



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2019

As I write this report, I have just finished reading “Shake it Up – where does research fit”, a report from a workshop facilitated on the final day of the ASID 2018 Conference by Prof Chris Hatton, Dr George Julian and Aine Healy. The workshop was attended by self-advocates, people with a lived experience of disability, researchers, service providers, peak bodies and students. The workshop report has provided us with some wonderful information about:

- What they heard at the conference that was useful
- What they didn't hear about or thought was missing
- What actions they are going to take
- Who can help with those actions
- How people would like to stay connected

This report fits perfectly alongside our conference evaluation survey. It was exciting to see so much positive feedback about the 2018 conference and to know that we got lots of things right. This success has given us energy and motivation to build on the suggestions we received from delegates for improvements or changes to future conferences.

In March when the ASID Board comes together for our first face-to-face of the year, events will be a focus of the agenda. Events aren't just about our annual conference but also about the vast array of events hosted in our seven divisions. We plan to use our time to take stock of our successes, our challenges and to look at how we move forward to be the organisation that:

- connects people
- provides the platform for the dissemination of research in intellectual disability
- champions inclusive research and the inclusion of people with a lived experience of disability across all elements of our organisation
- encourages research students
- uses different methods to connect and communicate with people
- brings high quality international research to Australasia and
- takes steps towards the items on our wish list

We have a big job ahead of us and we start the year with energy and enthusiasm. Here's to 2019 being a great year to be part of the ASID Community.



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