J. Blacher. M. Janicki will provide some contacts to J. Blacher. A report will be made to the Executive in the fall on the feasibility of this opportunity. L. Mayo recommended that different languages be reflected on the web.

M. Janicki suggested United Arab Emirates as a possibility for a conference in the Middle East if Brazil does not work out or even as a complementary one-day conference. Council agreed that it would not be able to support anything more than a one-day conference in addition to the normal round of major conferences.

K. McVilly suggested a three-tier focus:

World Congress

Regional Conferences  
Academy, SIRG round tables or co-sponsored events.

Flexibility will be essential. The Executive will have final authority on where, when and how the events will be held.

World Congress 2012: Planning meeting to be set in fall 2009 in Halifax. V. Timmons gave a verbal report. Volunteers have been identified to lead sponsorship, volunteers and hospitality. K. McVilly and P. Davidson will connect V. Timmons to key people in the United States.

Tokyo 2013: They are well organized and have started fundraising. The President of the Association of the Study of Developmental Disabilities, Hitoshi Hara, is the contact. There was a brief meeting during the 2009 Asia-Pacific conference between the Japanese delegation, K. McVilly and G. Murphy. Financial and other arrangements were discussed. One of the issues will be to find reasonably priced facilities. There was a discussion on reduced registration rates for participants from developing countries.

8. Academy Report:

The report was distributed with the agenda. R. Brown reported that between 190-200 participants were enrolled in 6 sessions at the Asia-Pacific 2009 conference. Ratings were around 4.5 out of a 5-point scale. In Malaysia there were approximately 250 participants. K. McVilly did two additional workshops in Singapore and the proceeds went to the Singapore conference account. The Academy will be putting in a budget to the treasurer of IASSID for the upcoming year. R. Brown thanked K. McVilly and M. Janicki for their support. A. Turnbull resigned and K. Poon has agreed to become a member of the Board. R. Brown brought up the Council members' role and length of service on the Academy Board. A small Executive will be set up for the Academy.

9. Publication Report: No formal report; JPPID Report was distributed.

10. WHO Liaison:

A report was distributed. E. Emerson spoke to the highlights. Early next year the WHO report on disability and rehabilitation will be developed. IASSID has been asked to peer review the report. There are specific initiatives being developed by WHO for screening of children and supports to families especially for developing countries.

11. Secretary's Report:

The report was distributed before the meeting.

Council was asked which committee they would be interested in serving on. P. Dodd asked to serve on the publication committee. C. Bigby requested that the Awards Committee have social science added. A suggestion for this vacancy is to be sent to G. Murphy. E. Emerson moved and K. McVilly seconded the committee memberships.

Membership information will be updated and the Secretary will be drawing up a document on membership benefits. It is recommended that follow up be done with lost members.

## 12. Treasurer's Report:

G. Murphy distributed a revised budget and spoke to the highlights of the Treasurer's report.

Through his report, P. Davidson moved that we secure the services of an auditor, Davie Kaplan, Inc. K. McVilly seconded. All agreed and the **motion was carried**. The European account will not be audited at this time as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will review this each year.

P. Davidson amended the document (Attachment 4, Pg 8, Line H: change from 1000 to 3500. Line C is to be deleted as Executive recommends that JPPID does not need to be supported as other journals are not supported. P. Davidson will add the estimate for the SIRGs, approximately 10,000. Total Line will be 154,780.) M. Janicki objected indicating that he needed the JPPID support. G. Murphy agreed to discuss with P. Davidson. (*Matt Janicki later clarified that what was in the budget was simply a pass through from Wiley so this was agreed.*)

K. McVilly recommended that IASSID invest in software to locate on our website to facilitate web based meetings. Agreed that the \$20K web development money may include this kind of development. SIRG chairs and others will be consulted regarding their web needs.

## 13. Any Other Business:

- a. Inclusion International conference up-coming in Berlin. M. Seidel offered to contact them (Klaus Lachmit) and put them in touch with the President, so as to discuss IASSID's possible involvement.
- b. Next Council meeting: in Rome, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 in p.m.
- c. Executive meeting in Rome will be Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 in a.m.

Respectfully submitted by V. Timmons (note taker)