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



## Message from the Chair

Dear ISRA-DCD Community,



While we are looking forward to gathering in Belgium for DCD-15, it is time to start planning for DCD-16! We are accepting expressions of interest to host the next conference in 2026 – please email us at <u>isra.dcd@gmail.com</u> to indicate your potential interest. We are also planning our next webinar with Dr. Melissa Licari, who will share interviews with organizations and individuals who support people living with DCD – details of the webinar will follow in the next newsletter. Unfortunately, one long-standing organization, the Dyspraxia Foundation UK, recently announced that they had to cease operations. This is sad news for the DCD community in the UK. We hope that ISRA-DCD can fill some of this gap. Jill



### Nominations for Honorary Members of the **ISRA-DCD** are now open!

Kindly send your nominations for honorary members of the society to isra.dcd@gmail.com. Honorary members should be retired individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of DCD, whether through research, advocacy, or both.



#### DCD15-IMDRC6

It's only six weeks until the DCD-15 conference, don't forget to book your travel and accommodation. Visit the website for travel and hotel options as well as the conference programme.

https://dcd15-imdrc6.org/#Welcome





#### Welcome to new members

Since our last newsletter, we are delighted to welcome the following new members: Maya Van den Eede (Belgium), Ilse Dereu (Belgium), Carolyn Dunford (UK), Marinella Garotta (Italy), Ian Fuelscher (Australia), Victoria Rapos (Canada), Christian Hyde (Australia).



#### Sharing local knowledge of international DCD organisations

Following our last newsletter, we wanted to remind you that we are hoping to gather information about organisations in your networks with an interest in DCD. We want to share these international organizations on the website. Please take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey:

https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_70jpxLFcu0m4SMu\_



## Thank You Dyspraxia Foundation UK

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Dyspraxia Foundation UK on behalf of the DCD/dyspaxia community for the enormous contribution the organization has made in raising awareness and providing support for nearly four decades.



### **ISRA-DCD Membership for Persons with Lived Experience - A Unique Opportunity**

The mandate of ISRA-DCD to support research and advocacy can only be achieved by building and cultivating strong partnerships between researchers, clinicians and persons with lived experience – family members, individuals living with DCD and other community members impacted by DCD. Input from those directly affected by DCD is the best way to focus activities of the society to maximise impact. During this early stage of development of the society, we are keen to build a community of persons with lived experience who can provide a rich representation of the experience of living with DCD and share perspectives on where and how to focus our efforts. Please encourage anyone with experience with DCD to consider joining ISRA-DCD as a community member to add their voice to this important work. The cost of membership is small but opportunity for impact is great. For more information, please contact isra.dcd@gmail.com





### 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! **Contact Us**