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Editorial



It is now over three years since we surveyed ASID members as to the format and content of the information we send out. Many thanks to the 50 of you who responded with your suggestions and views. It was pleasing to see that the electronic format of IDA is being read by 87.5% of the respondents and the electronic copy is preferred over the hard copy. Although 64% of respondents click on individual articles, over half of the respondents also printout the pdf version. You noted that your top four preferences to read are, specific articles of interest, information about ASID members, articles by/about people with an intellectual disability and books and video reviews. Over the next few editions the ASID directors will be discussing your comments on content and format and making some changes to IDA so please give us feedback. We are keen to experiment with new ideas so please keep the suggestions coming.

This edition focusses on health with articles by ASID fellow Dr Nick Lennox from Queensland and Dr Jane Tracy from Victoria. I also sourced some references and their abstracts of recent health articles from the ASID journals. The MOOCs also focus on health and we would be interested in any member feedback on these courses. Our president, Angus Buchanan, will sadly be stepping down at the next AGM and his report summarises some ASID highlights over the years. We have an article by Amanda Milliar a person with an intellectual disability and a link to where you can read more personal stories. Check out the Queensland divisional report as they are planning for the next national conference in 2018. Two of our Tasmanian conference keynotes are highlighted in this issue and indicate we have an exciting conference ahead in November 2017. I will be at the conference so do come and introduce yourself, share ideas or volunteer to write articles from your conference /poster presentations or about your experiences at the conference.

Contributions to IDA are welcome as are questions and comments. Please contact me at idaeditor@asid.asn.au

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