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It's hard to believe that three months have already passed since the July 2012 IASSIDD World Congress in Halifax. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Congress, and I hope that the intervening months have been pleasant and productive for everyone.

At the Congress, a new IASSIDD Executive was chosen to serve our organization for the next four years, and I was honoured to be elected President. Since that time, we have been busy finalizing the Executive and Council members for the next four years, and undertaking our responsibilities for our terms in office.

As we begin our work in earnest as your new representatives on the Executive and Council, I would like to thank the following people who served IASSIDD so well in these capacities over the last four years. I would also like to announce the new Executive and Council for the current term.

**PAST – 2008-2012**

**PRESENT – 2012 - 2016**

<b>David Felce</b>	- Past President
<b>Bob Davis</b>	- VP Asia/Pacific Region
<b>Jan Blacher</b>	- VP North/South America
<b>Giorgio Albertini</b>	- VP Europe
<b>Colleen Adnams</b>	- South African Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Handicap
<b>Tamar Heller</b>	- AAIDD

**Kathy O'Grady** - Inclusion Ireland  
**Michael Seidel** - German Society of Mental Handicap  
**Giorgio Albertini** - San Raffaele Research Institute  
**Philip Dodd** - UCD Centre for Disability Studies  
**Mike Kerr** - Welsh Center for Learning Disabilities  
**Roy Brown** - Down Syndrom SIRG/IASSID Academy  
**Angela Hassiotis** - Challenging Behaviour and Mental Health SIRG  
**Christine Bigby** - Aging SIRG  
**Ivan Brown** - Quality of Life SIRG  
**Bob Davis** - Health Issues SIRG  
**Eric Emerson** - Families SIRG, WHO liaison  
**Jan Blacher** - Families SIRG  
**Bea Maes** - Profound Multiple Disabilities SIRG  
**David McConnell** - Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities SIRG  
**Hans Reinders** - Ethics SIRG  
**Julie Beadle-Brown** - Comparative Policy & Practice SIRG  
**Richard Hastings** - Individual Member  
**Gwynnyth Llewellyn** - Individual Member  
**Liliana Mayo** - Individual Member  
**Germain Weber** - Individual Member  
**Tony Holland** - JIDR Editor  
**Matt Janicki** - JPPID Editor/Past Treasurer  
**Shigeru Suemitsu** - Individual Member  
**Neil Ross** - Individual Member

**Vianne Timmons** – President  
**Glynis Murphy** – Past President  
**Phil Davidson** – President Elect  
**Keith McVilly** – Treasurer  
**Helene Oullette -Kuntz** – Secretary  
**Colleen Adnams** – VP Africa  
**Germain Weber** – VP Europe  
**Michael Wehmeyer** – VP Americas  
**Henry Kwok** – VP Asia Pacific  
**Kuo-Yu Lisa Wang** – Co-VP Asia Pacific (1yr term)  
**Eric Emerson** – WHO Liaison  
**Dr. Robert Davis** - Council (Health SIRG)  
**Dr. Giorgio Albertini** - Council (Down Syndrome SIRG)  
**Dr. Roy Brown** – Council (Academy)  
**Dr. Christine Bigby** - Council (Aging SIRG)  
**Dr. Ivan Brown/Dr. Alice Schippers** - Council (Quality of Life SIRG)  
**Dr. Bea Maes** – Council (Profound Multiple Disabilities SIRG)  
**Dr. David McConnell** – Council (Parenting with Intellectual Disabilities SIRG)  
**Dr. Julie Beadle- Brown** - Council (Comparative Policy & Practice SIRG)

**Dr. Malin Broberg** – Council (Families SIRG)  
**Dr. Jane McCarthy** - Council (Challenging Behaviour and Mental Health SIRG)  
**Dr. Hans Reinders** - Council (Ethics SIRG)  
**Dr. Anthony Holland** – Council (JIDR Editor)  
**Dr. Matthew Janicki** – Council (JPPID Editor)

Given that the next regional conference is less than a year away, it is a good time to list the preliminary conference schedule for the next few years. Please mark these conferences in your schedules and try to attend. We will provide further details on these and other IASSIDD conferences as they become available, but in the meantime, it is worth noting that we will be holding our Council meetings at the regional conferences beginning in 2013 in Japan.

**August, 2013** – Asia-Pacific Regional Conference – Tokyo, Japan--Please visit our website at [www.iassid.org](http://www.iassid.org) for more information.

**2014** – European Regional Conference – Vienna, Austria

**2016** – 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress – Melbourne, Australia

Thank you for all your continued support of our organization.

Sincerely,

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## Report on 2012 World Congress - July, 2012

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the 2012 IASSID World Congress, which took place in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada from July 9-14.

The Congress was very successful, with approximately 800 delegates from around the world in attendance, and more than a dozen plenary speakers. More than 250 concurrent symposia featuring approximately 700 speakers took place across 12 tracks, and scholars also made 120 poster presentations. The net result was a thought-provoking Congress that brought to light a great deal of new research in the field of intellectual disabilities, and I believe the event was a fitting follow-up to the 2008 Cape Town Congress.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Congress - as delegates, presenters, moderators, plenary speakers, and as volunteers. I appreciate your commitment to IASSID, and to people worldwide with intellectual disabilities.

I would also like to update you on a couple of other developments from the Congress. At the Council meeting, the name of the organization was changed to the **International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD)**. This is a positive development, and one that will more inclusively reflect the work of members throughout the organization.

Also at the Council meeting, a new Executive was elected:

- Glynis Murphy, Past President
- Vianne Timmons, President
- Helene Ouellete-Kuntz, Secretary
- Keith McVilly, Treasurer
- Phil Davidson, President-Elect

I would like to extend particular thanks to Glynis Murphy for her work as President over the past four years.

Those of you who attended the opening ceremonies of the Congress will recall that Michael Bach, Executive Director of the Canadian Association for Community Living, gave a heartfelt address related to the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities in all aspects of society. Michael has since expressed an interest in creating an Inclusive Education SIRG, and I would encourage anyone who is interested in participating in such a SIRG to let me know at [vianne.timmons@uregina.ca](mailto:vianne.timmons@uregina.ca)

Thank you once again for your involvement in IASSIDD, and I hope to see you at future conferences. The Asia-Pacific Regional Conference will take place in Tokyo, Japan in August 2013, the European Regional Conference will take place in Vienna, Austria in 2014, and the next World Congress will be in Melbourne, Australia in 2016. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Vianne Timmons  
President, IASSIDD