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International Society of Research and Advocacy for Developmental **Coordination Disorder** (ISRA-DCD)







Message from the Chair

Dear ISRA-DCD Community.

We are looking forward to hosting our first annual general meeting of our newly formed society next month. Thank you to those of you who have accepted the calendar invite or sent your regrets.

The board has been meeting monthly to plan upcoming events, such as educational webinars and a virtual conference. If you have suggestions for topics or other events, please share your ideas through our virtual suggestion box. We are also in conversations with DCD-15 and IMDRC-6 about a registration discount for ISRA-DCD members. Stay tuned for more information.



Inaugural Annual General Meeting

Tuesday October 17, 2023 (Tuesday)

Starts at 6am (PST)/1pm (UTC)/3pm (CET)

Zoom link: https://ubc.zoom.us/j/6246384580?

pwd=V2VhT0ZybWVkWVlJd3UyQVNMZHNMZz09

Meeting ID: 624 638 4580

Passcode: 941009

If you are a member you will be able to vote for two new Directors at the AGM

Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement - Linda Casey



I have recently retired after a nearly 40year career as a subspecialty Pediatrician. Since my daughter's diagnosis of DCD at the age of 25, we have become keenly aware of the gaps in awareness and support for both adults and children affected with DCD. Awareness, education and training are powerful tools to mitigate the often severe consequences of DCD to both the individual and to society. My professional career provided extensive experience in the information gathering, and communication skills needed to improve access to diagnosis and support for individuals with DCD. I would be honored to assist in this work in the Society, should I be selected for this role.

Director of Media Relations -Dr Melissa Licari



I am a Senior Research Fellow at Telethon Kids Institute in Australia, member of ISRA-DCD's working board, and board member for DCD Australia. 20+ years research experience in DCD, including leading the Impact for DCD international campaign. Extensive experience engaging with the public, key stakeholders and the media across communication platforms.

DCD International Conference in 2024



Only 111 days until the abstract submission deadline on January 15.

For more information visit the conference website https://www.dcd15-imdrc6.org/





Since our last newsletter we are delighted to welcome our new members: Marina Schoemaker from the Netherlands, Cheryl Missiuna and Linda Casey from Canada, Catherine Hilly and Rachael Fallows from Australia, Anna Barnett from the UK and Sabine Vincon from Germany

Share your suggestions by clicking on the link for the virtual suggestions box



Stay tuned for more updates! In the meantime, we welcome feedback and support to *launch our activities ASAP!*

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