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Editorial



As your new editor of IDA
I hope you enjoy the first
edition of 2017.

We have three articles that reflect back to 2016 with the hosting of the IASSIDD (International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability) in Melbourne, Australia. Professor Parmenter reminds us of the participation of 14 researchers and 12 Self Advocates from Low and Middle Income Countries in the Asia/Pacific Region and encourages us to further our engagement and collaborations with those people. NSW and ACT ASID report on a successful roadshow on individualised funding and self-determination with input from people with disability, family members, service providers and researchers.

The lead article, ‘Ethical Issues in Ageing’ also involved an international speaker from IASSIDD, Professor Tamar Heller, along with local experts on family, health, retirement and end-of-life. One of the outcomes from this seminar is for NSW ASID to conduct a world Café event at the ASID 2017 in Tasmania. This resonates with the theme of our 2017 ASID conference in Tasmania “Pushing the Boundaries”. We are excited at securing our first keynotes and remind you to put in your abstracts to be part of ongoing conversation between researchers, practitioners, family member and people with an intellectual disability.

This IDA issue includes a non-fiction story by a prize winner of Scope’s Telescope competition. We would like to see more contributions by people with an intellectual disability and share different viewpoints on our world. We also want to include more book and film reviews and I encourage people to write for IDA about representation of intellectual disability in the media. ASID is commencing a series of podcasts available via our website and we would appreciate feedback. Do visit the website and listen, and comment on our facebook. In our quest to translate research to practice we are listing the courses that include a focus on intellectual disability and would like to hear from students who have completed the courses. In future editions we will highlight some of our ASID researchers and their achievement, so don’t be shy about coming forward! Contributions to IDA are welcome as are questions and comments. Note we have a new email address idaeditor@asid.asn.au

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