

Aging

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The Special Interest Research Group on Aging and Intellectual Disability (SIRG/AID) of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability was organized in 1990 and formally affiliated with the IASSID in 1995.

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Mission

The organization has as its founding principles:

1. Provide a focus for the worldwide exchange and dissemination of research and practice, as well as networking, in the field of aging and intellectual disability. Aging is meant in a broad sense, encompassing lifespan developmental issues as well as those related to old age. A wide variety of professional groups are potential contributors and no specific profession is considered to have a predominance in this respect.
2. Promote cross-national, multidisciplinary collaboration in the area of aging and intellectual disability. The ultimate aim of the group is to improve the quality of life or and services for people with intellectual disabilities, their carers, and their families.
3. Provide a framework for the collation of information relating to the research interests, expertise, and publications of group members. Within the overall process of collaboration, the views and contributions of nonprofessionals, including people with intellectual disabilities and their families and friends, are a fundamental component, and will be given the priority they deserve.

Membership

Membership is open to persons with an interest in any facet of research or application related to aging and intellectual disabilities. Membership benefits include access to IASSID newsletters and notifications, reduced fees at IASSID and SIRG/AID annual roundtables, events, and conferences, advance notice of IASSID Congress and special meeting programs, access to a network of colleagues, and copies of SIRG/AID reports.

Member notices

As our most recent initiative to communicate with our members, please see our last Members Bulletin : [click here](#). Furthermore, we are endeavouring to gather further information on our members area of special interest, works in progress etc. It would be extremely helpful, if our members could complete this form a Word document [click here](#) and return it to the SIRGAID secretary, Sunny Kalsy-Lillico (email: Sirgaid@hotmail.com)

Position papers

It is with great pride and pleasure that we are able to distribute the report on the State of Science on Health Risks and Ageing in People with Intellectual Disabilities, produced by Meindert Haveman, Tamar Heller, Lynette Lee, MarianMaaskant, Shahin Shooshtari and Andre Strydom.

Please contact Chris Bigby, SIRGAID Co-Chair, for further information on future position papers. (email: c.bigby@latrobe.edu.au)

SIRGAID Roundtable 2009

The next SIRGAID Roundtable will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland on 23rd - 25th September 2009. For further information relating to Roundtable themes, paper submission procedures, booking arrangements etc, please use the following link: <http://www.crfr.ac.uk/events/iassid.htm>
. Or contact Heather Wilkinson, SIRGAID Co-Chair (email: h.wilkinson@ed.ac.uk) if you require further information

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