

### **Welcome to the Down Syndrome Special Interest Research Group**

The purpose is to create a Special Interest Research Group (SIRG) in relation to Down syndrome. Resulting from the official agreement between IASSID and DSI (Down Syndrome International) this SIRG has been designed in such a way that it will welcome and accommodate members from both IASSID and DSI who are interested and involved in research and its application.

### **Mission**

The special interest research group on Down syndrome exists to encourage research and the application of research in the field of Down syndrome while recognizing that many aspects of the research conducted in the field of Down syndrome will be in common with that focusing on other intellectual disabilities. The membership of the SIRG encourages and develops planning and policy documents in relation to the needs of individuals with Down syndrome and their families worldwide. Co-ordination with other bodies interested in this field is encouraged and dissemination of knowledge based on scientific research and application is a primary role. IASSID and DSI encourages collaboration between the two organizations and fosters the development of the SIRG on Down syndrome.

### **Membership**

All the members of IASSID with an interest in research relating to Down syndrome are eligible to join the SIRG on Down syndrome. Members of Down Syndrome International who have similar interests are also encouraged to join.

Members of IASSID select the SIRG when joining or renewing their membership.

Members of DSI, contact the secretary.

## Officers

The following have been elected as the officers of the SIRG at its annual meeting in Rome, October 2010.

Chair: Roy Brown, Canada.

Vice-Chair: Monica Cuskelly, Australia.

Secretary: Rhonda Faragher, Australia.

Treasurer: Nehama Baum, Canada

Members at Large: Sue Buckley, UK, Karen Watchman, UK.

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