

We would like to invite you to the 2nd Asia Pacific Conference of the International Association of the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability (IASSID).

The conference will be held at Singapore, 24 to 27 June 2009, at the Furama Riverfront Hotel.

The conference theme is: "Creating possibilities for an inclusive society"

The conference details, abstract submission system and registration forms are now on-line: www.iassid.org

Abstracts need to be submitted by the end of November 2008. Individual papers, symposia, workshops and posters are all welcome. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed and those accepted for the conference will be published in the Journal of Policy & Practice in Intellectual Disabilities.

IASSID is the non-government peak body at the World Health Organisation (WHO), representing scientific research in the field of intellectual / developmental disability and the social service and support systems available to people with disability and their families. See our website at www.iassid.org

There are a number of organisations partnering with IASSID to make this a significant event on the international scientific calendar. These include the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC), the Asia Pacific Down Syndrome Federation and the Australian Association of Doctors in Developmental Disability Medicine. There are also many regional and local service providers working together, as part of our efforts to ensure that the conference provides a mechanism to promote 'research to practice' and that practice issues inform and influence the research agenda of the scientific community.

As part of our efforts to promote dialogue between researchers, practitioners and people with disability, the conference will include the inaugural meeting of the Asian Research to Practice Roundtable. This event will take place across the 4 days of the conference; bringing together scientists, practitioners and people with disability to establish and implement a research to practice agenda for the region.

The IASSID Academy on Education, Teaching & Research will host accredited workshops prior to and following the conference. The workshops will take place at Singapore and in neighbouring countries. If you are interested in hosting such a workshop, you can contact the Academy Chair, Professor Roy Brown for details and to discuss your proposal: roybrown@telus.net

See the attached information sheet for more details of the conference. Please feel free to circulate this information among your colleagues and networks and to include details in your various organisational newsletters, etc.

Also attached is a PowerPoint slide that you could consider using at various functions you might be organising or attending.

We hope to see you at Singapore.

Kind regards,

Dr Keith McVilly & Professor Lisa Wang, IASSID Conference Co-ordination Committee

Dr Balbir Singh, Chair of the Local Organising Committee

Professor Libby Cohen and Dr Kenneth Poon, Co-Chairs of the Scientific Programme Committee

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IASSID World Congress, Cape Town: 25 to 30 August 2008 - www.iassid.org

ASSID Australasian Conference, Melbourne: 24 to 26 November 2008 - www.assid.org.au

ASSID DSW Conference, Melbourne: 27 to 28 November 2008 - www.assid.org.au

IASSID Asia Pacific Conference, Singapore: 24 to 27 June 2009 - www.iassid.org

IASSID 2nd Asia-Pacific Regional Congress

“Creating possibilities for an inclusive society”



Confirmed Key Note Speakers:

Dr. Monica Cuskelly, Australia
Prof. Matthew Janicki, USA
Prof. Levan Lim, Singapore
Prof. Glynis Murphy, UK
Prof. Rune J. Simeonsson, USA
Prof. Shigeru Suemitsu, Japan
Dr. Henny van Schrojenstein Lantman-de Valk,
The Netherlands

Asian Research to Practice Round Table:

Dr. Kenneth Poon, Singapore

IASSID Academy Workshops:

Prof. Roy Brown, Canada

Be there!

**24-27 June 2009
Singapore
Furama Riverfront
Hotel**

Submissions Due November 28, 2008

Papers, posters, symposia & workshops welcome

For information on submitting an abstract and registration, visit

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In conjunction with:

- Australasian Association of Doctors in Developmental Disability Medicine
- IASSID Academy on Education, Teaching and Research
- International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication
- Asia-Pacific Down Syndrome Federation
- National Institute for Education (Singapore)
- RMIT University (Australia)

