

IASSID 2nd Asia Pacific Conference - Singapore, 2009

Report to IASSID Executive, January 2009

Decisions, deliberations & advice requested from IASSID Ex.:

Date of Council Meeting for June - Tuesday 23rd or Sunday 28th? (See draft conference timetable, p.3); Fundraising options / suggestions (See budget issues, p.2); Scholarship possibilities, supported by IASSID (See budget issues, p.2); Publicity options for final round (See issues, p.6).

Theme:

Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society

Dates:

Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th June 2009

Webpage:

Abstract submissions and registrations all accessed via IASSID home page (www.iassid.org), with links to sites at Singapore maintained by the Secretariat (CMA International).

Venue:

Furama Riverfront Hotel, 405 Havelock Road, SINGAPORE, 169633
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Registration Fees:

Rate	Singapore Dollar (fixed)	Euro (est.)	US Dollar (est.)
Early Bird – (on or before 3rd April)			
Member	670	335	465
Non-Member	960	480	665
Supported	540	270	375
Standard – (after 3rd April)			
Member	860	430	600
Non-Member	1180	590	820
Standard	670	335	465

Note: *Member Rate* has been extended to include partner organisations – Australasian Association of Doctors in Developmental Disability Medicine; Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability; Down Syndrome International; Inclusion International; International Society for Augmentative & Alternative Communication.

Budget Summary:

	400 Delegates @ Early Bird Rate (200 Members + 100 Non-Members + 100 Supported) - Singapore Dollars
Income estimate	250,000
Expenditure estimate	221,000
Surplus estimate	29,000 (Euro 14,400; USD 20,000)

Looking for 400 to 500 registrations.

Income does not assume any sponsorship or trade exhibition income.

Additional income to date:

- Lee Foundation donation \$Sing5000
- Workshop February 2008 (Active Support) \$Sing2000
- Workshop February 2009 (Social skills & promoting friendships) \$5000

Fundraising:

- Secretariat & Down Syndrome Association of Singapore working locally
- IASSID approaches to the Asian Development Bank (unsuccessful) & UNESCO (note replying to e-mail, formal correspondence or telephone calls placed to the Bangkok office)

Scholarships:

- no funds available for scholarships; many requests for assistance; advice of IASSID Executive requested

Budget to be reviewed during the February meetings at Singapore and a fully revised spreadsheet provided to the IASSID Treasurer (to up-date previous budget spreadsheet of May 2008)

Publishers / Trade Exhibitions:

Contact has been made with: Brooks; Cambridge; Elsevier; Informa (Taylor & Francis); Jessica Kingsley; Pavilion; Pearson; Sage; and Wiley-Blackwell.

Draft Conference Timetable:

The time-table will be reviewed at the February programme Committee Meeting, taking into account the number and type of submissions which have been received. It might be that we start earlier on the Wednesday or go later on the Saturday.

	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
9AM	<i>Registrations</i>	Key Note 2.	Key Note 4.	Key Note 6.
10:00 to 10:30		Break	Break	Key Note 7.
10:30 to 12:30		Parallel Sessions / Workshops	Parallel Sessions / Workshops	Asian Round Table Report Closing
12:30 – 2:00		Lunch	Lunch	<i>Note – it is possible that the Saturday timetable will be extended to accommodate additional parallel sessions / workshops</i>
	Asian Round Table	Asian Round Table		
2:00 to 3:00	Opening & Key Note 1	Key Note 3.	Key Note 5.	
3:00 to 3:30		Break	Break	
3:30 to 5:30	Parallel Sessions / Workshops	Parallel Sessions / Workshops	Parallel Sessions / Workshops	
	Welcome Reception	Conference Dinner	Free Time	

Call for Papers, Workshops & Posters:

Approximately 250 abstracts received, as at close of submissions on 31st December

(Estimate we only need 150 to 180 papers for the space we have available, depending upon the mix of single papers and workshop sessions. There is some capacity to vary the structure of the programme to accommodate additional papers, if necessary).

Approximate break-down of submissions -

Asia (e.g., Brunei, Hong Kong, India Iran, Israel, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Pakistan, Taiwan) – 25%

Australia & New Zealand – 25%

Singapore – 15%

Europe & UK (e.g., Croatia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Sweden) – 15%

USA & Canada – 15%

Other (inc. Africa, Central & South America) – 5%

Abstracts submissions are structured: Background; Method; Results; Implications. In addition to Technical Abstracts, Plain Language Abstracts for each submission have also been requested.

All abstracts are blind peer-reviewed. There are approximately 50 reviewers organised into teams based predominantly on the SIRG / Affinity Group structures. All reviewers have a comprehensive set of reviewer guidelines and a formal feed-back sheet.

Note – Abstracts to be published in the June edition of JPPID, which will be available at the conference.

Confirmed Key Note Speakers:

All Key Notes have been contacted and reminded to forward a summary of their papers for use in publicity material, as well as a request to forward a photo. They will submit a full paper by January, for inclusion in the Journal.

Prof. Rune J. Simeonsson, University of North Carolina, USA

Prof. Shigeru Suemitsu, Kawasaki University of Medical Welfare, Japan

Prof. Glynis Murphy, University of Kent, UK

Assoc Prof Levan Lim, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Prof Matthew Janicki, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA

Dr Monica Cuskelly, University of Queensland, Australia

Dr Henny van Schrojenstein Lantman-de Valk, Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Asian Research to Practice Round Table:

Co-ordinated by: Dr Kenneth Poon, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

IASSID Academy Workshops:

Co-ordinated by: Prof Roy Brown, Academy Chair

- note: Local Organising Committee currently reviewing interest in the various workshops that have been proposed; some workshops to be conducted in neighbouring countries, such as Malaysia and Indonesia.

Dr Nehama Baum PhD - MukiBaum Treatment Centres, Toronto, Canada

Challenging Behaviours in Autism and other Developmental Disabilities: A Different perspective.

Associate Professor Douglas Boer, PhD - Department of Psychology, University of Waikato, New Zealand

The Assessment of Violence Risk in Intellectually Disabled Offenders

Associate Professor Ivan Brown PhD - University of Toronto, Canada

Historical and Current Views of Disability

Associate Professor Ivan Brown PhD - University of Toronto, Canada

Quality of Life - An Introduction

Associate Professor Ivan Brown PhD - University of Toronto, Canada

Providing Flexible Services: A Lesson from Canada

Associate Professor Ivan Brown PhD - University of Toronto, Canada

The Difficult Task of Choosing What To Do: Ethical Dilemmas of Support Workers

Dr Nancy S. Jokinen, MSW / PhD - Post Doctoral Fellow, Centre for Education & Research on Aging & Health, Lakehead University, Ontario, Canada

Family Quality of Life and Older-aged Families, Policy and Practice Implications.

Dr Rhonda Faragher PhD - Australian Catholic University, Canberra, Australia
Developing numeracy in adulthood: strategies for carers and support workers.

Dr Rhonda Faragher PhD - Australian Catholic University, Canberra, Australia
Developing numeracy through childhood: strategies for parents and teachers.

Dr Margaret Kyrkou OAM, MBBS, , M Dis St - Department of Disability Studies, The Flinders University, South Australia
Understanding the impact of puberty in females with disability: informing clinical management, parents, and enhancing Quality of Life for all.

Professor Matthew Janicki, Ph.D. - University of Illinois at Chicago, USA
Coping with Dementia: Support Options for Family Carers and Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

Karen Watchman - PhD Student, University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Down syndrome and dementia - the impact of the environment

Professor Roy Brown PhD - Emeritus Professor, University of Calgary, Canada, and Flinders University, Australia and Colleagues
Family quality of life – Issues for parents and siblings

Professor Roy Brown PhD - Emeritus Professor, University of Calgary, Canada, and Flinders University, Australia and Colleagues
Enhancing the Lives of Adults with Down Syndrome

Symposia hosted by partner organisations:

Australasian Association of Doctors in Developmental Disability Medicine (AADDM) – A/Professor Robert Davis, Monash University, Australia

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) – Catherine Olsson, President - ISAAC Australia.

The Asia Pacific Down Syndrome Federation – Dr Balbir Singh, Down Syndrome Association of Singapore.

Awaiting confirmation of involvement by Inclusion International (II) and Disabled People International (DPI) – it is likely that at minimum, these two organisations will have executive representation at the conference, with the view to discussing on-going involvement / partnerships in the region.

Special Interest Research Group (SIRG) & Affinity Group Symposia and Meetings:

IASSID Special Interest Research Group Chairpersons have been contacted and reminded that the abstract system is on-line.

A number of SIRGs / Affinity groups have indicated that they will host symposia and conduct meetings during the conference: Quality of Life; Mental Health & Behaviour; Ageing; Health; Parenting; Down Syndrome

Publicity:

Initial publicity circulated at WHO conference at Bangkok in November 2007.

Publicity material circulated at the IASSID World Congress in August 2008. All delegates from the World Congress at Cape Town, for whom we had e-mail addresses, have been forwarded details. After culling 'delivery failures' and 'address unknown' replies, we have a list of approximately 700 active addresses.

The hard-copy address list from the Taiwan conference has been converted to an e-mail address list and all those for whom we had an e-mail address have been contacted. After culling 'delivery failures' and 'address unknown' replies, we have a list of approximately 280 active addresses, which is not bad given the list is nearly 4 years old!

A WHO regional e-mail list of approximately 550 has been accessed.

Other regional lists have been utilised, including those of the Indian Rehabilitation Council, the Asia Pacific Forum, the UN Information Service and various professionals organisations / associations throughout the region (e.g., psychology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, physio therapy).

Inclusion International (II), Disabled Persons International (DPI) have circulated information among their respective memberships. The International Society for Augmentative & Alternative Communication (ISAAC) has circulated information.

Up-dated publicity material has been forwarded for publication in JIDD, JARID, JPPID and JIDR.

In Australia and New Zealand, information is being circulated via ASSID, National Disability Services (the national service provider peak body) and Disability Professionals Australia.

Awaiting a response from AAIDD (formally AAMR).

Programme Development & Further Publicity:

Planning meetings to be conducted at Singapore in February 2009

19th February – Programme Committee

20th February – Local Organising Committee

21st February – Meetings with the Furama Hotel and the Secretariat

22nd & 23rd – Fundraising workshop in conjunction with the Singapore National Institute of Social services – *Friendships, Social Networks & Social Skills for People with Intellectual Disability*.

Next round of publicity scheduled for February / March 2009; to include draft conference timetable.
