

13th IASSID World Congress Final Announcement & Call for Papers

People with Intellectual Disabilities: Citizens in the World

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Cape Town, South Africa





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INVITATION to Cape Town

You are warmly invited to the 13th IASSID World Congress, which will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, from 25th – 30th August 2008. We usually welcome over 1500 people from all over the world to our World Congresses and we anticipate that this Congress will be no exception. IASSID has held World Congresses in many parts of the World over the years, including France, Finland, the USA, Ireland, Australia and India. No IASSID World Congress has ever been held in Africa, however, so we are excited to be going to this continent for the first time. All the Special Interest Research Groups will be represented and there will be a wide range of themes and plenary talks, as well as the many and varied symposia, papers and posters. We anticipate that with your involvement and that of our Scientific Advisory Board, we will have a wonderfully rich and relevant scientific programme.

The aim of the IASSID World Congresses is to provide a forum for researchers working with people with intellectual disabilities to share their views of theory, research methods and empirical findings, both amongst themselves and with practitioners, people with disabilities and others interested in advancing scientific knowledge about intellectual disabilities. IASSID believes that good research requires researchers to be well-informed, critical, open to criticism, open to influence and up-to-date. Thus, it is the policy of IASSID to encourage researchers to use the World Congress for a free and frank discussion of research methodologies, empirical findings and their implications for the improvement of the support and quality of life experienced by people with intellectual disabilities and their families. The IASSID World Congress provides the broadest international opportunity for such debate and dissemination. We encourage researchers and other workers from around the world to participate in the forthcoming congress and to share their knowledge on how to improve the life chances for people with intellectual disabilities.

For the first time this year, IASSID has funded some research directly. We have provided funding for six research projects by African academics and we are absolutely delighted to welcome them to present their findings at the Congress. We are extremely grateful to all those research centres, as well as other bodies and individuals, who helped us to fund the research projects. Without them we could not have supported our African colleagues to conduct these important projects.

Cape Town is a beautiful, modern, diverse city and the conference venue, CTICC, is a stunning, light and airy building in the city centre. Behind the city lies the majestic Table Mountain, a steep walk or a scenic cable car ride, according to your taste and fitness. In the front of the city, about 20 minutes walk from the conference venue, lies the beautiful V and A Waterfront, with the ocean and the notorious Robben Island. Further afield are the Cederberg Wilderness Area with its rugged sandstone, Wolfberg Arch and endangered Clanwilliam Cedars, Karoo national park with its ancient fossils and San rock paintings, its rhinoceros, ostriches, eagles, and zebra. Or if you prefer, you could relax with the carpets of flowers in the Cape West Coast, in the Cape Provinces' many vineyards, or in the tranquillity of the Knysna Lagoon, with its endangered seahorse. Whatever you do, don't forget to come to the conference.

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Timetable

The programme is designed to highlight scientific knowledge and methods across the breadth of issues which concern scientists, practitioners, family members and people with intellectual disabilities. Following the opening ceremony, the first Plenary Sessions will focus on poverty and intellectual disabilities. The beginning session of each subsequent morning will comprise an invited plenary address. There will be a second invited plenary address after lunch on the four days Tuesday to Friday. During Tuesday to Friday, morning and afternoon sessions will comprise up to 16 parallel sessions where empirical findings, research methodologies and state of knowledge can be presented orally. There will also be posters every morning and every afternoon. Poster sessions and opportunities to present new media will run in parallel with oral paper sessions. Then on Saturday, a day which is open to extra local participants, there will be 6 plenary addresses with discussants from South Africa.

Time	Monday August 25th	Tuesday August 26th	Wednesday August 27th	Thursday August 28th	Friday August 29th	Saturday August 30th
9.00		Plenary Keynote	Plenary Keynote	Plenary Keynote	Plenary Keynote	3 plenary sessions
9.45		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	
10.45		Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break
11.00		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	3 plenary sessions
12.00	Registration	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Closing ceremony
13.00		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	
14.30		Plenary Keynote	Plenary Keynote	Plenary Keynote	Plenary Keynote	
15.15	Opening Ceremony	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	
16.15	Opening plenaries (x3)	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	
16.30		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	General assembly	Parallel Sessions	
18.00 - 20.00	Welcoming Reception					

Refreshment Breaks Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available during mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks. Lunch boxes can be ordered on your registration form.

Translation The official language is English but we hope some delegates, with good language skills, will volunteer to be 'translation buddies' for those speaking other languages. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like to be a Translation Buddy or if you would like to find a Translation Buddy.

Accessibility of Presentations We have asked all delegates to avoid jargon and make their presentations as accessible as they can. For those who would like them we will be offering 'Easy access buddies' who will help explain findings to those who would like this. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like to be an Easy Access Buddy or if you would like to find an Easy Access Buddy.

Modes of Presentation

Delegates can present their research in several different formats:

Symposia (1 hour - 3 x 15 minutes presentation + 15 minutes discussion)

A collection of three papers presenting the results of different studies relating to a common research theme. Each should be presented by a different person. The symposium co-ordinator should provide details for the three papers following the instructions on the next page.

Individual Papers (15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes discussion)

A paper presenting the results of a study on a particular topic. Papers will be grouped into symposia according to an identified theme. Individuals should submit title and abstract details for each paper offered following the instructions on the next page.

Posters

Individuals may present their research in the form of a poster. IASSID views posters as just as important as oral papers. Posters allow for more extended discussion with delegates interested in the content area of the poster and may be preferred by presenters whose first language is not English. Posters should be attended by at least one author who can address questions related to the poster's content to interested delegates. Individuals should submit title and abstract details for each poster presentation offered following the instructions on the next page. Submission of Poster Collectives (i.e., several posters covering related research) is encouraged.

Roundtable Discussions or Debates

(1 hour)

Discussion about the interpretation of existing research, the state of knowledge in a particular area or the need for more or different kinds of research, can be as important as presenting the results of new studies. Individuals wishing to organise such roundtable discussions or debates should identify three or four speakers, who can each present a point of view. Where discussion and audience participation is the purpose, speakers' presentations might be limited to 5 minutes. Where debate between the speakers is the purpose, presentations may be longer (10-12 minutes). Organisers should submit details of the discussion or debate following the instructions on the next page.

Plenary Speakers

25th August: Opening session: Poverty and ID

View from Africa - to be confirmed

Hear Our Voices - Diane Richler, Inclusion International, Canada

Poverty & ID in Europe - Eric Emerson, UK

26th August: Day 2

Autism – Frank Njenga, Kenya

Inclusive education – Vianne Timmons, Canada & Nithi Muthukrishna, South Africa

27th August: Day 3

Biobehavioural approaches - Chris Oliver, UK

Foetal alcohol syndrome- Chris Molteno, South Africa

28th August: Day 4

Self-determination – Michael Wehmeyer, USA

Employment and ID – to be confirmed

29th August: Day 5

Parents with ID – Gwynneth Llewellyn, Australia

Augmentative/alternative communication – Erna Alant, South Africa

30th August: Day 6

(all talks will include local discussants)

Prevalence of intellectual disability – Jennifer Kromberg, South Africa

Health indicators – POMONA project – Patricia Noonan Walsh, Ireland

Children with ID & mental health needs – Bruce Tonge, Australia

Profound and multiple disability - Carla Vlaskamp, Netherlands

HIV and ID – to be confirmed

Neurotoxins and ID – Phil Davidson, USA, and Conrad Shamlaye, Seychelles

Abstracts for papers, posters and roundtables

Abstracts must be in English .

Theme & Topic: The conference is to be organised in 12 themes (see next page). Specify which of the 12 themes best fits your paper/poster/symposium or roundtable discussion. Each theme is divided into a number of topic areas. Either pick one which suits your paper/poster/symposium/roundtable, or specify the topic area yourself in 2 or 3 words.

All abstracts should be prepared using the following headings:

Instructions for Submitting Paper/Poster Abstracts

Title: This should be brief (no more than 100 characters + spaces)

Author(s): Give the initials and surnames of authors. Give the email address (in brackets) of the person presenting the paper.

Contact details: Type an asterisk after the presenter's name and give the affiliation address of the presenting author only

Abstract: This should be no more than 200 words and describe the *Aim, Method, Results* and *Conclusions* of the study, using these headings.

Preferred mode: State whether: (a) individual paper or (b) part of a symposium or (c) poster

Type of presentation: State whether (a) research-based paper with data or (b) review paper or (c) service description. Presenters should note this is a scientific conference and therefore very few service descriptions will be accepted.

Instructions for Submitting Symposia

These can be submitted separately from the papers that make them up, provided these instructions are followed.

Title: Give a brief title for the symposium (no more than 100 characters + spaces)

List authors and titles of papers to be included in the symposium. Make sure these are identical to the

authors and titles of the abstracts for the papers separately submitted or we will be unable to match them up.

Moderator: Give the initials, surname and affiliation of the person who has agreed to moderate the symposium. Give contact details for moderator, as per instructions for papers/posters.

Instructions for submitting Roundtable Abstracts

Abstracts must be in English.

Title: This should be brief (no more than 100 characters + spaces) but clearly indicate the issue to be discussed or debated

Contact Details: Give the full postal addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers of the moderator and each speaker. Indicate the moderator by an asterisk after his/her name.

Abstract: This should be no more than 400 words and describe the background behind the issue to be discussed or debated and the views to be put forward by each speaker.

Note: *Abstracts that are longer than permissible will be abridged at the discretion of the programme committee*

Terminology: Please refer to people with intellectual disabilities, rather than people with mental retardation or mental handicap, or the intellectually disabled, mentally retarded, etc.

See example abstract on next page

Submission deadline:

1st January 2008

Kindly submit abstracts to Prof G. Murphy at G.H.Murphy@kent.ac.uk

Congress themes

Theme	Topics covered by the theme
1. Ageing and lifespan	Ageing and Health Status, Functional Decline, Lifespan Transitions, Death and Dying
2. Biological and biobehavioural	Genetics, Syndromes, Biobehavioural Processes, Behavioural Phenotypes, Brain Research, Neurotransmitters, Risk Factors for Intellectual Disability, Developmental and Behavioural Neurotoxicology
3. Challenging behaviours and/or offending	Challenging Behaviour, Assessment of Challenging Behaviour, Forensic Issues, Psychological and Other Therapies for Challenging Behaviour &/or Offending
4. Cognition, communication, social impairment	Adaptive Behaviour, Skill Development, Assessment of Skills and Disabilities, Communication and Language, Cognitive Development, Social Impairment & Social Skills, Autism, Down's Syndrome
5. Education & Employment	Early Intervention, Pre-school Development, Schooling, College, Employment, Daytime Occupation, Volunteering
6. Empowerment, rights & ethics	Values and Ethics, Genetic Screening, Law and Civil Rights, Advocacy and Self-advocacy, User Views, User Participation, Empowerment, Gender, Culture and Ethnicity, Welfare Benefits and Income
7. Families & parenting	Early Family Counselling and Adjustment, Family Experience, Family Supports, Family Lifecycle, Siblings, Ageing Carers, Parents with Intellectual Disability
8. Mental health	Mental Health, Diagnosis/Assessment & Classification Systems in Mental Health, Depression, Anxiety, Schizophrenia, Psychopharmacology, Psychoanalysis, Psychological or Other Therapies for Mental Health Needs, Risk Factors for Mental Health, Abuse
9. Physical health	Physical Health, Health Monitoring, Medical and Other Interventions, Medication, Dentistry, Sensory and Physical Disabilities, Epilepsy, Assistive Technologies, Obesity, Diet & Exercise
10. Policy, populations, service systems	Classification, Epidemiology, Displaced Populations and Disability, Policy and Service Patterns, Achievement of Strategic Change, Services to Minority Communities, Health Economics, Cost-effectiveness, Service Management and Quality Assurance, Staff Training and Professional Development
11. Profound and multiple ID	Profound and Multiple Intellectual Disability, Assistive Technology, Health Needs of People with PMID, Interventions for People with PMID, Quality of Life for People with PMID
12. Quality of life and community living	Quality of Life Assessment, Quality of Life Supports/Determinants, Community Living, Residential Services, Social Relationships, Social Integration, Self-determination, Person-centred Planning, Vulnerability, Abuse, Protection, Spirituality

Exhibits

Technical and educational exhibits will give delegates the opportunity to see new developments in our field.

Exhibitors wanting to reserve exhibit space should contact Deidre Raubenheimer at Conference Management Centre, Cape Town University the email address is deidre.raubenheimer@uct.ac.za

Study Tours

You can meet your South African colleagues and hear about their work with people with intellectual disabilities by taking up the opportunities for study visits offered. Study tours are free although a charge will be made for transport. Details of study tours are on the registration page.

Tourist Excursions

Take the opportunity to see Cape Town and its surroundings. Details of tourist excursions and instructions on how to book them can be obtained from the University of Cape Town Conference Management Centre website www.uct-cmc.co.za

Flights

We are in discussion with South African Airways regarding a discount for conference delegates. Further information will be on the website as soon as we have any details.

Registration

Registrations can be submitted in one of three ways (Registration must be accompanied by payment or institutional order in order to be processed): Kindly complete the online registration form at www.cmc.uct.ac.za

- Mail** Send the registration form with payment (cheque, bank transfer or credit card) or institutional order to
- Fax** Fax the registration form to +..... (faxed registrations must be paid by VISA, MasterCard or Eurocard)
- Online** Follow the procedure on the CMC website at www.cmc.uct.ac.za (online registrations must be paid by VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Eurocard)

Any registration queries can be directed to:

Jolandi Ackermann at Conference Management Centre TEL: (021) 406 6330 / FAX: (021) 448 6263 /

EMAIL: jolandi.ackermann@uct.ac.za

An Individual Member is one who has paid a membership fee to IASSID (see inside back page to join). Note that it is cheaper to join IASSID and to pay the discounted fee for members than to pay the non-member rate. There are other benefits of being a member - see penultimate page.

Individuals who work within member organisations or research centres are entitled to the individual membership discount if registrations are made as a single block booking by that organisation or centre

Deadline

The early registration deadline for registration is 1st April 2008

Refunds

No refunds will be given in the event of cancellation due to world or national events. Otherwise:

- Cancellations made in writing and received by 1st June 2008 will qualify for 80% refund, after deduction of a 30 Euro administration charge.
- Cancellations made in writing and received by 1st July will qualify for 50% refund, after deduction of a 30 Euro administration charge.

No refunds will be given after 1 July 2008.

Registrants may nominate a substitute to attend in their place if they are unable to attend themselves by writing to UCT CMC to authorise the change.

Scholarships

IASSID Stevens-Shapiro Memorial Fellowships

These fellowships were created as a tribute to Harvey Stevens, co-founder and first President of IASSID, and Alexander Shapiro, co-founder and second President. These fellowships are open to young researchers, under 35 years of age, who are actively involved in the field of intellectual disabilities. The selected recipients will be asked to submit a paper for presentation at the 13th World Congress. The Fellowship covers the cost of an economy air fare, registration fee and per diem to attend the Congress. All applicants are invited to send: (a) a curriculum vitae including details on previous and current research, (b) letters of support from two referees and (c) a copy of the abstract of their intended presentation, to Stephen Kealy, Vice President of IASSID, Moore Abbey, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare, Ireland (Tel: +353 45 525327

Fax: +353 45 525251 email: stephen.kealy@scjms.ie).

MENCAP-Journal of Intellectual Disability Research Scholarship

MENCAP and the Journal of Intellectual Disability Research offer a scholarship to enable delegates from Eastern Europe to participate in the 13th World Congress. Details are available from Stephen Kealy, Vice President of IASSID, Moore Abbey, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare, Ireland (Tel: +353 45 525327

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General Information

Location and Language

The 13th IASSID World Congress will be held during 25th-30th August 2008 in the International Conference Centre in Cape Town, South Africa. The official language of the conference is English. South Africa has 11 official languages and English is spoken throughout the country. French, German and Italian are also spoken at many larger hotels and popular tourist destinations.

Time One hour in advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Many planes land in the early morning. Be aware you may not be able to check into your hotel until the afternoon

Climate Cape Town in August: average daily minimum 8° C / average daily maximum 18° C. August is still in the rainy season, though it is the beginning of spring – so please bring waterproof jackets.

Currency The South African currency is the Rand. Exchange rates in July 2007:

USD 1 = ZAR7.01 EUR 1 = ZAR9.53

Foreign currency can be exchanged at most commercial banks and Bureaux de Change & ATMs are widely available
All credit cards - Master/Visa/Diners Club/American Express cards are accepted

Visa and passports A list of South African consulates and embassies around the world may be found on the South African Department of Foreign Affairs website: Department of Foreign Affairs (http://www.dfa.gov.za/foreign/sa_abroad/index.htm).

Visa application forms can be downloaded from the South African Home Affairs website: Department of Home Affairs (<http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/forms.asp?topic=visas>)

Health & immunization: The only inoculation requirement for visitors is a yellow fever vaccination certificate for those entering South Africa within six days of leaving a yellow fever zone (babies of one year old or less are exempt). Malaria is endemic in some parts of Mpumalanga, Northern Province, and KwaZulu-Natal and it is essential to take precautions if you intend to visit these areas.

The bilharzia parasite is present in streams, rivers, lakes and dams in some of the northern and eastern parts of the

country, and visitors should avoid contact with the water in these regions (there is no immunisation against bilharzia). In the cities there is no danger of bilharzias or other waterborne infections.

Safety and security Your safety and well-being are of utmost importance to Capetonians and South Africans, but, as always, travellers should take a few basic precautions to ensure a safe and pleasant visit:

- * Never leave personal property unattended
- * Store valuables in your hotels safety deposit box
- * Keep your hotel room locked
- * Use reliable taxi services
- * Avoid displaying expensive jewellery and cameras
- * Do not carry large sums of money on your person
- * Stay away from dark, isolated areas
- * When travelling by car, plan your route in advance
- * Keep car doors locked and windows closed, and stay aware when stopped at a stoplight
- * When parked or driving, place valuables out of sight in the boot (trunk)
- * Never give strangers a lift

If you find yourself in difficulty, Lifeline, a 24-hour telephone counselling service, is recommended: 021 461 1111 or the South African Police Service on 10111

Further Information

Inquiries about the programme (symposia, oral papers, posters) and hiring exhibition space may be addressed to Prof. Glynis Murphy (g.h.murphy@kent.ac.uk)

Inquiries about registration, hotel booking and the available social programme may be addressed to Deidre Raubenheimer at the University of Cape Town, Conference Management Centre [deidre.raubenheimer@uct.ac.za]