



## The Mac Keith Press International Awards

**The International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disabilities (IAACD)** is joining with **Mac Keith Press** to recognize outstanding contributions to advancing the health and wellbeing of individuals with child-onset disabilities through two awards. The first award recognizes an individual or organization whose work contributes to the global agenda to reduce disparities in health outcomes while the second award provides focused recognition of an individuals or organizations contribution that has impact within countries with limited resources, recognizing that innovation within these communities, if shared, can have important broader impact and bring focus to the distinct issues of child onset disabilities in these communities. The awards support an increased focus and attention to the worldwide issues related to the needs of children and their families and the enormous disparity in opportunity that currently exists.

**The IAACD** is committed to globally advance the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and adults with childhood onset disability through enhancing local multidisciplinary professional capacity and expertise through an international collaboration between academies. The IAACD:

- Promotes evidence-based teaching and training of multidisciplinary professionals.
- Fosters collaboration to support all involved in the care of children and youth with disabilities including parents, caretakers, communities, and professionals.
- Promotes scientific and needs-based research that is applicable across diverse needs and conditions.
- Promotes childhood-onset disability practice which is informed by regional and cultural variation.
- Partners with key stakeholders and organizations in support of the rights of individuals with childhood-onset disabilities.

**Mac Keith Press** aims to improve the lives of children with disability by extending the knowledge and understanding of developmental medicine and paediatric neurology. They publish the journal *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology* and books in related subject areas. These are of interest to researchers, health professionals, clinicians, therapists, parents and all involved in the care of children and young people with neurodevelopmental conditions.



### **Outstanding Contribution to Childhood Disability Globally**

This award (€500) recognizes and highlights an individual or an organization who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of childhood disability with actual or demonstrated potential for global impact.

This work may represent any combination of leadership, education, collaboration, mentoring, knowledge translation, or advocacy to improve the health and wellbeing of children, youth and adults with childhood onset disability around the globe.

### **Outstanding Contribution to Childhood Disability in a Low Resource Country**

This award (€500) recognizes and highlights an individual or organization whose work has had a significant impact on advancing service models, education, research or advocacy related to children, youth and adults with childhood onset disability in a country where resources are limited.

#### **Award Nominations**

Nominations may be made up until **January 8th, 2022**.

To nominate please write a letter, no more than 400 words, that outlines the significant contributions made by the person or organisation. Please include the contact information of the nominator/s and nominee.

**Please email nomination letter to:** Professor Roslyn Boyd, Chair IAACD Conference Committee, [r.boyd@uq.edu.au](mailto:r.boyd@uq.edu.au)

*All award nominations will be presented to an awards committee for selection.*

#### **Presentation of the Awards**

These inaugural awards will be presented at the joint AusACPDM/IAACD Conference in Melbourne, Australia in March 2022.