



International Association  
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of Intellectual Disabilities

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IASSID Special Interest Research Group on Aging and Intellectual Disability

## MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN (November 2008)



A message from  
our Co-chairs

The Aging Symposia  
at the Cape Town  
Congress in August

2008 were a great success. It was a revelation how much significant work is being carried out on the international stage in the field of aging and intellectual disabilities (ID). With this in mind, we would like to invite contributions to the special aging edition of the IASSID Journal on Policy & Practice in ID (JPPID) that is being edited by Chris Bigby and Meindert Haveman. All online submissions must be made via manuscript central by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008

<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jppid>.

One other memorable moment at Cape Town was the viewing of the 'Forget Me Not' play. This was produced by the Growing Old with Learning Disabilities (GOLD) group in conjunction with Respond UK. This play is about dementia from the perspective of individuals with intellectual disabilities and is performed by the GOLD group. The dvd is available for purchase as part

of a training resource from  
[www.respond.org.uk](http://www.respond.org.uk)

From time to time, the SIRGAID is approached by international research centres, looking to contribute to the body of knowledge on aging and ID. A recent request came from the Norah Fry Research Centre in the UK. This relates to the awareness of any resources (both published and unpublished) concerned with the needs, costs and benefits of independent advocacy for individuals with ID when entry into residential care is a possibility. Please email Anna Marriott at Norah Fry for further information on:



[anna.marriott@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:anna.marriott@bristol.ac.uk)

Thank you for continued support  
and contribution to the greater  
understanding of aging in people  
with intellectual disabilities.

Chris Bigby & Heather Wilkinson  
Joint Co-Chairs



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### Other News & Views

Please remember to complete and return the **membership information form** to help us update our membership records. It would be helpful if you could detail your areas of interest and current projects or work developments including works in progress which we are keen to promote.

### Dates for your diary



#### 2nd IASSID Asia

Pacific Regional Congress. Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society. 24th - 27th June 2009. Singapore. We are co-ordinating an aging symposium at this event. Please see [www.iassid.org](http://www.iassid.org) for further information

#### SIRGAID Roundtable 2009.

23rd - 25th September 2009  
Edinburgh, Scotland. For further information, please email Heather Wilkinson, SIRGAID co-chair on [h.wilkinson@ed.ac.uk](mailto:h.wilkinson@ed.ac.uk)

### Membership Fees are Due!

Please remember to make your payment for IASSID membership by January 2009. Also, it is important that your membership of SIRGAID is retained. To do this, please select the Aging SIRG box on the membership page. This declaration of your special interest will not incur any additional costs but will support the healthy development and continuation of SIRGAID.



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