

Diversity and Disparities PIA Business Meeting Summary

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Room: Tower

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Time: 7 - 8 a.m.

**PIA Chair(s)/Meeting
Facilitator(s):** Yakeel T. Quiroz

Officers:

Yakeel T. Quiroz, PhD: Chair

Janet Sherman, PhD: Vice Chair

Mario Parra, MD, PhD: Program Chair

Megan Zuelsdorff, PhD: Communications Chair

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Current PIA Membership Roster (PIA Members can now find the most current membership roster on your PIAs ISTAART Webpage by visiting www.alz.org/ISTAART). [Appendix I]
3. ISTAART/PIA Membership Data [Appendix II]
4. Annual Report
5. Goals for the 2017-2018 Membership Year

1) Introductions were made. Attendees included ISTAART members from UK, Chile, Bolivia, Brazil and the US.

2) There are currently 80 PIA members. ISTAART sent invitation emails a few weeks ago to non-PIA members. We will send a follow up meeting after the AAIC.

3) The appendixes I and II included with the meeting package need to be updated with the membership roster of the Diversity PIA. ISTAART staff will follow up with the PIA Chair and Communications Chair after these documents are updated.

4) Prior developments

- AAIC 2016 – Petition to start Diversity PIA sent in August 2016

- Application for an AAIC Featured Research Session (FRS) on Diversity and Disparities in Alzheimer's Research was submitted in January 2017.
- FRS on Diversity was accepted for the AAIC 2017
- PIA was approved by the ISTAART Board in April 2017
- Meeting with Latin American leaders on dementia research: Last Monday at AAIC, Mario Parra in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Society and the Alzheimer's Association held a meeting to discuss research priorities to address in lower/middle income countries in Latin America
- Latinos and Alzheimer's disease Symposium: This event is organized by the Massachusetts General Hospital Psychiatry Academy and the University of Puerto Rico. It will be held in San Juan Puerto Rico in February 2018.

5) Goals for 2017-2018

- Making the Diversity and Disparities PIA global
 - Yakeel sent communications to investigators in Asia, Africa and other regions to invite them to join ISTAART and the PIA. She encouraged attendees to extend the invitation to their colleagues around the world
 - Scientific Meetings in five continents? The Alzheimer's Association will hold "satellite meetings" in South America and other continents
- Outreach activities; Contact local organizations and academic societies
- Increase membership including representatives from other countries
 - Barriers: eg, Yakeel pushed for collaboration with Colombia and found financial limitations on access to participation/membership; Puerto Rico has also expressed lack of resources available to move field forward and/or attend meetings.

Sponsorship? Corporate partners?

Keith reports this has been discussed but not pursued yet at Alzheimer's Association; no structure in place at this time.

Special member rates for lower-middle income countries?

Keith will discuss with ISTAART board

Comments from attendees:

- Cross-cultural aspects and studies beyond US and UK (or even ethnic/cultural/SES heterogeneity within a country)
 - Dr. Nitrini mentioned cognitive reserve specifically
- How to communicate new PIA? Suggestions from Keith Fargo:
 - (1) Lots of energy at and following AAIC meeting – good time to email ISTAART members (Megan and Yakeel will put together first email)

(2) Develop strategy to let non-ISTAART members know, especially internationally (create official slide to send out?)

(3) Cross-PIA communications

- This is preliminarily planned via large A&D publication addressing diversity and disparities from perspective of particular PIA, and ending with focused agenda including existing research and research needs
- Need to increase visibility within targeted countries
- Setting scientific agenda – ultimately most presenters are Anglo, especially American and this must be addressed
- Write a PIA separate position paper?
Not yet – but possible follow-up to cross-PIA A&D paper
Nitrini's journal would welcome a position paper

Next steps

- Schedule PIA conference calls every three months. The first one will be schedule for the last Thursday of October.
- Time to start putting 2018 FRS and PIA meeting together!
 - Invite abstract submissions
 - Data blitz/scientific session (might be a good way to get international representation)
- Look at PIA list – are members also a member of another PIA to aid in communications?

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 AM.