

An Update on Activities from AAIDD's International Special Interest Group (SIG)

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AAIDD International SIG

A forum to exchange, promote, and discuss recent and upcoming trends in the ways in which persons with intellectual disabilities are supported in different countries.

1st Annual International Special Interest Group (SIG) Lunch Meeting

Theme: The impact of the support paradigm on the quality of life of persons with ID: Implications for research, policy, and practice from an international perspective

Where: 2012 Annual AAIDD Meeting in Charlotte, NC

When: June 18, 2012

11:30am-1:00pm

Cost: \$20

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International Presentations at the AAIDD 136th Annual Meeting

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2012 AAIDD Scientific Planning Committee International Members

- Giulia Balboni, Italy
- Yves Lachapelle, PhD, Canada
- Miguel Angel Verdugo, Spain

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2012 AAIDD International Award

Climent Giné Giné, PhD
Universitat Ramon Llull
Barcelona, Spain

2012 Fellow of AAIDD – International Members

Yona Lunskey, PhD
CAMH
Toronto, Canada

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2012 AAIDD International Presentations/Presenters

- 12 paper presentations – international presenters (Canada, Italy, Spain, Belgium, The Netherlands, Portugal, & Russia)
- 19 poster presentations – international presenters

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12 Paper Presentations

- Preliminary results of an experiment of a self-determination based practices model of support. (Martin Caouette et al. – Canada)
- Adaptive Behavior Cultural Differences: Portugal vs. USA (Sofia Santos – Portugal)
- Comparison of the U. S. and Japanese curriculum modifications for students with intellectual disabilities (Akina Noguchi et al. – Japan)
- Intellectual Disability in the USA and in Russia: similar trends and differences (Elena N. Morgacheva – Russia)
- From Research to Policy: Ontario Partnerships in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Between Scientists and Policy Makers (Yona Lunskey et al. – Canada)
- Pilot study results of the Family Needs Assessment (Climent Giné Giné et al. - Spain)

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12 Paper Presentations (Cont'd)

- Deinstitutionalization process for persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Italy (Seraphino Corti et al. – Italy)
- Challenging behaviors and psychoactive drugs. From guidelines to new suggestions (Guiseppe Chiodelli et al. – Italy)
- Supports needs and personal outcomes compared (Mauro Leoni et al. – Italy)
- Providers' Profiles: a Pioneer Research oriented to Practice and Policy in Intellectual Disability (Miguel Angel Verdugo et al. – Spain)
- Women's Health and Intellectual Disability: Using Research to Improve Healthcare (Yona Lunskey et al. – Canada)
- PANEL: Quality of Life: A Concept That Aligns Research, Practices, and Policy (Miguel A. Verdugo – Spain; Jos van Loon - The Netherlands & Claudia Claes – Belgium.)

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19 Poster Presentations

Countries: Canada, Iceland, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Finland, Belgium, The Netherlands, China, & South Korea

Themes:

- Quality of life
- Health
- Individual rights
- Resource allocation/services
- Challenging behaviors
- Adaptive behavior
- Self-determination
- Seclusion & restraints
- Support needs

Overview of IASSID and AAIDD Involvement

**Tamar Heller, Ph.D. (theller@uic.edu)
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Overview of IASSID

- Promotes interdisciplinary scientific advances in ID and international exchanges
- NGO status with WHO
- History
 - Founded 1964
 - First president Harvey Stevens, president of AAMD (now AAIDD)
 - Held 13 World Congresses

Activities and Benefits

- World Congress every 4 years
- Regional conferences
 - Asia Pacific, Europe, South America in other years
 - Future: Tokyo 2013, Vienna 2014
- Special Interest Research Groups (SIRGs)
 - (Aging, challenging behaviors and mental health, Down syndrome, ethics, families, health, parents with ID, profound and multiple disabilities, quality of life)
 - International roundtables
- The Academy
 - Educational arm of IASSID
 - Workshops at Regional meetings and World Congresses and in developing nations

Activities and Benefits (2)

- Publications
 - Journal of Intellectual Disability Research (JIDR)
 - Journal of Policy and Practice in ID (JPPID)
 - Books, fact sheets, special reports
- Public and research policy
 - Inclusion International
 - UN-WHO liaison
- Awards (e.g., Stevens-Shapiro)

AAIDD and IASSID

- Representative on IASSID Board
- Reciprocal information sharing with IASSID to share information with members
 - conferences
 - calls for papers on special issues

AAIDD and World Congress

- AAIDD sponsored symposium on SIS and two health concurrent sessions
- more than 30 session and poster authors who are AAIDD members
- Co-sponsoring reception with AUCD and the RTC in Minnesota to raise visibility of the organization and to engage current (and future) members in AAIDD's work and mission
- Need to increase interchanges, American members of IASSID

World Congress

- 2012 Halifax, Nova Scotia July 9-14
- Academy (workshops)
- Expect 1500 delegates
- 230 concurrent sessions, 12 plenaries
- RTC on Community Living State of Science
Conference on Outcomes for People with
I/DD
- Next Congress in Melbourne, Australia, 2016

AAIDD International Delegations

- **China:** 1996, 2001, 2008
- **South Africa:** 2005
- **Russia:** 2007
- **India:** 2010
- **Cuba:** 2011*
- **Brazil:** 2012*
- **Norway:** 2013 (tentative)



*Supported student scholarship to participate

Questions?

- Please type your questions in through the chat box on the webinar console

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