AAIDD promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Summary of 2013 Activities

Membership
The Association actively engaged in activities in 2013 designed to recruit and retain members and supported internal volunteer leadership structures.

Divisions, Special Interest, Action, and Other Groups
AAIDD supported 22 unique professional interest groups that engage members on topics of special interest.

Chapters and Regions
AAIDD is organized into 10 Regions and, further within these regions, into state and provincial Chapters within which members shared information, advocated for shared goals, and otherwise implemented the mission of AAIDD.

Fellows
AAIDD honored 15 members with the designation of Fellow of the Association; these individuals joined the ranks of more than 250 FAAIDD.

30-Year Members
AAIDD recognized 19 individuals for 30 years of continuous membership in the Association.

Awards
The Association honored 9 individuals, one film, and one organization with awards in recognition of their achievements at its 137th annual meeting.

Communications
AAIDD routinely communicated with its members and others in 2013 through the following electronic vehicles:

- **Member Update**, a weekly update on time-sensitive professional development opportunities.
- **Field Notes**, a monthly survey of peer-reviewed articles to help promote the translation of research into practice.
- **FYI**, a monthly update on AAIDD resources, activities, and educational offerings.
- **Fellow Insider**, a quarterly communication to Fellows of the Association to support their continued engagement in the field and mentorship of the next generation of leaders.

The Association also launched a new website in 2013 and utilized social media venues, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest.

Board of Directors
In 2013, the Board fulfilled its ongoing governance functions. Activities included engaging in strategic planning; monitoring the financial status of the Association; selecting a journal editor; and reviewing and acting on position statements, action plans, and nominations.

Annual Meeting
The 137th annual meeting of the Association was held in conjunction with the annual conference in June 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA. Activities included an open membership meeting and meetings of the Assembly of Geographic Regions and the Conference of Professional Interests.

Education
In 2013, the Association
- Held its annual conference, with the theme Race to Catch the Future, for approximately 600 attendees.
- Co-sponsored four national conferences to advance the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities: 13th Annual Coleman Institute Conference, ANCOR Technology Leadership Summit, Sibling Leadership Network Conference, and AUCD Annual Meeting.
- Hosted or co-hosted 17 webinars, with an average attendance of 75 participants, on important topics of interest to professionals in the developmental disability field.
- Launched three new courses on its online learning platform.
- Partnered with the Hospice Foundation of America on “New Perspectives” 2013 Fall Educational Program and with The Arc of the US on its Health Meet project.
- Convened a 16-member research delegation to Norway.

Supports Intensity Scale® (SIS®)
Published by AAIDD, the SIS® is a valid and reliable assessment tool that measures the practical support needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As of the close of 2013, the SIS® has been adopted by 28 US states and Canadian provinces and is in use in 23 countries.

In 2013, activities related to the SIS® included:
- Supporting online data collection and storage.
- Providing training in the use of SIS® and quality assurance.
- Conducting SIS® assessments.
- Crafting the SIS-A (for adults), norming the SIS-C (for children), and developing an “autism extension” for use with the tools.
- Selecting a partner to build the next generation of the SISOnline platform.

Public Policy
AAIDD promoted progressive public policies in 2013 by:
- Co-sponsoring the 2013 Disability Policy Seminar with five other national organizations on key policy issues important to people with disabilities and their families.
- Actively participating in the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, a coalition of about 100 national disability organizations advocating for national policies that ensure self-determination and inclusion of people with disabilities in society.
- Filing Amicus Curiae briefs with the Supreme Court of the United States on death penalty cases involving individuals with intellectual disability.
- Submitting comments on proposed federal regulations and public health classification systems.
- Providing insights and observations in the public press on issues important to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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### Summary of 2013 Activities

**Publications**

In 2013, the Association’s journals continued to advance the field, with the launch of its new journal, *Inclusion* (established 2013), under the editorship of Dr. Michael Wehmeyer and Dr. Karrie Shogren, and the ongoing efforts of its time-honored journals, *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (established 1963), under the editorship of Dr. Glenn Fujiura, and *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disability* (established 1896), under the editorship of Dr. Leonard Abbeduto.

Two new titles were added to the Association’s catalog in 2013: *Negotiating the Social Borderlands: Portraits of Young People with Disabilities and Their Struggles for Positive Relationships* and *State of the States in Developmental Disabilities (9th ed.)*. Additional titles and assessment tools were under development in 2013 and are scheduled for publication in 2014 and 2015.
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Goals
The goals of AAIDD are to
• Enhance the capacity of professionals
  who work with individuals with
  intellectual and developmental
  disabilities and their families.
• Promote the development of a society
  that fully includes individuals with
  intellectual and developmental
  disabilities.
• Sustain an effective, responsive, well-
  managed, and responsibly-governed,
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Functions
The major functions of AAIDD are to
• Support its members’ leadership in activities that affect
  people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
• Publish and promote cutting-edge research, tools, and
  materials that inform policy and practice.
• Develop and implement educational opportunities for
  professionals, policymakers, and others.