

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SIRG PROFOUND MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (PMD)  
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Absent with notification were: Barbara Fornefeld, Jackie Walker, Mary Arnold, Rita Zijlstra, Knut Slåtta, Mette Lovaas, Sui Sone.

## 2. Minutes

Han Nakken opens the meeting and presents the agenda.

Points on this agenda are: contribution to the 2006 Maastricht conference, round table conference next year, election of new board and objectives of our SIRG

Executive board: Han Nakken will resign as chair. Proposal is: Loretto Lambe and Carla Vlaskamp become the new (co-) chair, Han will be past chair, Bea Maes chair elect and secretary. The post of treasurer is still vacant, candidates will be approached. Proposal is accepted by those present. On their own request, Steven Carnaby and Silvie Roque will withdraw as a member of the board. Mary Arnold will replace one of them. As board member, we want to be well represented (both in disciplines as in countries). We discussed representation from parents, researchers in the psychological, educational and medical field, volunteers organizations etc. The executive board will put a proposal before all members within the next months. Candidates are Sui Sone (as a representative for the medical point of view), Care Fabila and Jenny Whinnet (as representatives of the parents view).

Maastricht conference: we will have to decide if we want to be present as a SIRG within the several topics of the conference (like Quality of Life, Ethics, Mental Health etc.) or if we want to have symposia under the topic PMD, and have presentations about ethics, education, etc.

Even if there was not decided upon the point mentioned above, there was asked who would be willing to put symposia together. Some volunteers were already willing to put symposia together on Family Issues (PAMIS, Cara Fabila and Jenny Whinnet), Education (Jean Ware), Art & Culture (Nicola Grove), Health (Heleen Evenhuis), Methodological Issues (James Hogg), Quality of support (Bea Maes) and Communication (Juliet Goldbart and Bea Maes)

Round Table: everyone who had attended the Amsterdam round table conference felt we needed another round table in preparation also for the Maastricht meeting. The idea is, to have a three day conference, with the first two days for discussion with the SIRG members, and the third day an 'open' conference (to be attended by whoever is interested in this topic). Venues mentioned were: Cologne, Dundee and Leuven.

Han Nakken