

# AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2018

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose. (See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.)

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Research Interest Network

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## Annual Report

For the year that **just ended** (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.

### Objectives met

- Collaborate with other interest networks (met), support students (met), advance the field (met), promote the mission/goals/principles of AAIDD (met), and improve communication (met).

### Activities completed (by June 30, 2018)

- The Student and Early Career Professionals Interest Network and the Research Interest Network jointly presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual SECP Research Colloquium held on June 25, 2018 as an AAIDD Pre-Conference session. There were presentations from 7 student researchers. Each presentation was followed by questions generated by the Research Interest Network Executive Committee. Subsequently, researchers in the audience provided further questions and feedback for the presenters. Following the presentations, a round table discussion was held. The session ended with informal networking among the students and researchers.
- The Research Division funded two scholarships for students to attend this year's AAIDD conference. The selection was made by the SECP Scholarship Committee and the scholarships were awarded to Jamie Pearson (North Carolina State University) and Allison D'Aguiar (Virginia Commonwealth University) at the SECP luncheon.
- The Research Interest Network hosted an AAIDD Research Webinar on December 7, 2017. The presenter was Dr. Sandy Magaña and the topic was "Health Equity Among Adults and Children with IDD from Diverse Backgrounds."
- At the Research Interest Network luncheon on June 27, 2017 members present reviewed the mission, goals, and principles of AAIDD as they pertain to research. Several RIN members objected to the wording of one of the principles. The RIN Executive Committee followed up, and ultimately the principle was removed on the AAIDD website.
- Seven announcements were shared with the 120 Research Interest Network members during the fiscal year. AAIDD provided regular membership updates to keep the email addresses current. The Research Interest Network Executive Committee met either by phone or electronically on a quarterly basis.
- The Executive Committee remains in place - Chair (James Lemanowicz), Vice-Chair (Jennifer Jones),

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Secretary (Jessica Kramer), Member (Steve Erickson).

## Funds used

- During the year ending June of 2018, the Research Interest Network spent \$1,200 to provide two scholarships for students to attend the annual conference in St. Louis.

## Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.

The Research Interest Network plans to undertake the following activities, beginning July 1, 2018.

- Objective 1 – Collaborate with other interest networks. Planned activity is collaborating with SECP interest network on the 4th annual Research Colloquium (offered pre-conference).
- Objective 2 – Support students. Planned activity is to provide student scholarships for the annual conference. Proposed expenditure: \$1,200 for scholarship.
- Objective 3 – Advance the field. Planned activity is offering a webinar to research interest network members and the AAIDD community. Proposed expenditure: none.
- Objective 4 - Promote the mission, goals, and principles of AAIDD. Planned activity is to review and update (if necessary) the AAIDD mission/goals/principles as they pertain to research. Proposed expenditure: none.
- Objective 5 – Improve communication. Planned activity is regular communication within the Research Interest Network using the regularly updated membership list. The Research Interest Network is exploring cloud storage of documents that are of interest within the Interest Network. The Research Interest Network is exploring the use of social media, in the form of a RIN Facebook page. Proposed expenditure: none.