

Nomination for IASSID Awards

AWARDS CATEGORY (Please select one)

- Research - for formulations and investigations which have contributed significantly to the sciences related to intellectual disabilities, for either a major single contribution or a sustained and important contribution over a lifetime.
- Scientific literature - for an outstanding publication, published since the last Congress, which contributes substantially to the literature in the field of intellectual disabilities.
- Service - for contributions to the improvement of services to persons with an intellectual disability which result in substantive contributions to prevention or amelioration.
- Distinguished Service Citation - for outstanding or exemplary service to the Association by a person who has served as an Officer, Councillor, member of a Committee or otherwise actively participated in the affairs and activities of the Association.

PERSONAL INFORMATION OF NOMINEE

Title: __Ms.____ Name(s):_Susan_____ Surname: __Morris_____

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If the nominee is not an individual member of IASSID, but is the designated member of a Center with current membership in IASSID, please give the name of the Center:


Name of Center: __ Designated Member of Centre for Addiction and Mental Health _____

NOMINATING INDIVIDUAL

Please provide a letter which describes how the nominee meets the criteria for the specific award.

First nominating individual:

Name: Hélène _____ Surname: _Ouellette-Kuntz_____

Signature:  _____ Date: _December 1, 2011_____

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I am a current individual member of IASSID or the designated member of a Research Center with a current IASSID membership (name of Center _____).

I have arranged for the following IASSID member to provide a letter of reference to second this nomination:

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To be considered, a nomination package must include the following (please check each):

- A completed nomination form;
- CV of nominee;
- 2 letters of support from nominating individuals

Questions? admin@iassid.org

Please return the completed nomination package to:

IASSID Secretary, Helene Ouellette-Kuntz, Queen's University, 191 Portsmouth Ave., Kingston, Ontario, CANADA. K7M 8A6
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December 1, 2011



To the IASSID Awards and Recognition Committee,

It is with great admiration that I recommend **Ms. Susan Morris** to IASSID for a Service Award. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Susan to establish the Canadian Association for Research and Education in Intellectual Disabilities (CARE-ID) in 2004 in response to the growing need for a national association dedicated to addressing the interests of the intellectually disabled population. While the need was clear, the sustained efforts required to make this a reality have been substantial. The Association is now incorporated, maintains a website (<http://care-id.com>) and holds regular educational webinars for Canadians with an interest in research and education in ID from coast (Nova Scotia) to coast (British Columbia). Many individuals have been involved in the realization of this project since 2004 but none as continuously and energetically as Susan.

Susan is best known for her tireless work as founder and chair of the National Coalition on Dual Diagnosis. Among the products of the coalition that Susan has led are a series of Advocacy Toolkit Documents. These are materials developed and made freely available so that advocates for people with dual diagnosis have the “tools” to help them make their case as effectively as possible. They are based on simple straightforward, plain language that the dual diagnosis field can use uniformly to make our case to decision-makers. They are easy to understand, put a human face on dual diagnosis, and outline clearly defined solutions. They are for anyone’s use locally, regionally, provincially or federally. The toolkit includes:

Position Statement – written by families and professionals from across Canada and presented to the Mental Health Commission of Canada

Factsheet – summary information of data available

FAQ – brief answers to frequently asked questions about dual diagnosis

Real Life Stories – to bring the day-to-day experiences to life

Glossary – explanations of often-used terms

Media Release – a 2-page summary released 2008-Nov-13

Backgrounder – explains why individuals with a dual diagnosis and their families experience service and system challenges

Plain Language Pamphlet – a 4-page document that explains what dual diagnosis is, what is needed, and the Coalition. It can be used to design your own pamphlet with your local information.

This SERVICE (care-id and coalition work) to various ‘communities’ – researchers, educators, service providers, families, individuals with ID is undertaken over and above a busy work schedule as Clinical Director of the Dual Diagnosis Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. As shown by Susan’s CV, while she does not hold an academic post, she is dedicated to the ‘scientific study of intellectual disability’. She is an avid consumer of research, constantly looking for ways to facilitate the application of new knowledge to service, planning and policy advancement.

I trust you will agree with me that Susan Morris has made and continues to make contributions to the improvement of services to persons with an intellectual disability making her worthy of recognition by the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hélène Ouellette-Kuntz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'H'.

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It is with great pleasure that I nominate *Susan Morris* for the Community award. I have known Susan for 13 years, since I moved to Toronto. At that time, Susan was the director of the Dual Diagnosis Program at CAMH, an inpatient unit for adults with ID and psychiatric illness. At the time, this was one of 5 inpatient units in our province. It was made up primarily of chronic inpatients who were difficult to discharge but did not need to be there. Susan took on the arduous task of converting this “back ward” into a model service, and finding these patients proper homes in the community. She recognized the importance of an inpatient service as part of a continuum of mental health services and developed partnerships across the city to make this a reality.

Even though she did not have a research background, Susan recognized the importance of supporting junior people in the field, and she understood the importance of linking research with clinical practice. She encouraged me to stay in touch and then advocated to create a position for me in her growing program.

Many years later, through Susan’s advocacy, I am still working with Susan and our Dual Diagnosis Program has grown to become an outpatient and inpatient service, with a strong focus on continuity of care and interprofessional collaboration. Our program trains students from several disciplines and helps them to learn how to work in an interprofessional manner. We have trained not only clinical students but many research students and 3 postdoctoral fellows.

Susan has been the true champion behind the growth of the program, and the successful discharge of so many patients who had a right to live in their community and out of hospital. In leading this type of advocacy, Susan needed to focus on patient needs but also staff needs. It is easy for staff to get discouraged and burnt out in these kinds of situations. Susan needed to take a strong lead to support the mental health of those that worked for her in the process.

In addition to Susan being the champion of Dual Diagnosis issues at our hospital, Susan has taken on a leadership role in the Province of Ontario, and for our country. Susan has been actively involved in NADD Ontario for many years and received an award for this work a few years ago at the National Meeting. She continues to be on the board of NADD and publishes a newsletter regularly which shares information about policy, research and practice in our province. This organization also brings clinicians, administrators and families together to build a shared vision for how services should be in our province.

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A few years ago, a report was published, the Kirby Report, calling for a mental health agenda for Canada. It led to the establishment of the National Mental Health Commission. Susan saw this effort as an opportunity and brought together clinicians and researchers from across Canada to create a voice representing the mental health needs of people with ID, and shared this voice with the commission. She spearheaded the National Coalition on Dual Diagnosis. Our country is large and what we do in each province is done in a siloed manner. The National Coalition is bringing our country together as we advocate for some of our most vulnerable citizens. Now, for the first time, each province and territory has access to tools to assist them in educating and advocating.

Susan has also contributed to research on mental health issues for adults with ID. She has been a valued member of two projects related to emergency department use by adults with ID, and her “in the trenches” knowledge of the patient experience along with her connections to community agencies helped to drive our research questions, our methodology, and the uptake of our results. She has also presented research findings based on the Dual Diagnosis Program at national and international meetings.

In closing, I think that Ontario and Canada are further along in their advocacy efforts to improve the mental health of people with ID and their families because of Susan’s tireless efforts over the past 20 years. Susan has accomplished as much as she has because of her energy and enthusiasm, her passion, and her ability to partner and work well with others. She is the “behind the scenes” person who tends not to get recognized but who is always there pushing the agenda forward. I have learned so much from her over the years and I hope that IASSID will consider her worthy of this honour.



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- 2000 **Clinical Director, Dual Diagnosis Program**
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- 1998 **Clinical and Administrative Director, Dual Diagnosis Program**
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- 1996 **Management and Consulting Services**
In the Health and Social Service Sector
- 1992 - 1996 **Director, MATCH Project,**
Griffin Centre
- 1986 - 1992 **Director of Resources and Support Services**
Griffin Centre
- 1979 - 1986 **Social Worker**
Family and Children Services, London Ontario
Toronto East General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario

Academic Appointments:

- 2010 - Present Clinician Research Collaborator, Clinical Research, Research Program, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- 1998 - Present Lecturer (Non-Status) Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto

Research Grants and Contracts

- 2009-2010 **Morris, S.**, Flannery, J., Garfinkel, P., Bernstein, S., Jarvis, S., Raskin, L., Oandasan, I., Quartaro, G., Hamilton, K., & Weiss, J. A. HealthForce Ontario Interprofessional Education Project on Developmental Disabilities. Health Professions Regulatory Policy and Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. (\$449,493).
- 2008-2009 Lunsky, Y., Isaacs, B., Bocshner, J., Bowlby, A., Flanner, J., & **Morris, S.** Ontario data linkage strategy for intellectual disabilities partnership forum. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (\$5786).
- 2007-2010 Lunsky, Y., Strike, C., Dawe, I., Durbin, J., Elliott, D., Jones, J., Burge, P., **Morris, S.**, Cairney, J., & Goering, P. (2007-2010). Managing psychiatric crises in individuals with intellectual disabilities. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (\$239,008 operating grant)

Teaching

- 2007 to Present Co-ordinator and Faculty, Training in Partnership, multi-agency dual diagnosis continuing education certificate for managers. Partnership between CAMH,

George Brown College, Tri-Region Network of Specialized Care

- 1989-1998, 2010 Field Practice Instructor, Department of Social Work, University of Toronto
- 2003 to 2005 *Developmental Disabilities Elective*, Seminar every 6 weeks to Medical Clerks. T. Gofine, **S. Morris**, P.Sanhueza-Luco
- 2002 to 2005 *Psychiatric Disturbances in Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*, Seminar 1 Year 1 Psychiatric Residents. E. Bradley, C. Drummond, **S. Morris**
- 2001 to 2005 *Developmental Delay, Co-Occurring Disorders Module*. Service Provision to the Homeless Certificate Program, Toronto Advanced Professional Education
- 1998 *Developmental Disability and Mental Health: Community-based Crisis Response* Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Education and Training Program

Publications:

Gough, H., **Morris, S.** Dual Diagnosis Public Policy in a Federal System: the Canadian Experience (under review). *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*

Jonathan A. Weiss, Yona Lunskey, Carolyn Gracey, Maaiké Canrinus, **Susan Morris**. Emergency psychiatric services for individuals with intellectual disabilities: Caregivers' perspectives. *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities* (in press)

S. Morris. Specialized Inpatient Mental Health Units in Ontario: Their History and Program Characteristics. *Mental Health Aspects of Developmental Disabilities*, July/August/September 2005. Vol. 8, No. 3. p. 69-76

S. Morris. Dual Diagnosis In: Mental Health and Patients' Rights in Ontario: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. 20th Anniversary Special Report, Psychiatric Patient Advocate Office, Queen's Printer, 2003

E. Bradley, L Burke, C. Drummond, M.Korossy, Y. Lunskey, **S. Morris**. Guidelines for Managing the Client with Intellectual Disabilities in the Emergency Room, 2002, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, University of Toronto, Surrey Place Centre

L.Dart, B.Gapen, **S.Morris**. Building Responsive Service Systems In: D.Griffiths, C. Stavrakaki, J. Summer (Eds.), *Dual Diagnosis: An Introduction to the mental health needs of persons with developmental disabilities*. Habilitative Mental Health Resource Network, 2002

S.Morris. Editor, NADD Ontario News, Twice annual newsletter. Habilitative Mental Health Resource Network, Ontario 1993 - Present

Community Leadership

National Coalition on Dual Diagnosis. Founder and Chair

NADD Ontario, Board President, 2007 to present

NADD Public Policy Committee of Canada, Chair 2008 to present

Canadian Association of Research and Education in Intellectual Disabilities. Founding member and Secretary - 2007 to present,

Toronto Community Network of Specialized Care, Chair 2007 to present

South Riverdale Community Health Centre, Board, 2009 to present

Recent Invited Addresses and Presentations

Dual Diagnosis Public Policy: The Canadian Federal Structure. Panel, NADD Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, November, 2010

Are we there yet? Influencing National Policy Keynote address, Health and Wellbeing in Children, Youth and Adults with Developmental Disabilities Vancouver September 2010

Dual diagnosis: a tool for ruling in or out Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres, Spring Conference, Regina, 2010

Dual Diagnosis and the Justice System. Facing Challenges – Moving Forward, Toronto Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee, Toronto, 2009

The Levels of Practice, Application to Practice. Central West Community Network of Specialized Care, Annual Workshop, Caledon, 2008

The Canadian Advocacy Toolkit for People and Families Living with Dual Diagnosis. Health and Wellbeing in Persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Children, Youth and Adults. Vancouver (Keynote address), Winnipeg and Niagara Falls, Toronto 2008

Specialized Services: The Ontario Experience and Comparisons to British Columbia., Health and Wellbeing in Persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Children, Youth and Adults, at Vancouver, 2008

The Development of Specialized Services in Ontario: From Policy to Practice. Invited address, Ministries of Health and Social Services, Jerusalem, Israel. July, 2006

Evaluation of Dual Diagnosis Policy Implementation in Ontario, European Dual Diagnosis Congress, Rome, 2003

Tools for Building Bridges and Responsive Service Systems Keynote presenter at the 10th Annual Conference on Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation in Acquired Brain Injury, Hamilton, Ontario. 2003

Bridging the Gaps – A Mental Health and Hospital Perspective Keynote presenter at Supporting Individuals with High Needs: Building Your Tool Kit. Regional Support Associates, Ingersoll, Ontario. 2002

A Continuum of Tertiary Services Keynote presenter at Dual Diagnosis Day, Brockville Psychiatric Hospital, Brockville, Ontario. 2002

Bridging the Gaps – A Mental Health and Hospital Perspective Straight from the Heart, OADD Annual Conference, Richmond Hill, Ontario. 2003

A Continuum of Services from Concept to Practice N.Carson and S. Morris. State of the HART: Habilitative Achievements in Research and Treatment for Mental Health in Developmental Disabilities, A Canadian Report Card, Vancouver, British Columbia. 2002

Evaluation of Dual Diagnosis Policy Implementation Across the Province Research Special Interest Group, Ontario Association of Developmental Disabilities, 2002

Awards

National Association of Dual Diagnosis, Chapter Member Recognition Award, 2003

Ontario Association of Developmental Disabilities, Award of Excellence, 2009