**AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2017**

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| **Annual Report:** This Interest Network has had a mixed year. Some objectives were met: the website continues and has been partially rewritten; and we had our annual network meeting at the 2017 AAIDD Annual Meeting. Others were not: our membership has not grown; we remain the smallest interest group; and we have not put out a newsletter in over a year.This, our tenth year, has been a time of reflection for the Chair who, in particular, would like to see the membership grow with more (any) member participation. Helping efforts to this end by the Association such as putting up a poster promoting the group in empty sections of the annual Poster Session have not increased our numbers although, encouragingly, several attendees spontaneously noted reading it. Direct email to the current membership did not receive any response. Basically the Chair has been considering the question of whether or not there is a place in the AAIDD for such a small group. The Chair sees value in the group but acknowledges that it is unclear if much of the Association membership sees this value. Members of the Leadership that have been asked about this have been very encouraging and we will continue for at least another year. |
| **Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies:**Our primary goals over the next year will be to resume publishing a newsletter and to increase membership. We plan having on our annual meeting at the next AAIDD Annual Meeting.We will review our strategies to find a way to increase our visibility in the Association but have no specific plans at this time. We will also investigate merging with another group although a suitable partner has not been found as of this point in time.The only upcoming expense is renewing the website URL for which reimbursement will not be sought. The Fund for Annual Meeting Scholarships is welcome to any available group funds. |