Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfill their purpose. (See the Interest Networks Leadership Manual for the purpose of the Interest Networks.

### 2022-2023 Report

For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. In addition, please note if/how any activities enhanced diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.

### Past project (2023):

The original initiative of the AAIDD International IN's members was the project "IDD advocacy and self-advocacy around the globe". This project aimed to provide an overview of the advocacy and self-advocacy practices used in different countries, and the goal was to present it as a poster presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting. However, there were no contributions. Thus, following the authorization of Dr. Margaret Nygren (AAIDD Executive Director & CEO), the Co-chairs switched to another topic, namely "Tips for Submitting Proposals to English-language Conferences". This project aimed to translate these tips in multiple languages to be posted on the AAIDD’s official website.

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**TIPS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS TO ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CONFERENCES**

**AAIDD & AAIDD International Interest Network**

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**BACKGROUND**

To engage with others in a conference related to intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), first, there is a rigorous screening process to be passed for the conference proposals for the interested individuals. Thus, individuals must learn the process for submission to the conference.

**AIMS**

Although the tips provide information for the submission process for the conferences in English-language related to the IDD field, there were two primary purposes and objectives for preparing this project:

1. Providing additional guidance to international audiences interested in submitting proposals to the IDD conferences in English-language to accompany further clarity to the official conference information.
2. Broader reaching to the global audience by translating the documents into multiple languages with different scientific cultures and contexts in other countries than the US.

**PROCEDURE**

1. According to this collaboration between the current IN & the AAIDD Executive Director, the document detailing tips for submitting proposals to English-language conferences was sent to IN co-chairs for editing and reviewing prior co-chairs to announce the project to the IN members and audience.
2. Similar to the previous IN projects, a Google document template was announced to IN members with the guidelines for tips (e.g., clarity and plain-language usage) and semantic translation. IN members were invited to the project to translate and edit the document in their language by the current IN co-chairs.
3. The option to use alternative ways (e.g., sending offline documents) instead of using the Google document template was provided.
4. Also, current IN co-chairs provided extended support over email for the IN members who are interested and agreed to participate in this project for the successful execution process.

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**OUTCOMES**

* 8 different language translations realized by IN members

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- **Spanish (Spain):** Laura E. Gómez, Lucia Morin, Fiorella Guzman
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- **Turkish (Turkey):** Hatice Uyanik, Deniz Aygul, Sılçü, Bekir Fatih Meral

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July 10, 2023
The Co-chairs would like to thank members who contributed to this project. If other members would like to join the project, providing their translations, they can contact the International IN Co-chairs (i.e., Alice, Hatice) who will give instructions anytime.

**Funds:**
One scholarship to attend the conference was given through International IN this year ($600). The selection process was done by blind-review of both the Co-chairs and their mutual approval of the abstracts that were accepted by the AAIDD prior the review of the Co-chairs. Also, Co-chairs removed their personal abstracts voluntarily for the ethical behavior and avoid any possible conflict-of-interest. The awardee was Joyce Ndung’u (University of Georgia) with a presentation titles “Disability Policy & Employment: A Case Study Comparison of Three Countries” (poster presentation).

The goal of the International IN is to expand the outreach and dissemination and the AAIDD work in general to international communities. To do so, past and current co-chairs continue to do multiple activities, including preparation of posters for the conferences, member meetings, online and social media outreach to members. All decisions are shared decisions between the co-chairs and before taking a decision, members are asked and valued to provide their opinions and perspectives, that are always taken into account. Thus, these activities enhance the diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice for everybody.

### 2023-2024 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

*For the coming year (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. In addition, please note if/how any activities will address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.*

**Future projects:**
The International IN will continue to work on understanding different IDD systems across the world. Thus, it will continue to do various activities in this sense:

- Next year’s group project: a survey to determine the new topic will be disseminated to International IN’s members around October 2023 so the Co-Chairs will be able to submit a poster proposal for the 2024 Annual Meeting. Upon possible approval of the poster proposal, the Co—chairs will work on the project for its presentation at the 2024 Annual Meeting.
- International IN is in preparation to co-host a webinar series with SECP and AAIDD. The topic is about the emergency preparation and risk assessment before, during, and after emergencies for people with IDD. Details are to be determined.
- The Co-chair thought to recycle the idea from the original poster preparation 2023 into a possible special issue with a peer-reviewed journal for international disability community. Details are to be determined.

**Proposed expenditure of funds:**
If enough funds will be available, the co-chairs would like to sponsor a scholarship for the next year’s AAIDD Annual Meeting (i.e., $600). As this past year, the co-chairs will review the abstract proposals independently and will choose the best one using the Scoring Rubric for AAIDD Conference Proposals and consistent with the following criteria: (a) be a non-US citizen who is a student or early career professionals (under three years), (b) has a poster/oral presentation accepted for the annual meeting, and (c) has confirmed registration for the conference.
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