

Minutes SIRG CB MH 27/8/08 IASSID Cape Town

Objective of meeting outlined as:

establishing reinvigorated Mental health and challenging behaviour SIRG

An informal e mail poll by Tony Holland and David Allen had been conducted prior to the conference to assess the degree of support and interest regarding the above objective. The response was very positive and respondents felt that MH and CB should remain as a combined SIRG

The role of IASSID SIRGs was briefly outlined as

- Organise an annual meeting
- Committee members to advise president and organise symposia at conference
- Provide a forum where research networks are developed and promote collaboration
- The constitution for SIRGS and other information is available on the IASSID website

General discussion re overlap with other SIRGS, The President expressed support for the CB and MN SIRG and commented that for SIRGs to be successful a certain critical mass of members was required. Unfortunately the Forensic SIRG had lacked this and it would be possible to include Forensic issues as a theme within the MH and CB SIRG—with some meetings having a specific focus such as forensic etc—to facilitate this

Other comments that appeared to have general consensus included the need for SIRG membership to be as international and interdisciplinary as possible and for them to provide a broad umbrella group within which it would be possible to form several smaller collaborations regarding specific issues avoiding the dominance of any one professional group

The meeting was clearly in favour of establishing the SIRG

The following tasks for the committee were identified

- To consider the title of the SIRG carefully and agree one
- To consider possible partnerships
- To develop programmes that acknowledged the interests of all the different participants
- To consider how the SIRG can support national initiatives in terms of policy and practice
- To promote the involvement of people with intellectual disabilities and carers in the work of the SIRG

- To identify a treasurer

The following people were nominated as committee members

Name	Position	Country	Profession
David Allen	Co-Chair	UK	Psychologist
Angela Hassiotis	Co - Chair	UK	Psychiatrist
Michael Seidel		Germany	Psychiatrist
Susan Hayes		Australia	Psychologist
Karen Nankervis	Secretary	Australia	Psychologist
Monica Bjorkman		Norway	
Jane McCarthy		UK	Psychiatrist
Deborah Elliott			