

IASSID SPECIAL INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP PERSONS WITH PROFOUND INTELLECTUAL AND MULTIPLE DISABILITIES

Meetings of the PMD SIRG

MINUTES of a meeting of the SIRG-PMD, held on 3rd August 2006, in Maastricht.

Present:

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| Loretto Lambe (Co-Chair) | Hendrike Fonteine |
| Carla Vlaskamp (Co-Chair) | Juliet Goldbart |
| Bea Maes (Secretary) | Colin Griffiths |
| Carolyn Anderson | Nicola Grove |
| Mary Arnold | Margo Hoenders |
| Ann Brown | Stefanie Müller |
| Ursula Böing | Kate Mure |
| Lisa Curtice | Katja Petry |
| Jean-Jacques Detraux | Sui Sone |
| Colette De Gier | Annemarie Tadema |
| Garé Fabila | Annette Van der Putten |
| Barbara Fornefeld | Jenny Whinnett |

Apologies for absence were received from:

James Hogg, Mats Granlund, Han Nakken, Knüt Slatta, Jean Ware and Jenny Wilder

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting in Bruges, October 2005, have been approved.

All minutes of meetings can be found on our website under the heading of 'reports': www.sirgpmid.be

2. Financial Matters

2.1 Annual Report and Financial statement

Carla and Bea had prepared an annual report and financial statement for the IASSID Board Meeting - copy attached to these Minutes.

2.2 Membership Fees

At the IASSID Board meeting the importance of the SIRGs has been stressed. Therefore, it is decided that IASSID-members will be free to choose any SIRG they want to join, without paying an extra fee. In future the membership fee for SIRGs will be included in the IASSID membership fee. We will receive an annual amount of money from IASSID to support the activities of the SIRG, regardless of the number of SIRG-members.

Loretto proposed that we ask the IASSID Board to agree to reduced membership and registration fees for parents, as this is already in place for

individuals with ID. She pointed out that she had raised this with the President, Prof David Felce, who had agreed this should be the case but as yet it was not noted on any IASSID documentation or the website.

Action: Loretto Lambe

3. Website

Our own SIRG-website has been installed: www.sirgpmid.be

At present it includes the following sections:

- general information about our SIRG and its mission
- who can become a member and who is on the board
- a members' section - where each member may fill in a membership card with his or her address, mail, phone and fax number, but also background and particular topics of interest
- reports from previous meetings
- forthcoming events announcements.

Other ideas suggested included:

- a discussion forum
- links with other (national) organisations
- a form to fill in an abstract about current research projects or published papers.

It was agreed that it is important that our website is well structured and easily accessible and members were asked to let Bea have suggestions as to how we might improve accessibility.

It was further agreed that Bea would send an email to each SIRG-member every 3 months to ask if they had any new items to have posted on the website. Members are asked to send these to Bea for processing. The website will then be updated with this new information and Bea will announce this via email.

Action Bea/All SIRG members

4. Parents involved in SIRG

We welcome parents joining our SIRG and stress the importance of that support for families to be part of IASSID-conferences. Parents want to link with other parents and/or parent organisations in other countries. They wish to have some kind of network.

It was agreed that Anne Brown, Garé Fabila and Loretto would discuss this further and then communicate their thoughts to the Board in the first instance.

Action: Anne Brown, Garé Fabila, Loretto Lambe

5. Roundtable

The next roundtable will be planned by PAMIS and the Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability (SCLD) and held in Dundee, Scotland by the end of May 2007.

Topics proposed for the roundtable included:

- sense of identity
- observation and interpretation of staff-client-interactions
- parents and families
- ethics, being able to undertake research with persons with PIMD.

It is also suggested that we have a 'marketplace' where members can display posters of recent research projects and other resources/materials developed by members that would be of interest to others. Jean-Jacques Detraux said that we should be able to secure some European funding to support the Roundtable.

6. IASSID: South-Africa 2008

At the roundtable in Scotland we will plan some symposia about persons with PIMD, with contributions from SIRG-members. Some SIRG-PIMD symposia at the Maastricht conference had been very well attended, so it is important that we keep persons with PIMD on the research agenda. It was noted that it would be costly to attend the South Africa Congress but that we should make every effort to be represented.

7. Colloquium PhD-students

The colloquium for PhD students has been attended by 17 persons and was very much appreciated by the participants. It was agreed that it would be good to repeat this initiative, linked to the roundtable or an IASSID-conference.

Date of next meeting:

The next PIMD SIRG meeting would be held during the Roundtable in 2007.