



IASSIDD Inclusive Education Special Interest Research Group

Minutes 6th August 2019, Glasgow

Annual General Meeting

In Attendance:

Scott Thompson and Tobias Buchner (Joint chairs)

Deirdre Corby (Secretary)

Vianne Timmons, Jungah Lee, Ian Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Grzegorz Szumski, Joanna Smogonewska, Judith McKenzie, Glyenys Mann, Fiona Rillotta, Brian Aberly, Renata Ticha, Pammi Raghavendra, Sheila Bennett, Jacqui Specht, Edel Lynn, Ailish King, Toff Andersen Harald Goll, , Teresa Iacona, Jennifer Kurth, Michael Shelvin, Mary-Ann O'Donovan, Jenny Wilder, Michael Wehmeyer

Welcome and Introductions.

SIRG was explained to the group with focus on the importance of Inclusion of students with ID in education and inclusive practice.

Scott Thompson will step down as Chair after this meeting but will continue to be a member of the SIRG. Tobias Buchner will continue as Chair.

Agenda Items / discussion topics

Regional congresses

- Importance of having a strong SIRG presence
- Benefits of roundtables at Congresses

Outputs / examples

- Special issue of JPPID, which evolved at 2018 Conference in Athens
- Policies and practices across countries is of interest and papers are being prepared for the Special Issue
- Sharing this research is important as this group of students is still losing out on education

Between Conferences / Congresses / Open Floor Discussion

- Can be a struggle with how to approach inclusive education, teacher education and inclusive education
- Emphasis is on pre service training, ongoing learning in terms of inclusive practice, additional training and awareness ,
- An inclusive approach that includes allied health professionals is a good model
- The role of allied health professionals in inclusive education is worthwhile and avoids taking children out of school



- Some places do have different disciplines and this can be confusing for parents
- There is a need to not just to look at education, maybe inter professional collaboration with all who work in special education would be a good roundtable

Other potential roundtables

- Inclusive education practices and cultural differences
- Transition into formal education from pre-school
- Transition and what happens after school
- Transition into the community
- Preschool educators and educators / joint roundtable

Volunteers to Develop Roundtables for Future Congresses/ Conferences

Teresa Iacona: Inter-professional issues perhaps jointly with PMID Group

Brian Abery: Inclusive Education Internationally and differences between countries

Ian Jackson: School leadership and what it means to develop good inclusive leadership

General discussion and areas of Interest

- South Africa, can tend to display a disconnect between understanding of inclusive education, one tendency is to slip back into special education, as it may be seen as easier to put children into special schools
- Benefits of having case studies from different countries
- Supporting people in how to build up inclusive education settings
- Joint papers : Collecting evidence across the Globe, using existing data for policy papers
- How research can contribute to helping keep a focus on inclusion

Name of SIRG

We discussed the idea to extend the name of the SIRG to 'Inclusive education and work'.
Decision after discussion was to remain with current name.

Future Focus and Events for next 3 years

Teacher education and Inclusive Ed - Sharing experiences in teacher education

Symposium: possibility of a small 2 day conference on Inclusive Education, gathering Global perspectives / 2021 in Australia

IASSIDD academy contribution from this SIRG