

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2017

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

- Engage and support students (met), promote research submissions (met), and improve communication (met).

Activities completed

- The SECP Interest Network and the Research Interest Network presented the 2017 AAIDD SECP/RD Research Colloquium held on June 26, 2017 at AAIDD Pre-Conference, entitled "Building a Research Trajectory in Academic and Nonacademic Institutions Through Partnerships." There was a panel discussion, along with 8 student researchers presenting. Researchers in the audience provided feedback, questions, discussion. This is expected to be an annual event.
- The Research Division funded a scholarship for a student to attend this year's AAIDD conference. The selection was made by the SECP Scholarship Committee and the scholarship was awarded to Cristina Mumbard-Adam (Ramon Llull University, Barcelona) at the SECP luncheon.
- Efforts were made by Research Interest Network members to have an AAIDD Research Webinar. A presenter was selected, but conflicts between AAIDD webinar available and researcher availability led to the postponement of the winter 2017 webinar.
- Communication with the 120 Research Interest Network members was established; AAIDD will provide regular membership updates to keep the email addresses current.
- At the Assembly of Interest Networks meeting in Hartford, the Interest Network Leadership Manual was released. Moving forward, the Research Division will be known as the Research Interest Network (or RIN). An Executive Committee is in place - Chair (James Lemanowicz), Vice-Chair (Jennifer Jones), Secretary (Jessica Kramer), Member (Steve Erickson).

Funds used

- During the year ending June of 2017, the Research Interest Network spent \$600 to provide a scholarship for a student to attend the annual conference in Hartford.

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.

- Objective 1 – Collaborate with other interest networks. Planned activity is collaborating with SECP interest network on the 3rd annual Research Colloquium (offered pre-conference).

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- Objective 2 – Support students. Planned activity is to provide a student scholarship for the annual conference. Proposed expenditure: \$600 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. Proposed expenditure: none.