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## Editorial



This is our last edition of IDA in this format and we would like to thank Ross Tudman for his long term excellent work and guidance in assisting ASID to get news to its members and wider organisations. Sadly he has decided to reduce his workload and enjoy life more.

The main theme in IDA this month is people with severe and profound disability – a group of people often overlooked and excluded from the community. We hope the articles will give you some ideas forward to engage people – whether it be through supported decision making, music therapy or intensive interaction.

We have an article by Cathy, a person with an intellectual disability who talks about her life.

ASID has a new president and we look forward to reading Laura's regular column.

We held our national conference in Hobart, Tasmania – with 215 registrations. There were some real highlights as you see by the photos on the back cover. More to come about that in the March edition next year.

We are featuring two prominent researchers Patsie Frawley and Roger Stancliffe, so be challenged by their diverse interests and achievements.

We will be engaging a company to give us a new look to IDA in the March edition. We are keen to experiment with new ideas so please keep the feedback going.

We are interested in featuring ASID members so please send me in your photo and two hundred word bio, it is great to get to know new people.

Contributions to IDA are welcome as are questions and comments. Please contact me at [idaeditor@asid.asn.au](mailto:idaeditor@asid.asn.au)

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