

## Special Issue

# real.time: Shaping the Future with and for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities—Selected Papers from the IASSIDD European Congress 2026

### Message from the Guest Editors

The IASSIDD European Congress 2026 is framed by the theme “real.time—Shaping the Future Together” and emphasizes shaping the future with and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This Special Issue builds on that theme by inviting contributions that address the current challenges, emerging evidence, and innovative practices in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. We welcome manuscripts that explore how research, policy, professional practice, and lived experience can jointly advance inclusion, participation, health, well-being, rights, and self-determination for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Of particular interest are contributions that engage with timely societal transformations. This Special Issue seeks to bring together interdisciplinary and international perspectives that reflect the diversity of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the contexts in which they live. We especially encourage submissions that involve co-production, participatory approaches, and collaborations with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, practitioners, and advocacy organizations.

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### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Disability is a multidimensional construct and is the product of complex and situational interactions between an individual's attributes and their environments. This broadens the perspective of disability and allows for the examination of individual, social, and environmental influences on functioning, disability, and ability occurring in historical and cultural settings.

Consequently, *Disabilities* is inclusive of all types of disability, across all ages and contexts. We particularly welcome articles from low- and middle- income countries and articles that are authored/co-authored by people with the lived experience of disabilities.

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