

## **Activity Report of the IASSIDD Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities - Special Interest Research Group (SIRG-PIMD) – July 2018-July 2019**

### **1. Members**

In the 2019 membership 30 persons ticked the SIRG-PIMD as 1<sup>st</sup> priority and 25 persons as other SIRG. This membership includes 14% of the IASSIDD-members, which makes from the SIRG-PIMD the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest of the 12 SIRG's.

### **2. Tasks**

Several members take up responsibility for different tasks linked to the SIRG-activities:

Chair: Bea Maes

Secretary: Juliet Goldbart

Treasurer: Bea Maes

Council Representative: Juliet Goldbart

Board members: Bea Maes, Juliet Goldbart, Annette Van der Putten, Nan-Chieh Chen, Gare Fabila, Krysti De Zonia, Kathleen Tait

Newsletter: Sara Nijs & Leentje Van Alphen

Social media: Jorien Luijkx

JPIDD associate editor: Annette Van der Putten

Track Chair Glasgow: Annette Van der Putten

Website: Bea Maes

Early Career Researchers: Sien Vandesande & Marleen Wessels

The Board decided to have 6 monthly skype based communications, next to the meetings at the conferences.

### **3. Activities**

#### **3.1. Early career research meeting**

The 8th Early Career Researchers Meeting was held in Athens, before the conference on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2018. About 20 people participated. Next to presentations of ongoing PhD research, some general topics have been discussed: Doing qualitative research; Motivating families of persons with PIMD to participate in research.

The next Early Career Researchers Meeting will be held in Glasgow, before the conference.

### **3.2. Conference Athens**

Many SIRG-members gave presentations of their research during the conference in Athens.

### **3.3. Bulgaria conference Plovdiv**

From the 17<sup>th</sup> till the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 an international conference was organized by the University of Plovdiv, in cooperation with the IASSID-Academy and the SIRG-PIMD: 'Creating better life quality for people with PIMD'. Twelve SIRG-PIMD members gave a lecture or workshop, next to 24 local researchers and practitioners from Bulgaria.

## **4. Communication**

There are two newsletters per year, one in June and one in December. The newsletter informs SIRG-members about upcoming events, current research projects, new PhD's, awards, new publications, questions of members to cooperate in certain projects, etc.

We updated the content of the SIRG-PIMD pages on the IASSIDD-website.

## **5. Plans for the future**

2020: Vera Munde will be asked if she is willing to organize the next roundtable in Berlin. This could be combined with an ECR-meeting.

2021: IASSIDD-Europe conference, with an ECR meeting, probably in Amsterdam.

2022: World Congress and ECRM. May be in Chicago.

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