AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2021

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

Interest Network: Communication Disorders

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Annual Report
*For the year that **just ended** (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.*

The objective of this year was to continue to organize the Communication Disorders Special Interest Network and grow in our membership and correspondences.

-   The Chair continued to participate in the network meetings of other Special Interest Networks to serve as examples of how the current networks operate.
-   Use of the listserv as a method of disseminating information regarding topics of interest was increased this year relative to last.
-   Surveyed members to understand the ways in which the group can facilitate the exchange of knowledge, ideas, research, and practices to enhance the lives of individuals with communication challenges.
-   Sponsored two SECP Scholarships.
-   Started a Comm Disorders LinkedIn Group page.
-   Planned for starting a Facebook Group page.
-   Hosted a network business meeting at the annual conference to actively discussion the network's objectives, activities, and interests of members for the coming year.

Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies
*For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.*

Objectives and Activities:
-   Reinvigorate network member involvement, includes both increase participation among the current members and recruit new members
-   Host a network even at the next AAIDD meeting
-   Create a Communication Disorders Network Scholarship
-   Continue Social Media site development. This will allow the Communication Disorder Network members to share their related activities, ideas, and opportunities in their communities. We plan to periodically highlight members' projects/events.
-   Work host webinar/meetings among members.
-   Work to provide networking among members to facilitate group presentations at the next conference.
-   Continue to work to engage members, recruit new members, and increase our networking opportunities.

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