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Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society

Singapore, 24th to 27th June 2009

Call for Papers

IASSID is an international, interdisciplinary scientific association (not for profit) and an NGO member of the World Health Organization (WHO), founded in 1964. IASSID is committed to enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of people with intellectual disability and their families through scientific research and the application of research in both policy and everyday practice. IASSID publishes the Journal of Intellectual Disability Research (JIDR) and the Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disability (JPPID). IASSID has conducted 11 World Congresses and a number of regional conferences in Europe, South America and Asia. IASSID hosted the First Asia Pacific Regional Congress at Taiwan in 2005.

IASSID calls upon researchers, policy makers, practitioners and educators, family members and people with disabilities from across the Asia Pacific region and beyond to come together at Singapore to discuss and debate issues affecting people with disability in the Asia Pacific region. We want to ask and answer the question: how can we create a more inclusive society – in which people are ‘free to be themselves among others’ (cf Nirje, 1985)?

Preliminary Key Note Speakers include: Prof. Rune J. Simeonsson (University of North Carolina, USA), Prof. Shigeru Suemitsu (Kawasaki University of Medical Welfare, Japan), Prof. Glynis Murphy (University of Kent, UK), Assoc Prof Levan Lim & Dr Kenneth Poon (National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore). Others to be confirmed.

The Australasian Association of Doctors in Developmental Disability Medicine (AADDM) will conduct their annual conference during the IASSID Congress and contribute papers.

The IASSID Academy on Education, Teaching and Research will host pre/post conference workshops. The IASSID Academy welcomes your suggestions concerning regional priorities to be addressed by these workshops.

The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) will host a stream of special interest papers.

The Asia Pacific Down Syndrome Federation will meet during the conference.

You are invited to submit abstracts for presentations addressing the conference theme, based on research activities and service initiatives in the areas of education, employment, accommodation, health care, ageing, community initiatives, sport, recreation and the arts.

Papers addressing community development and community capacity building are particularly welcome.

You are also invited to submit abstracts and proposals for Poster Presentations, Round Table Discussions, and Workshop / Tutorial Sessions.

Call for papers will close 20th December 2008. The on-line submission system will be active in May.

Confirmed Key Note Speakers:

Prof. Rune J. Simeonsson, University of North Carolina, USA

Prof. Shigeru Suemitsu, Kawasaki University of Medical Welfare, Japan

Prof. Glynis Murphy, University of Kent, UK

Assoc Prof Levan Lim, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Prof Matthew Janicki, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA

Dr Monica Cuskelly, University of Queensland, Australia

Dr Henny van Schrojenstein Lantman-de Valk, Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Asian Research to Practice Round Table: Dr Kenneth Poon, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

IASSID Academy Workshops: Prof Roy Brown, University of Victoria, Canada

All abstracts will undergo peer review by the Scientific Programme Committee, assisted by members of the editorial boards for the IASSID journals, the Journal of Intellectual Disability Research (JIDR) and the Journal of Policy & Practice in Intellectual Disability.

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