SIRG PIMD meeting 27/07/2026 - Münich

1. **Approval minutes**

The minutes from the SIRG PIMD meeting in Cork (24/04/2025) are approved. See Cork-April-2025.pdf

Minutes of all the SIRG PIMD meetings can be found on the PIMD-pages of the IASSIDD-website.

2. **Early Career Researchers Meeting**

We had an interesting and succesful Early Career Researchers Meeting yesterday, before the Munich conference. About 15 people attended the meeting. Bea expresses a big *thank you* to Petra Poppes, Ankelien Schippers and Emma Vanroye for the organization.

The idea of a ECRM is that junior and senior researchers in the PIMD-field come together to get to know each other, to discuss their plans, to exchange experiences on methodological challenges, to build collaborative networks, to present their work, … We also have some more informal activities.

We plan to have a next one before the conference in Dublin on Monday August 16th. Anne-Marie will be in touch with the organizing committee from Dublin to make a room reservation. Anne-Marie, Lotte and Ankelien are willing to prepare the next ECRM.

See **attach 2** for the people who want to be added on the ECRM-list.

Ines (Leuven) reminds the group about the padlet. This is an accessible way to connect, share, and learn about each other's work. See: PIMD Researchers Padlet. Feel free to add your information and help expand this valuable network! Let's build a stronger, more connected community for PIMD research.

3. **Webinars**

Each SIRG is asked to organize online webinars (free for members and paid for not members). The idea is to organize two seminars per year (around November and March).

We propose a format where a researcher, a parent and a professional are asked to talk about a specific topic. This way research and practice can be combined. Afterwards there can be some time for discussion, interaction, questions.

The first would be in November 2026 around *Health issues in people with PIMD.* Annette Van der Putten will lead this one. Fatima Ghulam agreed to be involved as a parent. Annette will ask Anouk Mol-Bakker or another researcher from Groningen. Bea could ask Annelies Colliers (medical doctor in a residential service) as professional. Vera was willing to be moderator.

Time planning could be: short introduction, 15' parent's testimony or story, 30' research, 15' reaction from professional, 30' interaction and discussion (total 1h30).

The next one would be in March 2027 around *Challenging behavior and mental health in people with PIMD.* Chris Oliver has been named, as well as Paula Sterkenburg.

Other suggested topics are: Personhood (together with the Ethics SIRG), Technology, Citizenship, Child protection and safeguarding against abuse, Societal attitudes towards PIMD, Communication and interaction, Resettling from large facilities, Curriculum sexual health, intimacy.

If people are interested to organize such a seminar, please let us know.

4. **Conferences**

- IASSIDD world conference in Dublin, August 17-20, 2027
- ECRM, Monday August 16th 2027 before Dublin conference
- PIMD-Roundtable in Groningen, beginning of 2028

5. **Newsletter**

Meike is still willing to continue the newsletter.

See: Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities – IASSIDD

Is there someone else who would be interested to replace Isa Keijzer? Please let uw know!

6. **Other activities**

The group of researchers in KU Leuven is preparing a (position) paper on the meaning and potential of **inclusive research with people with PIMD**. The idea is to make an inventory of good practices and formulate critical reflections. It would be nice to make it a SIRG position paper. They ask if there are volunteers to participate. People have put their names on a list, and will be contacted to give feedback on first drafts and add good practices (see attach 1).

Another topic that has been raised for a position paper is '**Recruiting families'**. Would be interested to do something about this: Annette Van der Putte, Darren Chadwick, Sabine Schäper.

Finally, some members ask if we could broaden the SIRG PIMD to people from **developing countries**. Calista Cahondo (South Africa) could be our contact person in Africa, and Andreas in South-America. Juliane still has contacts in Madagascar. Earlier on we have also raised the idea to make a list of online training programs or materials that could be made available for low income countries.

Bea thanks everyone for their attendance.

Attach 1: people interested to participate in the position paper about inclusive research

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Attach 2 : Additions to ECRM mailing list.

The official mailinglist of the SIRG PIMD is only for registered members. We also have a mailinglist for the ECRM/roundtable with also non registered members.

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