



International Association  
for the Scientific Study  
of Intellectual Disabilities

## IASSID AWARDS

IASSID invites nominations for the following awards:

### **Distinguished Achievement Award – Research.**

The awardee will be a person who has made a significant contribution to the sciences related to intellectual disabilities either a major single contribution or a sustained and important contribution over time.

A major single contribution, is one which has had a multiplier effect giving a greater collective understanding of intellectual disabilities.

A sustained important contribution, could include for example, policy development, practice or a publication which has led to a significant change in the lives of people with intellectual disabilities e.g. Inclusion in education.

### **Distinguished Achievement Award – Scientific Literature.**

For an outstanding publication within the last five years which contributes substantially to the literature in the field of intellectual disabilities.

### **Distinguished Achievement Award – Science.**

For a significant contribution to the improvement in services to persons with an intellectual disability which results in a substantial contribution to prevention and / or the improvement of quality of life.

The Adjudication Panel in making their recommendation to the Council of IASSID will be looking at a contribution at –

- A national level within the nominee's country.
- An international contribution.

The successful nominee is likely to have demonstrated policy to practice by influencing service delivery within their own country or internationally.

### **Distinguished service citation.**

An award of distinguished service citation will be made for outstanding or exemplary service to the Association by a person who has served as an Officer, Councillor, member of a committee or otherwise actively participated in the offices of the Association.

### **Adjudication.**

The Adjudication Committee will seek supporting citation, for example, if publications are cited in support of the nominee, supporting peer review documentation should accompany the nomination proposal.

### **Who can nominate?**

Any paid up organisation, research centre, individual or SIRG may make a nomination.

### **Does the nominee have to be a member of IASSID?**

Nominees, other than those for the Distinguished Service Citation, do not have to be members of IASSID.

### **Can a nominee be proposed from any country?**

Yes, provided the proposer is a member of IASSID. For example, a nominee could be working in Africa, India, China, Bolivia, Italy etc.

### **Documentation:**

The proposal forms for the awards can be down-loaded from the website.

### **Can an individual member make a proposal?**

Yes, any member of IASSID can make a proposal. However, the proposer should ensure the nomination is accompanied by three letters of support.

### **What happens to the nomination?**

If the proposal is not properly completed, no further consideration will be given to the nominee.

On receipt of a properly completed proposal –

- The proposer will be contacted.
- The people providing the letters of support will be contacted.

- The nomination will be reviewed against the criteria set by Council.
- The nomination will be short listed if all criteria have been met.
- The adjudication committee will review the supplied documentation.
- The adjudication committee will seek, as appropriate, advice from people working in relevant area e.g. representative of the bio medical, behavioural and educational services.

**Is there an adjudication procedure in place?**

Yes – see website for details.

**Agreed nominees:**

The Adjudication Committee, if agreed on award recipients, will forward the names to the Council of IASSID. The Adjudication Committee may also decide not to make a specific recommendation.

**Lead in time:**

The call for nominations will be made in September 2007 with a closing date of January 31<sup>st</sup>. 2008.

A decision will be made by the end of March 2008.

Recipient of awards will be notified by the end of April 2008.

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