



IASSIDD Newsletter

Challenging Behaviour & Mental Health SIRG

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- October 21-23, 2015
4th European Conference on Mental Health, Riga Latvia
www.ecmh.eu
- August 15-19, 2016
IASSIDD 15th World Congress
Global Partnership: Enhancing Research, Policy and Practice

SAVE THE DATE!

IASSIDD 15TH WORLD CONGRESS

**Global Partnerships: Enhancing Research, Policy and Practice
Melbourne, August 15-19, 2016**

We are pleased to announce the 15th IASSIDD World Congress that will be held in Melbourne, Australia, July 14-17. This year's theme is "Global Partnerships: Enhancing Research, Policies and Practice."

Currently scheduled key note speakers include Dr. Patricia O'Brien, Dr. Chris Oliver, Dr. Bruce Tonge, Dr. Traci Laliberte, Dr. William Gaventa, Dr. Tamar Heller, Dr. David Oppenheim, Dr. Jackie Leach Scully, Dr. Jozef Gréc, Dr. Irva Hertz-Picciotto, Dr. Shekhar Saxena, Dr. Roy McConkey, Dr. Hiroshi Satoh, Dr. Michael Gurlanick. Dr. Trevor Parmenter, Ph.D, will serve as Honorary Chair and Professor Fiona Stanley, AC FAA FASSA, will be Patron for the World Congress.

This Congress offers the opportunity for participants to share their experiences, ideas and the results of their work with an international audience. Call for papers is currently underway.

Abstraction Submissions: September 1 – December 15, 2015

Registration: February 1, 2016

SIRG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Steven Greenspan recently resigned from the Executive Committee. We wish him the best. Please contact Jane McCarthy (jane.m.mccarthy@kcl.ac.uk) or George Woods (gwoods@georgewoodsmd.com) if you are interested in stepping up to a leadership role within our SIRG.

Dr. Jane McCarthy will be standing down as the Chair at the SIRG Business meeting in Melbourne, August 2016. Therefore we are seeking interests for those wishing to take forward this worthwhile role from 2016 onwards in preparation for the IASSIDD World Congress in 2019.

The election of officers into the SIRG for the next two-year term will take place in Melbourne. To be elected you need to express an interest to a member of the SIRG Executive Committee in advance of the SIRG Business meeting at the World Congress in Melbourne 2016 and attend the Business meeting in person.

NOTES FROM

XXXIVth International Congress of Law and Mental Health

Vienna, July 12-17, 2015

Dr. George Woods, member of the Challenging Behaviors SIRG, was installed as the President of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health in Vienna, Austria in July 2015. Dr. Woods, a neuropsychiatrist specializing in neurodevelopmental disorders, was gratified to see a number of presentations on Intellectual Disability among the 1500 attendees of the IALMH Congress. The next Congress will be held in Prague, Czech Republic in July 2016. The IALMH is actively supporting an increased awareness of developmental disabilities, both in the forensic and the clinical arena.

NOTES FROM

European Mental Intellectual Disabilities Congress – SIRG Business Meeting Update

Research Group attended the highly successful EAMHID congress recently in Florence including Dr. Jane McCarthy as Chair of the SIRG and Dr. Jennifer Clegg, Executive Committee member of the SIRG. Professor Angela Hassiotis from University College London as a SIRG member and previous Chair gave a keynote lecture on Psychosocial Interventions for Adults with Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Challenging Behaviour. The SIRG also hosted a successful one day workshop in collaboration with the European association for Mental Health in Intellectual Disabilities on Interventions for Anxiety & Depression in people with Intellectual Disabilities. Dr. Marco Bertelli as President of EAMHID contributed as a key presenter to the one day workshop and there was a lively discussion on future research in this area.

We attempted to have a SIRG business meeting but the Florence sunshine was more tempting during the lunch break. However we did have an informal discussion among members present at this congress on the future name of the SIRG and whether the name should just be the 'Challenging Behaviour SIRG'. We will be seeking the views of members on a name change in advance of the business meeting in Melbourne 2016.

NOTES FROM

IASSIDD Regional Congress in Hawaii

The IASSIDD Regional Congress met in Hawaii in May 2015.

IASSIDD hosted the Americas Regional Congress at The Hawaii Convention Centre on Inclusive Boundaries. This was part of the Pacific Rim International week on Disability and Diversity. A number of Challenging Behaviour and Mental Health SIRG members made presentations throughout the congress including Professor Julian Trollor and colleagues from the University of New South Wales, Professor Karen Nankervis, Secretary for the SIRG and Dr. Jane McCarthy as Chair for the SIRG. In addition the SIRG contributed to the IASSIDD Academy pre congress workshops including a workshop on the mental health needs of adults with autism spectrum conditions led by Dr. Jane McCarthy.

This Congress was a great opportunity for the members of the SIRG to plan for a number of symposia for the World Congress in Melbourne 2016 including with other SIRGs such as the Ethics SIRG.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Environmental responses to mental health and challenging behaviour

Special edition of Advances in Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (AMHID) Journal with IASSIDD Special Interest Research Group in Challenging Behaviour & Mental Health (CB & MH SIRG)

Guest Editors

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Most treatments for people with intellectual disability who experience mental health problems or display challenging behaviour are focused on the individual rather than on their environment as a whole. This special edition aims to expand our repertoire by examining research and practice into environments. We will examine interventions developed with different but relevant populations that could refresh our understanding of people with intellectual disability. These include but are not limited to the UK Royal College of Psychiatrist's (RCPsych) Enabling Environments initiative which draws on Therapeutic Communities research; forensic services' Trauma-Informed Care; education's whole-school approaches to managing and minimising challenging behaviour. We will also explore environmental interventions valued in Europe, such as Heijkoop's blend of psychotherapy and developmental psychology to in Discovery Awareness, which engenders a non-judgemental environment attuned to the nuances and personhood of those it supports; and wonder whether there are qualities of atmosphere or culture that services supporting those who challenge in other countries seek to establish or promote.

Paper submission deadline 31.1.16

Reviewer comments by 29.2.16

Revised papers resubmitted by 30.4.16

PUBLICATIONS

Symptom presentation and functioning in neurodevelopmental disorders: Intellectual disability and exposure to trauma

Woods, G. W., & Freedman, D. (2015). Symptom presentation and functioning in neurodevelopmental disorders: Intellectual disability and exposure to trauma. *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*.

Abstract:

The neurodevelopmental hypothesis posits that altered, pathological, or delayed maturation of the developing brain shifts the neurodevelopmental trajectory, later followed by the onset of neuropsychiatric illness. The United States Supreme Court has clearly established the constitutional obligation that attorneys bear to thoroughly investigate and present the multigenerational bio-psychosocial history. In this context, this paper recommends that the best clinical, forensic and, most importantly, ethical assessment is to more thoroughly document and present the neurodevelopmental trajectory, the symptoms and functioning associated with the specific manifestation in the patient, and to recognize the limitations of diagnostic categorization in this context. We consider two conditions which have been considered to have different mechanisms and developmental trajectories, and generally, to be unrelated: exposure to trauma (trauma) and intellectual disability (ID). Our focus is on the circumstances under which it is ethically necessary and clinically useful to differentiate between the overlapping symptoms of trauma and ID, when it is more appropriate to diagnose them as comorbid, and the times at which the behavioral and functional outcome of these conditions are more important than the labeling. Our approach emphasizes understanding the scientific basis for functioning and behavior, where and when people can or cannot accomplish a goal or task, and how the symptoms affect daily life and lived experience. This approach is descriptive, but it is also more than that: it is the process of describing the observed and its causes, in the context of seeking to accurately understand and describe functional ability. We believe that this is the best ethical, clinical and forensic approach and, in the long run, what this population deserves.

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IASSIDD 15TH WORLD CONGRESS

Global Partnerships: Enhancing Research, Policy and Practice

Melbourne 15-19 August 2016

Call for Papers

How to Submit

All abstracts **MUST** be submitted online through the IASSIDD Conference System.

Abstracts may be submitted until December 15, 2015.

All presenters **MUST** be registered for the event by June 1, 2016.

Submission Types

Oral Presentations

Poster Presentations

Oral and poster presentations will be peer-reviewed, and abstracts will be published in the *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research* (JIDR).

Roundtables

Demonstrations

Roundtables and demonstrations will not be peer-reviewed, and abstracts **will not** be published in JIDR. They will, however, be available through the Congress app.

Tracks

- Aging with IDD
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Challenging Behavior and Mental Health
- Cognitive Science
- Communication and Language
- Comparative Policy and Practice
- Down Syndrome
- Environmental Impacts on IDD
- Ethics and Human Rights
- Families
- Forensic Issues
- Global Policy
- Health
- Human Rights/ UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Inclusive Education
- Inclusive Research
- Labor and Employment
- Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities
- People with Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities
- Quality of Life
- Research Partnerships in Low and Middle Income Countries
- Sports and Recreation
- Spirituality

Important Dates

- December 15, 2015 – Abstract submissions close
- January 5, 2016 – Early bird registration begins
- March 15, 2016 – All authors notified of acceptance
- June 1, 2016 – Early bird registration ends

CONGRESS WEBSITE

<http://bit.ly/1JwtMmy>

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

<http://bit.ly/1UnoOeP>

SUBMISSION VIDEO DEMO

<http://bit.ly/1O3sErs>