**ASD SIRG Mission Statement**

The Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Special Interest Research Group (SIRG) exists to lead on the planning, coordination and implementation of activities relevant to all aspects of research on the population with autism and co-occurring intellectual disabilities, consistent with the purpose and means of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD).

Our mission is to:

* facilitate and provide a focus for worldwide debate, dissemination and exchange of research, ideas, knowledge, skills, experiences and latest developments in the field of autism co-occurring with intellectual disabilities;
* promote international, multidisciplinary collaboration in this field of research, with the aim of improving the lives of people with autism and co-occurring intellectual disabilities, their caregivers and families throughout the world.

In furtherance of its mission, the ASD SIRG will:

1. abide by the intent, spirit and regulations established by the IASSIDD Council;
2. organise international and regional congresses, conferences and seminars;
3. encourage research in the field of autism co-occurring with intellectual disabilities;
4. produce and distribute publications about the scientific study of autism co-occurring with intellectual disabilities;
5. promote and encourage membership of the SIRG in the relevant professional disciplines and organisations;
6. collaborate with relevant organisations;
7. promote cooperation with other associations or organisations directly or closely related with this field of research;
8. provide information, consultation and advice to international, national, and regional governmental and non-governmental bodies;
9. coordinate its activities with other SIRGs and bodies of the IASSIDD as applicable;
10. apply for and administer internal and external funding related to its purpose and mission.