

Report on the SIRG *Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities (PMD)* 2005-2006

Board

The SIRG PMD board is constituted as follows:

Chair : Loretto Lambe (UK) and Carla Vlaskamp (NL)
Chair elect and secretary : Bea Maes (Bel)
Treasurer : vacancy , (seat temporarily taken over by Bea Maes)
Past chair : Han Nakken (NL)

Members:

- Mary Arnold (USA)
- Anne Brown (UK)
- Care Fabila (Mex)
- Barbara Fornefeld (Ger)
- Mats Granlund (Swe)
- Paul Pagliano (Aus)
- Knut Slåtta (No)
- Jenny Whinnet (UK)
- Sui Sone (Japan)

Activities June 2005 –June 2006.

Terminology

Although in the 12th World Congress of 2004 there was an impressive number of presentations on planning, executing, and organizing education, health care, and support for individuals with ‘PMD’, it was not absolutely clear, if the speakers were talking about the same ‘group’ of persons. As a number of different terms were used to describe the target group, it may very well be that different (sub)groups were being referred to. This brings us to the urgency for an international agreement on a general accepted classification, which will facilitate communication and prevent misunderstanding. As the term *Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities* is the term most widely used and accepted, we decided to favor this term over the term *Profound Multiple Disabilities*.

Round Table

A Round Table invitational conference was held in Brugge, Belgium, in October 13-15 th. Two broad topics were chosen as key topics for the conference:

- (1) quality of service provision and support in community services and families, with special attention to staff attitudes, skills, working methods and training
- (2) procedures and evaluation of educational and developmental programs and activities and of (pseudo)treatment programs and methods

As part of the Invitational conference, which was attended by members from the UK, Scotland, Sweden, Ireland, Japan, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, the

contribution of our SIRG to the 2nd European IASSID-conference at Maastricht (the Netherlands) was discussed. As the program committee had already decided that there will be 4 symposia under the theme 'PMD', topics and our contribution was discussed. Convenors were designated for each symposium. In each symposium there will be 4 presentations.

Newsletter

In the beginning of 2006, our sixth Newsletter was sent to all our members. The newsletter also included the request to fill in a so-called 'membership card'. The members were also brought up to date on the development of a website.

Web-site / E-mail

The SIRG information can be found on the web-site of the IASSID under IASSIDoffice@aol.com, SIRG, Profound Multiple Disabilities. The information on this web-site has recently been revised.

Next to the information on the IASSID website, another website is up and running, on <http://www.sirgpmdb.be>. On this website, our 'mission statement' can be found. An important part of this website is the 'membership card'. With these cards, vital information on members is gathered and can be used to facilitate contact between members. In the sections 'announcements' and 'reports', information on e.g. recent research projects is stated. This website needs further development but will hopefully grow to an interactive site that can run next to the regular IASSID website.

International Masters

Members from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Scotland have started an initiative on the development of an International Masters. After initial contact by e-mail, a meeting was organized in Cologne, Germany, in March 2006. It was decided upon that we would start with the development of preliminary modules. The group will meet again in August 2006.

Colloquium for young researchers

At the round table conference, a suggestion came forward to organize a colloquium for young researchers. This idea has been worked out steadily but surely by Colin Griffiths in close cooperation with some board members. Arrangements have now been made, and the colloquium will be held in August 1st-2nd at Maastricht.

Financial Statement

The report on the financial statement was completed by Bea Maes. This report is attached.

Groningen, 3rd July
Carla Vlaskamp, chair.
Bea Maes, secretary and treasurer.

Attachment: Financial Statement

Name of SIRG: Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities (PMD)

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Statement of Holdings

SIRG is holding funds

SIRG is holding 212,55 € on June 1, 2006

KBC Bank Steenokkerzeel, Van Frachenlaan 9, 1820 Steenokkerzeel,

Belgium

Bea Maes

SIRG is not holding any funds

IASSID is holding SIRG funds

IASSID is holding 360 US\$ on June 1, 2006

5. If the person responsible for managing the funds will change during 2006-07, please provide name of the new person responsible for funds.

6. Please list sources of income for the SIRG

SIRG dues collected by IASSID and SIRG

Revenue from Roundtable and/or other meetings

Donations

Grants, awards, etc. – Fund by the Flemisch Fund for Scientific Research for the organisation of the 2nd Roundtable of the SIRG in Bruges.