

IASSIDD NEWS UPDATE

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News from the President-Elect

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EVENTS

Asia-Pacific 3rd Regional Conference

Aug 22-24, 2013
Japan

Asia-Pacific Academy Workshops 2013

Aug 21 & 24, 2013
Japan

Challenging Behaviour and Mental Health SIRG 2012 Roundtable

Sept 12-14, 2013
Portugal

2013 Roundtable on Aging and Intellectual Disability

Sept 19 & 20, 2013
USA

Health Inequity: From Evidence to Action

Nov 7 & 8, 2013
Netherlands

Developing community based support for people with intellectual disability: Working in partnership to achieve change

Nov 15, 2013
Czech Republic

Dear Colleagues,

Planning for the 2016 World Congress has begun in earnest. The theme of the meeting is:

Global Partnerships: Enhancing Research, Policy and Practice

This will be a chance for the global community working in our field to share research that underpins good policy and practice leading to better lives for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Three committees will work together to oversee the Congress: A Program Committee, A Local Organizing Committee and a Scientific Advisory Committee:

The Program Committee functions as a steering body with oversight over the entire planning process. Its membership as specified in our By-Laws includes the President-Elect who acts as chair, the President, Treasurer, Secretary, SIRG Coordination Committee Chair, Academy Chairperson, and one at-large member who cannot be a member of Council and has not yet been determined. My preference would be someone from our Asia-Pacific Region. Any nominees?

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will be chaired by Bob Davis of Monash University and Karen Nankervis of Queensland University. Bob and Karen will be recruiting people from our Australian membership to advise on and help with all aspects of local arrangements. We have already put together a marketing plan with the help of the Melbourne Convention Bureau and you will soon see a logo and some save-the-date materials;

The Scientific Advisory Committee will be chaired by IASSIDD Past President Trevor Parmenter of the University of Sydney. This group has several missions; they include working closely with the SIRGs and the Academy to design the program and identify speakers for special events, to work with the LOC to attract sponsors of some of our scientific sessions, and to review abstracts for presentations at the WC once we get to 2015. The SIRG chairs or their representatives and the JPPID, JARID and JIDR editors will be committee members. We would be interested in suggestions for other members from you.

We have set up an option on the IASSIDD web site (www.iassid.org) that allows anyone (member or non-member) to sign up for regular communications about the WC16 beginning right now. Please check it out; and tell colleagues who are not IASSIDD members to have a look too!

I hope you will let me know your thoughts about the WC16. The success of the meeting depends upon enlisting the broadest possible support from all sectors of IASSIDD.

All the best - *Phil*

