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BACKGROUND

The International Association [World Health Organization](#) for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is the

VISION

A world where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities live fulfilling and healthy lives, as valued members of their communities, and where they experience the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms as articulated in United Nations conventions.

MISSION

To promote the development of new knowledge, research and other scholarly activities, as well as the application of knowledge, to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and those who support them.

VALUES

- Respect for the inherent dignity of all people regardless of disability, age, gender and ethnicity
- Openness and tolerance for differences in people, practices and cultures
- The right of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, advocates and communities to contribute to the research agenda, research processes, and to have access to research findings in a meaningful way
- The importance of scientific integrity and methodological rigour in research, within an ethical framework
- The importance of policy, practice and education being informed by scientific evidence

AIMS

To:

- Enable international collaboration and leadership in research
- Encourage a perspective that takes into account the interests, human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and those who support them throughout the world.

WORLD AND REGIONAL CONGRESSES

IASSIDD sponsors regular World and Regional Conferences.

- [2013 – Asia-Pacific Regional Congress – Tokyo, Japan](#)
- 2014 – Europe Regional Congress – Vienna, Austria
- 2015 – Americas Regional Congress – Los Angeles, USA
- 2016 – World Congress – Melbourne, Australia

Pictures of the 2012 IASSID World Congress can be found [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP

Privileges of membership include reduced rates at IASSIDD events, participation in up to five Special Interest Research Groups (SIRGs), free subscription to the Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities and reduced-rate subscription to the Journal of Intellectual Disability Research. [MEMBERSHIP RATES](#)

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