Minutes of IASSIDD PIMD SIRG Members meeting, Vasteras 25 09 2015
Chair: Annette van der Putten (AP), Secretary: Juliet Goldbart (JG)

NOTE: There were time pressures and technical challenges which made this meeting less effective than usual, and resulted in rather limited minutes.

1. Minutes
   To save time, members were invited to read the minutes of the previous meeting and report any concerns to JG.
   Secretary’s note: There were no comments on the minutes.

2. Membership
   Questions have been raised about membership. Helene Ouellette-Kuntz (Secretary of IASSIDD) kindly agreed to give an introduction to the organization. She described the process for joining IASSIDD and the PIMD SIRG, clarifying the need to select the PIMD SIRG from the list of SIRGs. Helene noted that this process will be changing so that members will have to identify their primary SIRG.
   She also explained the IASSIDD awards in particular those available to researchers (usually within 10 years of last degree).

3. IASSIDD Award.
   IASSIDD has a range of awards to recognise outstanding contributions:
   - Named awards, as approved by the IASSIDD Executive, may be established by SIRGs to recognize contributions to the advancement of the study of IDD and/or its application to improve the lives of persons with IDD (see Carl Vlaskamp award, #5, below). No further named awards were identified at the meeting, though this could be reviewed at members’ suggestion.
   - At the IASSIDD World Congress, Distinguished Service Awards are made to people who have made exceptional contributions. We can nominate people in a number of categories (see IASSIDD website) including the award of IASSIDD Fellowships. Committee members had suggestions for Fellowships which they will give to Prof Maes as Chair of the SIRG.

4. Future IASSIDD conferences
   It was announced that the next Asia Pacific IASSIDD Conference will be held in Bangkok and the next European Regional IASSIDD conference will be in Glasgow. Dates have not been announced as yet.

5. The Carla Vlaskamp award
   An award will be made to support a young researcher to go to Australia for the World Congress. It was felt strongly that priority should be given to people who were active in the PIMD SIRG. The SIRG’s Early Career Researchers were encouraged to apply.
   SECRETARY’S NOTE: Following this discussion, it would be useful if the application form could be revised to reflect this priority. Perhaps JG and BM could do this.
6. Newsletter

AP described the process and typical content of the SIRG newsletter. There has not been a recent newsletter due to one of the editor’s being on maternity leave. AP asked for volunteers to work with Kristi on one newsletter with content from this meeting. Leontien confirmed there was a report on the ECRM that could be included. Sara volunteered to help Leontien. It was suggested that the newsletter should include recent PhD awards and details of the Carla Vlaskamp award. Pictures of the Vasteras meeting could also be included.

7. Cooperation with Enablin+

Marina Rodocanachi briefly described the Enablin+ project and explained that the project members would like some collaboration with the PIMD SIRG, in particular for their conference in Milan in September 2016. There is a small budget for a few people to be invited, but it is not yet clear how many. They would ask us for 2 or 3 scientific papers/keynote papers. There will be Italian participants plus people from the seven participating countries. In addition to the funded places, the conference is open for other applications.

Two days before the conference there will be a training the trainers course. Training curriculum for students with PIMD would be a key topic. They need to find the trainees (Italian mainly, plus 2 from each participating country). SIRG members were asked if they would be willing to be involved. Marina and her colleagues will invite key people. Members were encouraged to look at the Enablin+ where there should be more information from late October.

8. Location and date of the next roundtable

AP listed previous dates to identify when we should hold next one. A meeting in early 2017 was felt to be useful, to maintain the SIRG’s momentum, given the challenge of getting to Melbourne. April/early May 2017 seemed the most appropriate date, though difficulties were identified in relation to different countries’ university terms.

Two offers of location had been made; University of Fribourg in Switzerland and University of Plovdiv (Bulgaria) where they have started a new Centre of Expertise in PIMD.

There was much discussion of the two locations. Broadening our scope to include more Eastern European countries was felt to be important. There was also a clear view that the character of the Round Table was distinctive and important to maintain. Although it was noted that one representative of University of Plovdiv had attended a SIRG, the consensus was that awarding the next but one meeting to Plovdiv would allow their members to attend a Round Table at Fribourg first to facilitate their planning. Accordingly, it was agreed that the next Round Table should be in Fribourg, with the following one in Plovdiv.

Juliane and Genevieve Petitpierre will organize the Fribourg meeting. They will include practitioners from their own network who are keen to get access to research to join us. Specific dates will be discussed with Professor Maes and circulated.

9. World Congress 2016

The range of types of contribution was identified. Sheridan Forster will be organizing the PIMD strand. Deadline for abstracts is 15th December. As in previous congresses, people must submit abstracts through the centralized system, but where they are part of and
identified symposium this should be noted. SIRG members are encouraged to submit papers to symposia, freestanding papers, posters and roundtable events. There had been previous discussion about putting papers on PIMD into other strands, such as Health, so that we were accessing audiences less familiar with the needs of people with PIMD.

A number of Roundtable events were suggested, e.g. health and PIMD; ethics and PIMD; Participation, mental health/challenging behavior perhaps in conjunction with CB SIRG. A roundtable has already been organized on inclusive education with Harald Goll speaking. SECRETARY’S NOTE: We did not get as far as we would have liked in agreeing symposia and symposia coordinators, so we may need to coordinate with Sheridan when we know who is likely to be going to Melbourne and, if she wants, help her to put together a programme.

10. Future SIRG-activities

- The possibility of having a PIMD special edition of an English language peer reviewed journal was discussed. No firm decision was made.

- In Spring, there will be a joint conference with Enablin+ in Flanders. AP sought a film relating to PIMD. A Day in the Death of Joe Egg was suggested.

Details of options for World Congress

Platform Presentations

PEER REVIEWED – 180 WORDS – 90 MINUTES FOR SYMPOSIUM

Platform presentations will be submitted individually, regardless of whether they are part of a planned symposium or not. Those that are NOT part of a planned symposium will grouped by the program committee with three other presentations that share a related theme.

PEER REVIEWED – 180 WORDS

The purpose of a poster is to highlight the main features of the subject, (the research project or educational program, etc.). Presenters can promote discussion with conference attendees by preparing posters in engaging ways. Posters are the preferred format for presenting preliminary research or describing experimental projects, programs or works-in-progress.

Poster Symposia proposals are encouraged. A poster symposium consists of three or four posters all related to a common theme.

Roundtable

NOT PEER REVIEWED – 90 MINUTES TOTAL – LIMITED SPACE – NOT INCLUDED IN ABSTRACT BOOK

Roundtables are designed to encourage discussion, and should have a minimum of 3 presenters, including a chair. Roundtables will be 90 minutes long. Please note that we have limited space for roundtables, and abstracts WILL NOT be published in JIDR, but WILL be available through the conference app.