IMFAR 2016, Baltimore, Maryland, US

IMFAR 2016 is just around the corner and the Cultural Diversity Committee is preparing several exciting events, including:

- Pre-Conference
- Happy Hour
- Luncheon

Stay tuned for more information! We hope to see you in Baltimore!

News & Events From Across the Globe

- Institute on Community Integration (Minnesota University Center of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities) has partnered with Avinashilingam University for Women in Coimbatore, India to sponsor an international summit “Inclusion and Response to Intervention – A Global Perspective.” This event will foster discussions on best practices for children at-risk and with disabilities among students and professionals. For more information on the summit, please visit: RTI Conference 2016

- Children of Central Asia (COCA) supported the opening of the center for children with autism “Daryn” on January 4, 2016 in Kazakhstan. The center uses applied behavior analysis (ABA) strategies and provides a full day therapy program, focusing on individualized instruction for each child. Psychologists, speech therapists, and educators work as a team to provide specialized training in improving behavior, social, and communication skills of children with autism. More information is available at the center’s website: Children of Central Asia
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Call for Papers/Abstracts

♦ **22nd International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions World Congress; Calgary, Alberta, Canada.**

Theme: Fighting Stigma, Promoting Resiliency and Positive Mental Health. Abstract deadline has been extended. Submissions must be received by **March 14, 2016**. For more information, visit the website: [IACAPAP 2016](#).

♦ **National Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders; Wellington, New Zealand**

Theme: Empowering People Living with Autism. Abstracts are currently being accepted under three streams: Empowering parents and family/whanau, Empowering professionals, and Empowering people with autism. Submissions must be received by **April 30, 2016**. For more information, visit the website: [Autism New Zealand](#).

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♦ **Open Book** – Developed by the **First Project**, this tool provides individuals with ASD the ability to simplify and adapt text information to enable comprehension. It is available in English, Spanish, and Bulgarian and can be accessed online: [Open Book Tool](#).

♦ **Global Research in Autism and Neurodevelopment (GRAND)** – “GRAND is an online worldwide community enabling people working on autism and neurodevelopmental disorders to share knowledge, tools, and resources, raise awareness and develop innovative strategies and interventions.” The network is a free resource, you can learn more by visiting: [The Global Health Network](#).

♦ **Global Partnerships on Children with Disabilities (GPcwd).** “The GPcwd provides a platform for collective action and advocacy to ensure that the rights of children with disabilities are included in and prioritized by both the disability and child rights agendas at the global, regional, and country levels. “ For more information, please visit their website: [GPcwd](#). To access their recent Early Childhood Taskforce Newsletter, please visit: [Early Childhood Development Task Force](#).

♦ **Global Partnerships in the Epidemiology of Developmental Disabilities (GPEDDD)** is developing a platform for sharing freely available disability assessment and measurement tools. We have created a website at [www.disabilitymeasures.org](http://www.disabilitymeasures.org) and are seeking collaborators to recommend measures for inclusion and provide feedback for the future development of this tool.
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Cultural Diversity Committee Mission

The purpose of the INSAR Cultural Diversity Committee is to provide a forum for professional development, information sharing, and collaborative activities among researchers and clinicians interested in racial/ethnic/cultural/socioeconomic diversity in autism.

Connect with Us!

Feedback
If you have any feedback on the content of the newsletter or suggestions for material to include in future issues, let us know! We’d like to highlight work being done across the world, so if you have a project you’d like to share, let us know! You can email any comments/suggestions to INSARCulturalDiversity@gmail.com.

You can also find us on Facebook (INSAR Cultural Diversity) and Twitter (@INSAR_CD)

International Society for Autism Research (INSAR)
Another great way to stay in touch with new developments in autism is to become a member of INSAR. Membership runs through the calendar year (January – December) and rates vary depending on professional status and country (i.e., Low Income countries).

For more information or to join/renew membership, visit http://autism-insar.org/membership