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)

Interest Network:
Student and Early Career Professionals

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Annual Report
For the year that **just ended** (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.

- Average one blog post per month Status: Goal achieved
- Continue administering scholarship program, including the recruitment and mentorship of a new scholarship initiative leader Status: Goal achieved, Katey Burke (University of Kansas) and Elizabeth Schmidt (The Ohio State University, PhD Student) volunteered
- Continue monthly planning meetings. Status: Goal achieved
- Continue Research Colloquium. Ideas for improvement:
  - Find sponsor to offset cost for speakers Status: Temple PA UCEDD Director proposed their sponsorship for next year
  - Possible panel topic: Pose a relevant and realistic problem in lives of people with ID and ask experienced researchers to discuss how they would approach research projects to address the problem Status: To better meet the SECP mentoring and networking mission, we conducted round-table discussions to discuss the "next big research priorities" for the IDD field
- Recruit fellows to judge presentations and present award for best presentation – present award at student luncheon Status: Not achieved and will be discontinued as this was deemed not an interest of the SECP

Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies
For the **coming year** (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.

- Continue monthly planning meetings and social media presence via Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Send personal outreach and welcome email to new SECP members when notified by AAIDD of new members to the SECP Interest Network (use a template which includes dates of future meetings, social media links, leadership opportunities)
- Establish Interest Network Liaisons who are SECP members that participate on other Interest Networks communications and share information to facilitate opportunities for Interest Network membership in addition to SECP
  - Create an interest area inventory via Google Docs or SurveyMonkey and disseminate to SECP members to support the identification of Interest Network Liaisons

- o Encourage the potential for Interest Network Liaisons to support social media presence for their assigned Interest Network
- Establish a relationship with AUCD Emerging Leaders Network and AAIDD SECP to support future collaborations across dual members
  - o Jointly host webinar for AUCD Emerging Leaders and AAIDD SECP members about AAIDD leadership opportunities and activities
- Continue partnering with Research IN to host Research Colloquium as preconference session at AAIDD annual meeting
  - o Obtain sponsor for Research Colloquium so there is no cost to attend