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The main goals of the IAACD 2021 were to develop the organization as defined in the Constitution, and transfer power to a new Executive Committee, and to set up the procedure for choosing hosts of the Triennial Conferences and to select the host of the 2025 conference.

I. Development and transition into the organization:

- A task force was set up to plan and oversee the transition on behalf of the Steering Group:
 - Hans Forssberg – Chairperson
 - Kirsty Stewart – AusACPDM
 - Stevenson – AACPDM
 - Giovanni Cioni - EACD
- All full member academies were invited to appoint delegates to the Governing Council depending on membership size according to a logarithmic scale:
 - < 100 members = 2 delegates
 - 100-500 members = 3 delegates
 - > 500 members = 4 delegates
- Nominating Committee chair was chosen - Jenny Carroll
- The Nominating Committee started the process establish candidates for the executive committee, including:
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasures
 - Members at large of the Executive Committee
- September 2021: The first constitutional meeting of the Governing Council was held.
 - At this meeting the Nominating Committee presented a proposal for the executive committee.
- November 2021: The Governing Council elected the members of the executive committee.
- The “Task force for Transition” was ended
- December 2021: The transfer of power from the steering committee to executive committee was set for February 2022.
- December 2021: The flowing leadership appointments were made:
 - Jenny Carroll was appointed as chair of the GPEC, succeeding Arnab Seal.
 - Deirdre McDowell was appointed as chair of the AMAC, succeeding Christine Imms.
- December 2021: The COVID-19 task force, initiated and driven by GPEC, was ended
- December 2021: A first version of the Administrative Procedural Manual was drafted and presented.
- The Southern African Academy of Childhood Disability was approved as a full member.
- The Sri Lanka Association for Child Development (SLACD) was confirmed as a full member.
- The Eastern African Academy of Childhood Disability (EAACD) was confirmed as a full member.



II. Triennial meetings

- The preparation of third Triennial IAACD conference in Melbourne March 2022 continued during the entire year by the host (AusACPD) in collaboration with IAACD appointees. In August, due to the pandemic, it was decided to hold the conference virtual.
- The process for submitting bids to host Triennial Conferences and for reviewing and selecting the best bid, developed by the Conference Planning Committee, was approved by the Steering Group
- The Conference Planning Committee launched a call to host the 2025 Triennial Conference; two bids were submitted. Following the review process the bid from EACD was selected by the Conference Planning Committee and confirmed by the Steering Group. The 2025 conference will be held in Heidelberg Germany

III. Involvement of parents, caregivers, and stakeholders

- The “task force for involvement of parents, caregivers, and stakeholders” proposed a range of approaches to ensure genuine participation and engagement of these groups (October). The proposal was approved by consensus. However, concerns were raised by the Treasurer and Chair Finance Committee due to the limited finances of the IAACD. Thus, it was not possible to proceed with the proposal at this time, but it had to wait until it can be accommodated in the budget.

IV. Relationship McKeith Press

- McKeith Press will support two awards; “The Outstanding Contribution to Child Disability Globally” and “Outstanding Contribution to Child Disability in a Low Resource Country”, which will be presented at the Triennial conferences.

