I. Welcome and Introductions

- Our membership number has increased from 300 to 331 participants.
- We have increased international representation on the DS-AD PIA Executive Committee.

II. DS PIA Annual Report

- Multiple members of the DS-AD PIA submitted grant proposals in response to the NIH R01 RFA regarding Exosomes in AD and people with DS (e.g. Lotta and Elliott, PIs).
- Members of the DS PIA published several manuscripts during the last year.
- SFN San Diego, 2016: over 40 DS-related abstracts were present on DS.
- Bill Mobley organized a DS symposium at UCSD during the SFN meeting. DS-PIA members from the USA and Europe presented interesting short talks.
- PIA members gathered at the TR21 International meeting in Chicago, USA to discuss various topics with a day dedicated to AD in DS. The next meeting will be in Barcelona, Spain in 2019. We encourage PIA members to join the T21Rs society (http://www.t21rs.org/).
- The Ts21R international meeting attracted over 30 members with interests in DS research.
A submeeting was arranged at the TS21r meeting by Lotta Granholm to discuss brain banking approaches with a new email list being created to continue these discussions.

### III. Current Goals of the PIA:

- Organize subcommittee conference calls to:
  - Continue discussions of building a brain tissue repository/bank
  - Generating harmonized protocols for minimal cognitive assessment, brain donation and processing with international partners.
  - Identify ADRCs and NIH Neurobiobanks who have the capability to collect tissues from DS.
  - Determine how to disseminate tissues and data.

- Identify a forum for communication (for example portals through DSConnect or Ts21R Society websites)
- Publish newsletters for our PIA
- Recruit more members to the PIA
IV. New Business/Other discussions
- We discussed drafting up position papers including topics such as:
  - Co-occurring illnesses, aging and dementia in DS
  - Barriers to participation in research
  - Juan Fortea noted that at a meeting in Chicago hosted by the Alzheimer Association in partnership with the Global Down syndrome groups, several workgroups were focused on drafting up position papers – follow up with Dean Hartley

V. DS-AD PIA Executive Committee 2017-2018
- We will hold elections via electronic ballot in fall of 2017
- We will ask for nominations for the following members indicated by asterisks – please volunteer or nominate a colleague!
  - Chair: Elizabeth Head
  - Chair-Elect: TBD
  - Past Chair: Elliott Mufson
  - Program Director: Donna Wilcock
  - Communications Director:
  - Secretary:
  - Secretary Elect:
  - Treasurer:
  - Treasurer-Elect:
  - Council Member:
  - Council Member:
  - Council Member:
  - Council Member:

VI. Future Meeting:
AAIC 2018 – Chicago Illinois, USA
July 21-July 26, 2018