



IASSIDD Inclusive Education Special Interest Research Group

Thursday 19th July 2018 from 13:45-14:30

Room: Extra suite I

5th IASSIDD Europe Congress Diversity & Belonging: Celebrating Difference
Divani Caravel hotel, Athens, Greece

Annual General Meeting Agenda

Attendance:

Scott Thompson and Tobias Buchner (Joint chairs)

Deirdre Corby (Secretary)

Virginia Aquaye, Antonio Manuel Amoz , Michael Wehmeyer, Harold Goll,
Joanna Smogonewska, Gregon Szumski, Teresa Iacona, Stian H. Hotgsen,
Michael Shelvin, Peter Zentel, Sofia Mavropoulou

Welcome and Introductions.

Agenda Items / discussion topics

SIRG Recruitment

All members reminded to encourage both new members to the SIRG But also the importance of choosing this Inclusive education as a first preference.

IASSIDD World Congress August 2019 Glasgow, Scotland

Roundtables and their purpose and benefits were discussed and possible plans for roundtables at the 2019 Glasgow conference topics like startups and new initiatives.

Agreed that one or more roundtables in the area of Inclusive education would be a good goal.

Deirdre Corby and Tobias Buchner agreed to be track directors for 2019.

Academy Workshops: Another important aspect of the conference was the pre-conference academy workshops. Discussion took place about the importance of having these practitioner focused.

Agreed to consider workshops and Scott will investigate this possibility

Staying Connected Between Conferences.

Important for the SIRG to stay connected between conferences and try and build membership and profile of the SIRG to support existing and new members in their roles.

Suggestions included:

Ways of meeting remotely, perhaps using twitter. Suggestion developed to consider meeting through twitter on an agreed regular basis for an hour. One presenter would focus on a topic with the support of a moderator. Topics could be sharing project findings, highlight reports, unpublished research or practice initiatives.

Group asked to consider sharing what they are doing and also their twitter addresses. Perhaps people hosting sessions could provide a one page bio and introduction to the topic.

Deirdre agreed to put out a call for twitter addresses.

Another suggestion was a YouTube channel perhaps recording lectures and uploading some of your presentations and link the presentations etc. Good to connect and engage in discussions.

Talk about copyright, need to be checked prior to sharing on YouTube. Tobias agreed to follow up on this idea.

IASSIDD Policy Update from Ivan Brown

IASSIDD trying to encourage SIRG's to work in collaboration more.

The Academy wants to bring training and information to countries/ organisations who cannot afford to come to expensive conferences.

Role of the SIRG's has increased over the past number of years. Bylaws of IASSIDD, says the SIRG's are set up to do the core work of the organisation in core areas. SIRG's require a structure and to ensure they send in timely reports. SIRG's are also required to have a slate of activities to contribute to the organisation. There is a need to move away from the SIRG Chairs

doing the work and instead think about dividing the work and designating activities and tasks. Main responsibilities are:

1. Website is up to date
2. Representation at council
3. Remind SIRG members to renew their membership / name a communications person
4. JIPP Journal and each SIRG has been asked to have an associate editor so articles are facilitated for peer review, Sofia Mavropoulou currently is in this role for this SIRG.
5. Track Chair for Glasgow and Track Directors
6. Committee of reviewers

Other comments included that when formulating activities consider educational materials, in particular on the website. Think broadly including, digital and information and knowledge translation.

IASSIDD Treasurer Update from Keith

Organisation is in a precarious financial position however are predicting a small surplus next year. About to contract with a specialist secretariat with a new function and with it will come a new website. More cost effective to outsource conference organisation.

SIRG's encouraged to:

- Bringing in the membership, everyone needs to bring a friend to the next conference.
- Plan activities that earn money and build social capital
- Foster commitment to knowledge transition and translate it as something meaning
- Think strategically about events to increase capital

Other Business

Plan for publications to follow the conference roundtables.