

Members Newsletter

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Association for Research in Infant and Child Development



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President's Report

This letter comes at a busy time for all of us and it continues to be a very busy time for the ARICD Trustees and Committee members. Again, many thanks to a great team who all contribute so much of their time, expertise and energy on behalf of ARICD.

There has been a number of important events since the last newsletter.

The virtual Autumn Educational meeting took place on Friday 6 October 2023, 9.15am to 12.30 BST. The theme for the meeting was: "Who is taking care of the Children? Neurodevelopmental approaches to Looked After and Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children." There was a faculty of excellent speakers from a variety of backgrounds and they provided a very thought provoking and stimulating session. Many thanks to all the speakers and the organisers very ably led by Hilary Lane.

The October Educational meeting was followed by the ARICD AGM 2023 for ARICD members. At this meeting, no Trustees stepped down.

I am very pleased to say that two new Trustees were appointed who are external to ARICD in that they are not Griffiths Scales users. They both bring many skills and a different perspective to help take the work of ARICD forward. Marta Kalas has a background in business and project development both within and out with the NHS and Louis Coke has a finance background – a very warm welcome to both and we look forward to working together.

Just a reminder, one main benefit of being a member, is that members can apply to join one of the ARICD Committees and thus contribute to the world-wide ARICD community, so please do consider joining. Information and application form are on the website. Please encourage your colleagues who are Griffiths III users to become members so they can access the benefits of being a member and become more involved in ARICD.

A reminder to save the date for the next ARICD International

Scientific meeting on Friday October 11th 2024. This will be a hybrid meeting at the RSM in London and will be in person and also live streamed for virtual attendance. The meeting has the theme – “Who is the child of 2024?” with four broad themes on issues related to Global events, the Community, the Family and the Child. This will be a whole day event with a faculty of international speakers and it will also include short scientific presentations for the Dolores Luis prize. More information will be coming soon.

Excitingly this will also coincide with the 70th anniversary of the launch of the first Griffiths Scales in 1954 so this will also be a celebration as well as a scientific meeting.

Looking forward to working with you all and the new challenges and achievements ahead. Wishing you all a good festive season and a happy and healthy 2024.

Dr. Sue Bloomfield
President ARICD

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The Griffiths III Training Course 2023 was launched in 2023 which has streamlined the course and introduced new video material. Videos of children undertaking the tasks are now integrated into the subscale teaching. There are also some clarifications of scoring and interpretation. This course can be taken by registered users who wish to undertake a refresher course. This course can also be undertaken by users of the previous versions of Griffiths scales who wish to become registered Griffiths III users. Details are on the ARICD website.

A Virtual Tutor meeting was held on Saturday November 25th

8.30–10.30. The purpose was to introduce the changes to the Griffiths III training course including the launch of the updated Video training Course 2023 which has streamlined the course and introduced new video material.

ARICD requirements for Griffiths III registration were also covered. Updates to the Tutor training pathway and resources available to tutors was also covered. This was followed by discussion. The second half of the meeting was a talk given by the team from NMU with Professor Louise Stroud, Dr Jenny Jansen and Dr Johan Cronje entitled “You have a completed Griffiths III assessment, now what? From base rates to quartile charts and a whole lot more”. Again, this was followed by discussion. There were 28 attendees from around the world and feedback was very positive. We hope to repeat this 6 monthly.

Courses continue to expand worldwide and many thanks to all of you who contribute to helping to run courses and widen the use of Griffiths III.

Dr. Paula McAlinden
Chair of the Training, Education & Equipment Committee

[Research Committee](#)

I am very pleased to announce that members of the ARICD Research team presented at the European Congress of Psychology 2023 July 3rd – 6th in Brighton UK. There were two short papers presented by Professor Louise Stroud (“A Tapestry of Change: Seeing the Pandemic Child Through a Lens of Authentic Developmental Assessment” and “Disaggregation of normative data offers a clinical solution to incomplete standardised testing.”). This was followed by a Symposium led by Professor Stroud with other members of the Research Committee contributing on the topic: “More to children’s rights and development than meets the eye: the climate crisis, the Covid–19 pandemic and the Griffiths III”. This was very well received and many members of the Hogrefe team attended.

Griffiths III Gauge work as described in our previous newsletter is well underway in several countries worldwide with some interesting feedback already. More pilot testers, however, are still needed. If you are interested in taking part in this very interesting project to widen the use of Griffiths III please contact: research@aricd.ac.uk.

Translations and validations, especially of the spoken instructions to the child (verbal script), are underway in India, the Philippines, Indonesia, Israel, and finalised in Quebec Canada.

There is also joint translation and validation work between country based professionals and ARICD linked to the STREAM project in India and Malawi and the validation of the Global Scales of Early Development (GSED) against Griffiths III as a gold standard in Pakistan, Malawi, and Tanzania which is supported by the WHO.

Dr. Elizabeth Green
Chair of the Research Committee

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Committee Membership

We are pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Meenakshi Bhardwaj, a consultant paediatrician from Surrey, to our committee! We are also welcoming the new external Trustees to join us in the new Year. We eagerly anticipate the fresh perspectives and insights they will bring to the committee.

At the same time, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Hilary Lane who has been a steady and helpful member of the committee for many years and we are grateful for her valued contribution. She will be concentrating on preparing for the ISM 2024.

Website <http://aricd.ac.uk>

We will be undertaking the annual review of the website in the

new year. Whilst we make every attempt to make the website user-friendly and the information up-to-date, please contact web@aricd.ac.uk for any errors or suggestions for improvement. Your feedback is important in making the website work better for you.

IT issues

We continue to support ARICD with its IT issues by updating our IT and document management policies and procedures , and supporting the use of various platforms for meetings, eLearning, and the website bookings.

Communication

ARICD aims to send semi-annual Membership Newsletters and Newsletters to Griffiths Users as new resources and other information becomes available. News posts can be found on the ARICD homepage. News specific to Members and Tutors are found under their respective Menu sections. We also have FB groups for Registered Users and Tutors. Tutors also have a Discussion Forum available on the website. If you have suggestions for other ways to improve communication, please contact web@aricd.ac.uk.

Dr. Emi Okamoto
Chair of the IT, Web and Communications Committee

Upcoming Events

Virtual Tutor Meeting in 2024 TBD

Hybrid International Scientific Meeting, Friday 11 October 2024

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