



International Association
for the Scientific Study
of Intellectual Disabilities



Japanese Association for the Study
of Developmental Disabilities, JASDD

The 3rd IASSIDD Asia Pacific Regional Conference, held in conjunction with the 48th Annual Meeting (August 24th -25th) of the Japanese Association for the Study of Developmental Disabilities (JASDD), was jointly organized and hosted by JASDD and IASSIDD. It also had the support of the Science Council of Japan, Waseda University, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Report on the 3rd IASSIDD Asia Pacific Regional Conference

Venue: Waseda University International Conference Centre, Tokyo, Japan

Dates: 22– 24 August 2013.

Theme: *Multiformity and diversity: Combining individual care and community-based supports*

Asia-Pacific Academy Workshops 2013

Workshop 1: Family quality of life across the life span

- **Presented by:** Prof. Ivan Brown PhD, Prof. Roy Brown PhD, Prof. Keumja Hong
- **Date and Time:** Wednesday 21st August 1400-17.00 hours

This workshop covered the development of quality of life in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities in relation to the challenges for families. The workshop covered both research and application of interest to professionals including frontline personnel and family members.

Workshop 2: Inclusive storytelling with children and adults who have developmental disabilities

- **Presented by:** Dr Nicola Grove, PhD, Yumiko Mitsudo, MLit, Shigeyuki Nomad BA, Sayaka Kobayashi, Ninomiya Himeno
- **Date and Time:** Saturday 24th August 1400-17.00 hours

This workshop explored the meaning and relevance of storytelling in the field of special educational needs and disabilities, and demonstrated some successful strategies with this population. Practitioners in education, health and social care gained insights into how to tell stories well, and a range of stories that they could use. The workshop offered opportunities for participants to learn about the wealth of storytelling traditions in Japanese culture.

Keynote Speakers and their topics included the following:

PROF. YONG-WOOK KIM (KOREA)

"Inclusive education in Korea: Policy, Practice and Challenges"

MS ALANA OFFICER (NEW ZEALAND)

"The World Report on Disability and people with intellectual disabilities"

PROF. HIROKAZU OGUNI (JAPAN)

"Epilepsy and intellectual and developmental disabilities"

Ms MEGUE NAKAZAWA (JAPAN)

"The educational system in Japan for children with multiple disabilities and the issues and prospects on the education for children with deaf-blindness."

PROF. MICHAEL L. PERLIN (USA)

"Human rights law for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific: The need for a disability rights tribunal"

PROF. OSAMU NAGASE (JAPAN)

"Challenges of the harmonization and ratification of the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities by Japan"

PROF. GWYNNYTH LLEWELLYN (AUSTRALIA)

"Parents with intellectual disability and their children: advances in policy and practice"

PROF. VIANNE TIMMONS (CANADA)

"IASSID: Are we practicing knowledge translation effectively?"

Symposium (concurrent sessions) & Poster sessions were grouped under various themes:

- Aging & intellectual disability
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Down syndrome
- Education & intellectual disability
- Employment & intellectual disability
- Families / Quality of life
- Quality of life
- Challenging behavior and mental health
- Comparative policy and practice
- Families & intellectual disability
- Health issues
- Parenting with intellectual disabilities
- Profound intellectual and multiple disabilities



2 Japanese medical professors presenting their posters



Hungarian lecturer teaching at a Japanese university



Chinese national studying at a Japanese university

Some personal thoughts

I attended the Conference to present the outcomes of my research funded under the Singa scholarship programme of IASSID. My research was entitled “Experiences of young adults with disabilities in transition in Malaysia: Listening to parents”. The abstract (appended) is published on p. 142, *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*, Vol. 10, No. 2, June 2013. I am currently following up the outcomes of my research with families who participated in the research to explore future of services for their young adults.

The Conference closing address was delivered by IASSID President Prof. Vianne Timmons. Her talk was deeply inspiring, challenging academia to effectively translate the outcomes of research into practical realities that will make a difference in the lives of the subjects involved in the research (see Timmons (2013), IASSID: Are we practicing knowledge translation effectively? *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*, Vol. 10, No. 2).

Exploring future collaborations with IASSID

- Prof. Roy McConkey enquired about the work of NECIC and how it is doing. He has expressed willingness to drop by Malaysia (on his way to Australia) to conduct sessions / workshops of interest to NECIC. This will likely be after our 5th NECIC Ipoh, sometime in October 2014.
- Prof. Roy Brown, Director of IASSID Academy, emailed me today to say that the IASSID symposium in Singapore (originally slotted for 2014) has been moved to 16-17 Mar 2015. Roy works closely with Prof. Kenneth Poon of Singapore. Both met with me to express their willingness to hold sessions which may be of interest and benefit to NECIC Malaysia.

The Closing ceremony ended with an invitation to attend the 4th IASSIDD Europe Congress in Vienna, July 14 – 17, 2014. This Congress is themed “Pathways to Inclusion”. For those of you who are interested, please visit the website:

<https://iassid.org/conference/index.php/ERC/ERC2014/index>

Please note that the following dates:

Call for Abstracts:	01 Dec 2014
Abstract submission closes:	31 Jan 2014
Acceptance feedback:	14 Mar 2014

There was also an early announcement for:

IASSIDD 15th World Congress
Global Partnerships: Enhancing Research, Policy and Practice
Melbourne 15 – 19 August 2016

Respectfully submitted,
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