

Members Newsletter

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President's Report & Training

The 6 months since June Newsletter have continued to be very busy for the ARICD Trustees and Committee members. It is important to acknowledge the tremendous contribution from all those involved on behalf of ARICD – a great team.

ARICD presented at several International Conferences and there has been a good number of research articles being published referencing the Griffiths Scales. There is increasing interest in the use of Griffiths III in many new countries worldwide both for clinical practice and linked to requests to use Griffiths III for

research.

I will highlight some of these events but there is more detail in the committee reports. Briefly, however, there has been much activity in the Research Committee and we plan to make some journal research papers available to members shortly.

Several members of ARICD (Dr Paula McAlinden, Dr Kavitha Gunasuntharam and Dr Patrick Fernandez) were in attendance when ARICD presented 4 posters at the RCPCH conference in Liverpool on June 26th –28th. The posters generated considerable interest prompting visits to the Hogrefe stand to look at the Griffiths III kit.

In late summer, there was the publication by Hogrefe of the book *'Griffiths III- A Case Study Book for Practitioners'* (edited by Louise Stroud and Elizabeth Green) which will be invaluable to all Griffiths III users. I highly recommend this to all practitioners as it shows how Griffiths III can be used for all the children we encounter in our clinical work.

The ARICD virtual Autumn Educational meeting webinar took place on October 7th 2022. The title of the conference was: *'Using the 7Cs – from Context to Conclusion – to enhance your Griffiths III assessment'*.

This meeting took some of the themes from the case study book with presenters from around the world demonstrating how Griffiths III can be used flexibly for the benefit of all children.

A very big thank you to all the presenters (Professor Louise Stroud, Dr Johan Cronje, Dr Andrew Marshall, Dr Ezhil Poorani

and Silvia Lanfranchi), the organisers of the programme (Ms Hilary Lane) and the webinar (Dr Emi Okamoto).

There were over 50 attendees again from around the world and feedback was very positive. A recording of the webinar will be available to members on the website early next year.

The October Educational meeting was followed by the ARICD AGM 2022 for ARICD members. At this meeting, three Trustees stepped down (Mrs Karen Gee, Dr Emi Okamoto and Dr Ruth Paradise) but will all continue contributing to committees. A very big thank you to them for their enormous contribution over the years.

One new Trustee was appointed – Dr Chinwe Osuchkwe – a very warm welcome and we look forward to working together.

The proposal to close the old ARICD Association (Charity number 252115) was approved by members.

Ms Hilary Lane had been invited by the AITANA Research Group of Miguel Hernández University of Elche to run a symposium at the 8th International Congress of Clinical and Health Psychology in Children and Adolescents. This took place in Elche (Spain) from November 16 to 19, 2022. There were 4 speakers from ARICD, (two in person – Hilary Lane, Dr Paula McAlinden and two virtually – Johan Cronje and Iolanda Gil) and the symposium title was 'Developmental Assessment – Lessons learned during the Covid-19 pandemic'. This was very well received.

The new Griffiths III Video Training Course was launched in September. Griffiths III Practical training courses have continued in a number of different formats to suit different situations but

with most courses now face to face again, which has been very much welcomed. There have been a considerable number of courses in a number of venues in Australia, courses in Ireland, Israel, the Philippines, Oxford, London, Edinburgh and a number of sites in Portugal plus a new course in Indonesia. Details of these and upcoming courses are on the website. A very big thank you to all the tutors, both experienced tutors and those new to tutoring for your dedication in promoting Griffiths III.

The website has been updated and has a new look!

Thank you all for your support.

Wishing you all a good festive season and a happy and healthy 2023.

Sue Bloomfield
ARICD President
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[Research Committee](#)

Work on the latter stages of the next edition of Griffiths has slowed due to concerns and evidence that the Covid 19 pandemic, with its greatly altered way of life around the world, has affected child development. Re-standardisation at present might produce norms for a group of children whose

development has been changed as a result of the pandemic. We hope that this situation will change in response to more normal environments for our young children. Some of you will be surprised to hear that standardisation and norm production needs to be finished up to a year before a test is published so the timing will be crucial.

So, an opportunity has arisen to do 'something different'. The Research Committee structure has been changed to enable greater working with Griffiths practitioners in different countries, creating a Griffiths Research Community. Some of this is already in place with different projects and we would be happy to hear from you on research@aricd.ac.uk with other ideas.

One project that the Griffiths III Subscale leader team plus Johan Cronje have been working on is a method of a short assessment which would signal the need for a comprehensive assessment. This can be particularly useful for clinics where there are a large number of children to review with only some needing fuller assessment. There are plenty of good screening measures available, but practitioners are still asking for a short form of Griffiths.

We are in the final stages of agreeing the content of the *Griffiths III Gauge*, which will tap general development rather than sub-scale areas. It will use existing Griffiths kit and will be able to be accessed by registered Griffiths III users only to provide a quick gauge of development.

Meanwhile we would like to hear from any one in any country who would like to take part in the pilot testing of *the Griffiths III Development Gauge*. Please write to research@aricd.ac.uk.

Dr Elizabeth Green, Chair

[IT-WEB and Communications Committee](#)

The new re-designed website went live in the summer of 2022. It should now be easier to login and navigate the website. Registered Users, ARICD Members, and Tutors can easily go to the specific information in these sections from the megamenu. You can also easily search for key words. We are also posting items more frequently on the website and social media. Please contact web@aricd.ac.uk if you are interested in contributing to the committee in some way. We also welcome your suggestions for improving the website or communication within the Griffiths community.

Dr. Emi Okamoto, Chair

Upcoming Events

Tutor Webinar in Q1 2023, Date to be confirmed

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