



International
Social Role Valorization
Association

Fifth Annual Report December 2021

The purpose of the International Social Role Valorization Association is

“To promote SRV development, education, assessment, and leadership to assist people and organizations to implement SRV concepts so that vulnerable people may have access to the good things of life”

COVID 19 is on everyone’s lips. It has even replaced the weather as the most talked about subject in ordinary conversations and it has changed the way we do business. At ISRVA during our fifth year of operations we have rolled with the punches and have continued developing our modest association in its effort of safeguarding and expanding the dissemination of Social Role Valorization (SRV) theory as we will report to our membership in this report.

Membership

ISRVA operates only with the support of our membership, who make financial contributions to meet our mutual goals of strengthening the global SRV community. 2021 membership consists of 200 members from 9 countries and 4 continents, at varying levels of contribution, which reflects an increase from 71 members in 2019. We invite readers of this Annual Report to join ISRVA for 2022 to support the work of the International Social Role Valorization Association (ISRVA). This past year 48 organizations made a sustaining, supporting or contributing pledge to this work, compared to 30 in 2020. Thank you to all members for the support – SRV dissemination must continue to be a collective effort.

Financial Position

During this current year we have had expenses of \$13,968, and revenues of \$29,398 USD. 100% of our revenue is from membership fees. Our current bank balance is \$106,096, including \$8,500 held in reserve as seed money for the 8th International SRV Conference. Virtually all our expenses were directed towards maintenance and improvement to the website, the research grant we extended, and the organization of the Wolfensberger Archives.

The International SRV Association is a membership organization operating on a 100% voluntary basis, striving to make significant accomplishments towards our purpose. Membership fees reflect the commitment of our member individuals and organizations to support global interest in Social Role Valorization and serve as a valuable resource.

Social Role Valorization Website

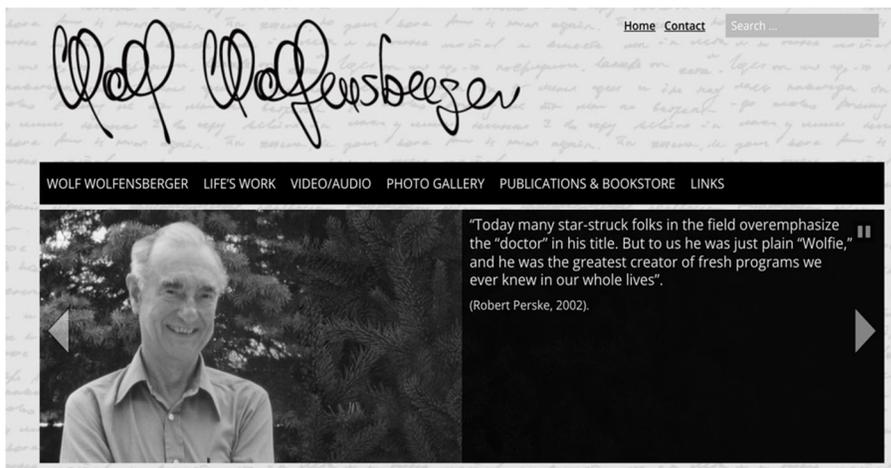
The current website which was launched in mid-2019 has demonstrated a dramatic increase in traffic. Over the previous 365 days, as of December 12, 2021, 43,413 visitors and 366,527 visits to the website. Some of the interesting stats include:

The top 5 pages

The top 12 countries

Visits to SRV website	Number of Visitors		Country	2020	2021
Page visited	2020	2021	USA	5,388	14,057
Home page	11,960	23,009	Australia	3,733	5,735
SRV Theory	6,085	9,006	Canada	2,245	3,663
Contact us	4,050	5,874	Hong Kong	2,145	2,325
Articles	1,359	1,991	China	1,735	3,207
Trainers & Speakers Profiles	1,069	1,420	United Kingdom	1,607	2,941
			Singapore	1,510	2,082
Online visitors – last 365 days	22,182	43,413	Germany	1,225	2,806
Online Visits – last 365 days		366,527	India		2,375
			Russian Federation	818	2,497
			France		1,714
			Ireland	900	1,638

Thanks to the considerable assistance of our French colleague, Philippe Rajalu, this past summer we launched a mirror web site for our francophone colleagues in France, Belgium, Switzerland and French Canada. There are two French training



groups in France. First, in the Southwest the *le Comité Européen pour le Développement de l'Intégration Sociale* (CEDIS), which has been in operation since the early 1980s. The second training group is

The Association de Formation Régionale des Établissement et Service d'Aide par le Travail de Normandie (AFRESAT), which operates in the Normandie region. Both organisations

participated in our Ireland get-together in 2017. Our francophone web site can be accessed by selecting the website link:

www.valorisationdesrolessociaux.com

Visitors to WW website		
Country - top 10	2020	2021
Total	4078	8029
USA	898	1890
UK	877	1704
Canada	743	1351
Australia	434	1028
Ireland	209	672
China	72	204
Germany	30	104
India	56	84
Japan	52	58
Philippines	10	56

ISRVA continues to host the tribute website to Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger. This website, www.wolfwolfensberger.com, has also seen a big increase in visitor traffic, doubling this year. We have added a bit of content to the site, the most important is granting access to Dr. Wolfensberger's 2002 3rd edition of "The New Genocide of Handicapped and

Afflicted People" which can now be downloaded from the site.

Social Media

ISRVA manages two Facebook groups. One provides a forum for English-speaking SRV practitioners from around the world. The purpose of this group is for the international community of Social Role Valorization leaders, teachers, students, practitioners, and researchers to share our work, look for connections, learn about the events and activities happening worldwide, and assist each other in SRV use in a welcoming, supportive manner.

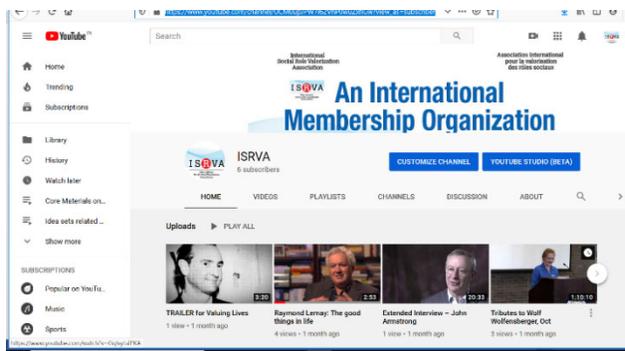
The ISRVA Facebook group has 217 members (174 in 2020) and is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280067349420572/>.

The second group is a Francophone Facebook Group that has 30 members and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/614131435753569>.

We participate in two other social media groups via Facebook. S.R.V. (Social Role Valorization)] has 720 members can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/177849802342830>

“Social Role Valorization” has 1100 members and is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8623212156>

You can join these private Facebook group by visiting the URLs listed above, and requesting admission to one, several, or all of the groups.



ISRVA launched a simple version of a YouTube channel in November of 2019. This year, we expanded the channel a great deal, tripling the numbers of videos available. ISRVA members were relied upon for recommendations of videos to include, and Guy Caruso, Erica Tinsley-Baker and Betsy Neville are leading efforts to curate and categorize videos by SRV theme.

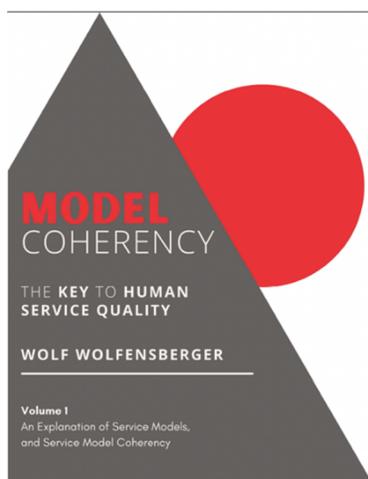
2020 Research Grant awarded



The first \$5,000 ISRVA Research Grant was awarded to Dr. Anne Masters, Ph.D., FAAIDD, who a few months ago successfully defended her PhD thesis titled “Who Do You Say That I Am? Understanding the Marginalization of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the US Catholic Church.” In the thesis, SRV theory figures prominently in a discussion of the personal social integration and valued social participation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Roman Catholic Faith Communities. The grant will allow Dr. Masters the opportunity to pursue her research on SRV and faith communities and includes the possible application of PASSING in establishing principles “to develop [a] manageable pastoral tool for evaluating choices and outcomes in congregational life.” A condition of the grant is that it should lead to the submission of an SRV related article to a peer reviewed journal.

The Institute for Applied SRV (IAS)

Our work on the design of an “Institute for Applied SRV” (IAS) has progressed as we have applied, with Joe Osburn’s guidance, the model coherency process to the creation of a sustainable structure to support SRV dissemination and implementation. We are now in the process of developing a curriculum that will cover the major themes associated with the organizational level implementation of SRV. At this point the curriculum has participants meeting in person 3 times over a year for a total of 10 days, and several virtual training sessions. We are in discussions with a university to recognize the program and provide continuing education credits for participants who are looking for that kind of recognition. A working budget has been developed and we are in the process of approving the curriculum and are looking into potential funding sources for convening the Institute. We are for the moment aiming to offer this course at the beginning of 2023. There will be yet more opportunities for seeking feedback.



Valor Press and Two New (2020-2021) Books

Valor Press is administered by Valor/Solutions, located in Ottawa, Canada. Ronda Held, John Armstrong, Raymond Lemay and Susan Thomas are the editors of “Ageing and the good things of life: The application of SRV to supporting people as they age” that was published in late 2020. The book includes two posthumous chapters by Wolf Wolfensberger. To date, the book has sold over 100 copies.

Susan Thomas has completed the editing of the three volumes of “Model Coherency.” It is the last book by Dr. Wolfensberger, and he completed a first draft shortly before his death. Its title is “Model Coherency: The Key to Human Service Quality.” The 3 volumes will be available mid-January 2022.

Wolfensberger Archives

University of Nebraska Medical Center’s McGoogan Library has completed its major renovations and the Wolfensberger Archives are now available again. Last August the ISRVA subsidized the 10 days of hard labour as, Susan Thomas, aided by the Archive’s Darby Reiners (pictured), organized Dr. Wolfensberger’s collection of 5,000 books by theme, as he had organized them originally.



ISRVA was instrumental in recently securing the transfer of copyrights of many of Wolfensberger’s works that had been held by the Canadian National Institute for Mental Retardation (NIMR). Many thanks to Inclusion Canada for

making this possible. These will be added to the books already available at UNMC's digital commons website at some point at the end of the Winter in early 2022

Festschrift in honor of Dr Wolfensberger

In collaboration with **McGoogan Library and the Wolfensberger archives**, we continue to ready ourselves for the Festschrift in honor of Dr. Wolfensberger's academic contributions <https://socialrolevalorization.com/festschrift-2022-honoring-the-work-of-dr-wolf-wolfensberger/>. Because of COVID, we decided to postpone the event that had been scheduled early October 2021. The event will now occur from May 13th to 15th at UNMC. The organizing committee includes Darby Reiners, Joan Wolfensberger, Margaret Wolfensberger Sager, Caroline Granger, Susan Thomas, Betsy Neuville, John Murphy, Marc Tumeinski, Robert Flynn, Guy Caruso and Raymond Lemay. Titled: "Wolf Wolfensberger: The Influence of the Person, his Presence and his Ideas Today," chapter writers are hard at work, and a total of 10 chapters are in preparation. The Festschrift will be video recorded so the talked can be shared with others, and the contributions will be published in book form. The small scale in-person event is being planned, with the videos and the book available to all. COVID permitting we will gather in Omaha Nebraska on May 13th to 15th 2021. Festschrift details will be posted in early March 2022.

PASS/PASSING/CAPE Reports:

Guy Caruso is leading an initiative to collect and convert into a digital format all extant PASS/PASSING and CAPE (O'Brien and Wolfensberger – 1980- Citizen Advocacy Program Evaluation) reports. Betsy Neuville and Pam Seetoo are spearheading the digitalization process and organizing the reports. A process for respecting the confidential reports will be developed. Senior trainers who have in their possession such reports are encouraged to send paper or digital files of the reports to the Keystone Institute who will handle the conversion. Guy Caruso will pull together a working group to identify reports that were seminal on Normalization and SRV related issues. It would be of interest to make available reports on positively assessed programs. Not all reports can be made public, and an ad hoc committee on evaluation reports will first try to inventory what is out there and categorize reports based on simple categories. All reports will eventually be turned over to the Wolfensberger archives.

The COVID Pandemic and ISRVA

We have attempted to adapt to the present circumstances and have become adept at keeping in touch and collaborating by electronic means. The ISRVA leadership has been meeting more often, more than once a month, and has been more expeditious in its decision-making. Over the past year we have continued virtual events that have been well received, well-attended, and a source of new connections with SRV practitioners around the world.

SRV Study Sessions

Seven very successful SRV Study Sessions were held on Zoom as well, with available space filling almost immediately. For each event, two sessions have been offered at two different times to make it possible for people from widely different time zones to attend and we have had high participation from Oceania, Asia, Europe, and North America.

Month	Title	Leaders
January	Employment and SRV	Milton Tyree (US) and Leela Raj (India)
March	Inclusive Higher Education for Students with Intellectual Disabilities: An SRV Examination	Darcy Elks (US) and Guy Caruso (US)
April	Using SRV to Navigate Complex Bureaucracies	Ed Wilson (US)
June	Aging and the Good things of Life	Ronda Held (AU), Mike Rungie (AU) and John Armstrong (AU)
August	Lock 'em Up: On SRV and Imprisonment	Marc Tumeinski (US) and Jen Campbell(US)
September	Crafting an SRV Mindset for Organizational Change	Hope Leet Dittmeier (US) & Charlotte Knight (IRE)
November	And the Beat Goes On: Change Theory & Implications for SRV	Raymond Lemay (CA)

SRV International Conference In-Person and Virtual

For the moment, the 8th International SRV Conference is postponed, likely to occur in 2023 in Ireland, with the Irish SRV group still planning on hosting the event. We are saddened the 8th International Conference is on hold for another two years, however very excited about having the Festschrift next year, where there will be much talk about Wolf Wolfensberger’s work, as well as SRV. Recently, the ISRVA leadership group has established a small working group to explore the possibility of a virtual conference in 2022.

ISRVA Leadership

The leadership group serves as a steering mechanism for ISRVA, and includes Jo Massarelli, Betsy Neuville, Mary Kealy, Guy Caruso, Joe Osburn and Raymond Lemay. Our collaborative leaders have not met in person since January 2020, but we have

maintained a great deal of connection. In 2021 we met virtually once a month and some months twice, as we worked on developing the Institute on Applied SRV (IAS) and an SRV implantation curriculum.

A Brief History of ISRVA

After the Canberra International SRV conference in September 2011, there was some concern that SRV might not survive Dr. Wolfensberger's recent passing (Feb 2011). A few of us (Betsy Neuville, Guy Caruso and Raymond Lemay) on our way back home from Canberra imagined that a permanent international structure should be established to provide long term institutional support – something like an international association. We then prepared a position paper elaborating the idea and presented it to the North American SRV Council (NASRVC), and, after a lengthy discussion, set up a committee to further develop the idea. From the outset, it was clear that though members of the NASRVC were actively involved in the development of this project, any new entity stemming from our work would be separate from the North American Council.

The original committee included Jo Massarelli, Beth French (who has since passed away), Betsy Neuville, Joe Osburn, Guy Caruso, PhD, and Raymond Lemay. John Armstrong, a senior leader in Australia, was also quite helpful in the early going and participated in early discussions and quite graciously transferred to the association the socialrolevalorization.com website that he had developed and managed for years.

The committee met several times, including multiple day meetings in Worcester MA and Kingston ON, reached out with a survey and interviews to SRV groups and aficionados around the world, and reworked and transformed the original position paper into statement of purpose and description of activities – the latest version of which is available on the socialrolevalorization.com website.

After much discussion and some procrastination, we decided to move forward and start the ISRVA with a membership drive.

A number of founding organizations were instrumental in moving this project forward. They include:

Valor & Solutions, Plantagenet, Ontario, Canada

Valoris pour enfants et adultes de Prescott-Russell Valoris for Children and Adults in Ontario Canada

Shriver Clinical Services, Wakefield, Massachusetts, United States

Family Lives, Massachusetts USA

Keystone Institute, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, United States

Community Ventures in Living, Lafayette, Indiana, United States

ISRVA website: www.socialrolevalorization.com, and visit its sister website: wolfwolfensberger.com

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