

Minutes PIMD SIRG Members meeting 07/08/2024 at the IASSIDD conference Chicago

1. Board members

Juliet Goldbart and Michael Arthur-Kelly terminate their membership of the board. The chair thanks both a lot for their commitment and engagement for the SIRG-PIMD.

The following members are still on the board: Bea Maes (Chair, Belgium), Annette Van der Putten (The Netherlands), Krysti De Zonia (USA), Callista Kahonde (S-Africa), Kathleen Tait (Australia), Nan Chieh Chen (Taiwan) and Darren Chadwick (UK).

A mail has been sent to ask nominations to become a new member of the board. Several colleagues from Germany have been proposed. There is consensus to ask Vera Munde to join the board.

A member suggested more members from majority world countries. This is still possible, so please do use your contacts and please identify potential members from these regions.

2. Activity report

Bea presents a summary of the activities the past year:

- ECRM Leuven (6/2/2024)
- Roundtable Leuven (7 and 8/2/2024)
- Newsletter
- Symposia and presentations on World conference Chicago (5-8/8/2024)
- Members meeting (7/8/2024)

The Carla Vlaskamp award for this conference has been offered to Lauren Fishbacher (University of California). She will present a study on: *Re-imagining skills for inclusion: What do we really mean when we say 'functional skills'*.

3. Financial report

In general, IASSIDD is confronted with huge financial problems. There is a plan to solve these the coming years.

The SIRG Funds as of April 30, 2024 amounts to 7.782 USD.

The past year the following costs have been made: 1000 EUR ECRM; 1000 EUR Roundtable and 1000 USD Vlaskamp award.

4. Planning of next activities

- ECRM and Roundtable (April 22-24, 2025) in Cork. Anne Marie Martin and Edina Hanley will be hosting these events in Cork. Sanne Nieuwenhuis volunteered to support Edina in organising the roundtable. Ann-Marie will try to ensure the event is online for those not able to get to Cork.
- Singapore October 2025 Asia-Pacific conference. We can plan some PIMD symposia. Kathleen Tait (Board member) could convene.
- European Conference 3-6 August 2026; Munich. Peter Zentel will be organising.
- World congress Dublin late August 2027. World conference IASSIDD, End of August 2027, Dublin

5. Other activities

- The newsletter will be coordinated by Isa Keijzer (RU Groningen) and Meike Engelhardt (Germany).
- There are some challenges in contributing to the website. Since there is a new organisation hosting the site, we do not have a lot of control over uploading content. Bea will ask for some updates.

6. Miscellaneous

A member wants to plan something on movement and PIMD – how could they best engage global researchers? Bea suggests the newsletter as the usual way to raise interest in projects. You can also contact board members as they have good overview of who is working in which domain. People from Groningen have experience in this domain.

A member suggests to use Padlet to build a network of PIMD researchers. It is important to create means of connecting, sharing, and learning about each other's work. A particular challenge for our field is knowing who is working on PIMD and what topics they are studying. Padlet allows researchers to add, edit, or delete their own information independently, eliminating the need for someone to actively manage the platform. This self-organizing structure encourages collaboration and keeps the information up-to-date with minimal effort. Ines will kickstart this initiative. You can view it here: [PIMD Researchers Padlet](#). Feel free to add your information and help expand this valuable network! We will also announce this in the next newsletter.