AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2022

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: Research Interest Network
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Membership positions - 2021-22 year Katie McDonald, Vice Chair Steven Erickson, Secretary Members at Large: Ariel Schwartz, Sheida Raley

Annual Report	
Goal	**What we did**
Objective 1 – Collaborate with other interest networks. Planned activity 1: Collaborate with SECP (Students and Early Career Professionals) interest network on the 6th annual Research Colloquium (offered pre-conference). Planned activity 2: We will collaborate with SECP leadership to identify at least two additional ways that the RIN can support SECP members (e.g., support proposal development, clarify the review and feedback process for the pre-conference, researcher Q&A).	Planned activity 1: The RIN co-hosted the in-person pre-conference SECP Research Colloquium to support students and early career professionals on Monday June 13, 3:30-5:00. Six SECP members presented their work and all RIN leadership members provided feedback on submissions before the pre-conference. At the pre-conference, approximately 25 attendees also provided feedback on SECP presentations. Planned activity 2: We collaborated with the SECP IN to revise the SECP Research Colloquium abstract submission to: 1) Align with current AAIDD abstract guidelines, 2) Provide opportunities for completed research as well as research in progress, and 3) Provide submitting SECP members with the opportunity to identify specific areas in which feedback is desired/needed. **Funds used:** $0
Objective 2 – Support students. Provide student scholarships for the annual conference. We will partner with SECP and AAIDD to refine the process of identifying the targeted audience for these scholarships/awards.	Members of the RIN executive committee and RIN members peer-reviewed 40 research proposals first authored by SECPs. RIN membership fees allowed us to generously provide travel awards to three outstanding SECPs. We informed RIN members about these winners and their presentations to encourage RIN member attendance at award winner sessions. **Funds used:** $600 x 3 = $1,800
Objective 3 – Advance the field.	The RIN executive committee felt that offering a virtual webinar was not the ideal approach to advancing the field, given the

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Offer a webinar to research interest network members and the AAIDD community. We will also explore other opportunities to support the dissemination and translation of knowledge to broader audiences (e.g., social media).	ongoing intensity of virtual activities and "Zoom fatigue". The RIN executive committee will explore other activities that will meet this objective in 2022-2023. **Funds used:** $0
Objective 4 - Promote the mission, goals, and principles of AAIDD. Explore mechanisms to include researchers with I/DD in the RIN and/or other AAIDD research-related activities (e.g., conference). Depending on findings, implement and provide financial awards to support inclusion and engagement in the AAIDD conference.	Due to the uncertainty of the AAIDD conference format, the RIN executive committee did not take action on this activity this year. During this time, we identified that an alternative activity to promote access for researchers with I/DD was to explore more about best practices for plain language summaries and abstracts. The RIN executive committee began discussing a process to explore best practices in the creation of plain language summaries and abstracts, and developed a plan to systematically gather information from other journals and organizations in 2022-2023. **Funds used:** $0
Objective 5 – Improve communication. Regular communication within the Research Interest Network using the regularly updated membership list. We will explore other formats to enhance networking and sharing between RIN membership (e.g., coffee hour chats, research in progress forums).	We invited members of the RIN to assist in the review of SECP abstracts for the AAIDD travel awards. X RIN members reviewed proposal submissions. We encouraged RIN members to register and attend the free SECP Research Colloquium pre-conference session. Members of the executive committee (including members at large) attended AAIDD Assembly of Interest Network Meetings and SECP meetings. We held our Annual Business Meeting on June 8th. Sixteen members attended. We used a Padlet to encourage both asynchronous and synchronous communication between RIN members for the Annual Business Meeting: https://padlet.com/raley2/muwzuaxmityjk3ei **Funds used:** $0

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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.		
Objective	**Activity**	**Proposed Expenditure**
Objective 1 – Collaborate with other interest networks. Collaborate with SECP to provide support to early career researchers to conduct research.	- Identify up to 4 research related topics/areas of need for SECP early career researchers (e.g., making time for writing, identifying collaborators, identifying funding sources). - Host at least 2 networking events addressing topics that meet the needs of early career researchers and students.	May spend up to $1000 if an event is hosted at conference (overlap with Objective 5)
Objective 2 – Support students. Provide student scholarships for the annual conference. We will partner with SECP and AAIDD to refine the process of identifying the targeted audience for these scholarships/awards and host the SECP Pre-Conference Research Colloquium.	Review submitted SECP abstracts for pre-conference Research Colloquium and provide travel awards for SECPs. With support from the AAIDD central office, explore how to identify which SECP proposals are students and which are early career professionals to provide research awards to both groups of emerging leaders. Co-host SECP pre-conference Research Colloquium. Advocate for the optimal time and space for the colloquium based on number of abstracts submitted.	Research awards: Up to 3 may be awarded ($600 x 3= $1800)
Objective 3 – Advance the field. Provide opportunities to connect interdisciplinary AAIDD-affiliated researchers across institutions and other IDD-related organizations for potential collaboration and professional development.	Explore opportunities to have joint research related activities (e.g., webinars, meetings) with other organizations addressing the needs of people with IDD, such as AUCD-affiliated groups (CORE, IDDRCs). Co-host at least 1 research-related activity with another organization.	May spend up to $1000 to pay for meeting space, refreshments, etc.
Objective 4 - Promote the mission, goals, and principles of AAIDD. Explore the usage of, barriers to, and supports for incorporation of plain language research	Complete review of plain language guidelines and formats used to deliver plain language summaries in IDD journals. Conduct interviews and surveys with journal editors to understand usage	$0

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summaries in IDD journals.	of, barriers to, and supports for plain language research summaries. Summarize our findings and provide a proposal to the AAIDD community for the use of plain language research summaries.	
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