# **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: Psychology (PIN)

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#### **Annual Report**

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

This year the Psychology Interest Network (PIN) reorganized its executive structure to provide for continuance of government. PIN's Executive Committee will consist of five positions (2 Co-Chairs, 2 Co-Vice Chairs, and 1 Secretary). The new structure consists of four co-chairperson positions that operate on a staggered, rotating schedule with continuity. Theoretically the next election will take place in 2024 for a Co-Vice Chair and Secretary.

PIN is pleased to welcome Dr. Paul Kolstoe, former Mental Health Services SIG chair, and Dr. Jill Crane Brenneman, a 2019 winner of a PIN conference scholarship, as incoming co-chairs. In addition, PIN welcomes Dr. Doreen Samelson and Manisha Uhdnani as incoming co-vice chairs as well as Dr. Jenny Mai Phan as incoming secretary. Beyond these executive committee members, PIN also welcomes Dr. Rebecca Kirchner, a 2018 winner of a PIN conference scholarship, as research whip and Dr. Kristin Dell'Armo, the 2021 winner of AAIDD's Student Award, as social media director as well as Dr. Justin Kuehl as awards committee member.

PIN also completed a **membership survey**. As the largest interest network, it was no surprise when our demographics mirrored that of the overall association, as they did in or 2018 membership survey. The survey indicated that members remain in PIN because of their interest in trends/new in our field as well as the advocacy of psychology in I/DD. Other results of the survey have guides our objectives.

Documents focused on annual expectations of PIN were drafted and distributed to incoming executive committee members. These will serve as a guide for leaders in our interest network. PIN continued its ongoing objective to network with other psychological based organizations. The American Board of Clinical Psychology has expressed interest in working with PIN.

At AAIDD 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting the **Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award** was presented to Dr. Cameron Neece, a former chair of PIN and current professor at Linda Loma University. **We provided two scholarships for deserving students**. André Oliveira, from the University of Minho, won the 'EQUITY' scholarship for his presentation: "A Preliminary Investigation of the Reliability and Validity of the Portuguese Version of SDI:AR" and Cindy Utama, from Ryerson University, won for the 'INCLUSION' scholarship for her presentation: "Understanding the Impact of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities on Indonesian Families".

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### **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.

This year Psychology Interest Network (PIN) has a new structure with new energy and resurgence of members, PIN will develop talent to solidify its future as a continued strength within AAIDD.

- The PIN executive board has been expanded.
  - In addition to Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, a Social Media Director, Research Whip, and Award Committee Member create a continuance of governance structure if a chair cannot perform. Executives will continue to develop professional relationships and encourage involvement to build back the energy of this interest network.
- A membership survey was developed and will be sent to members via email.
  - o Results will assist in developing new programs and structure of PIN.
  - o Results will be compared to PIN 2018 membership survey to determine trends.
- More active social media platforms. PIN currently has Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest.
  - With the addition of a dedicated Social Media Director executive position to focus solely on creating viable posts, new platforms can be explored as options for expanding PIN's online footprint.
- Students and early career professionals will be engaged regularly to encourage more involvement in various initiatives.
  - o Scholarship award winners will be contacted.
  - Top tier I/DD programs have been contacted regarding our interest in students and staff becoming more involved with PIN. This has been successful and will remain a standing objective of PIN.
- Monthly conference calls with follow-up minutes that are published electronically will motivate members.
  - The minutes can be scavenged for bullet points to further promote on our social media platforms.
- Members who presented posters or PowerPoints at AAIDD conferences will be encouraged to film a 5-minute video of their presentation and submit it for uploading to various social media platforms.
  - If the video presentations are popular, an online symposium will be considered for new presentations.
- At least two conference scholarships will be awarded to deserving student presentations to attend this year's annual meeting.
- A plated meal luncheon will be served during the PIN meeting at the AAIDD annual meeting.
  - Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award will be presented at meal.
  - o Scholarships will be presented at meal.
- Wolf Wolfensberger Valor Award will continue, following established criteria.
  - A committee will be formed to evaluate candidates.
- Greater involvement in the AAIDD annual meeting through pre- or post-conference seminars. As always, PIN wishes to thank AAIDD staff for their support and excellent work.