

ISWP Membership & Coordination Working Group

June 16, 2015 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Membership & Coordination Working Group (WG) met by conference call on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time. This document provides action items and discussion highlights. A participants' list appears at the end.

Action items (including due dates and responsibilities in bold/underline):

1. **By Wednesday, July 1, Working Group members** (especially those who were not on the call) are asked to:
 - a. Confirm their interest in participating in the Subgroups shown on page 2.
 - b. For those designated as a Subgroup chair, confirm your availability to be chair. ISWP staff would provide administrative support.
 - c. Provide Simon Hall and ISWP contact information for additional Subgroup representatives. Subgroup representatives do not need to be members of the Working Group. Ideally, each Subgroup should have 6-8 members.
2. **By Tuesday, July 7, Jon Pearlman and Nancy Augustine** to provide WG members a list of goals and objectives for each ISWP Working Group as background to help Subgroups develop membership value propositions.
3. Following confirmation of Subgroup members (after July 1), **Nancy Augustine** and **Kim Robinson** of ISWP staff to work with Simon Hall and Subgroup chairs to schedule Subgroup calls.

Discussion:

The long-term goal for ISWP is to become a self-sustaining society which provides value-added programs and services for organizations and individuals who are paying members. The Membership & Coordination Working Group's objective is to develop ISWP's membership model and coordination efforts with industry organizations and other segments.

Less-resourced countries will continue to be a focus for ISWP training, testing and supplying wheelchairs, but the Society also plans to target members -- organizations and individuals -- in developed and developing countries.



Simon suggested the Working Group break into Subgroups based on target membership segments. Each subgroup would develop value propositions -- what prospective members need or could benefit from an organization like ISWP. Call participants discussed these Subgroups and members:

1. Service providers, rehab centers, clinicians
 - Bart Van der Heyden (chair)
 - Simon Hall
 - Prashant Singh
2. Philanthropists, NGOs, DPOs, governments
 - PJ Kankipati (chair)
 - Stephen Crooks
 - Marie Abou Saab
 - Andrew Semple
 - Chandra Whetstine
3. Training organizations, universities
 - Mary Goldberg (chair)
 - Alison Porter
 - Jeff Morris
 - Rosie Gowran
4. Manufacturers, suppliers, technicians
 - Geroid O Herlihy (chair)
 - Manuel Ribeiro
 - Mariana Vale
 - Jamie Walsh
5. Wheelchair users
 - Chandra Whetstine (chair)
 - Andrew Semple
 - Girvan MacCorkell
 - PJ Kankipati

Participants:

- ✓ Stephen Crooks, Joni and Friends (*U.S.*)
Rosie Gowran, University of Limerick (*Ireland*)
- ✓ Simon Hall, Central Remedial Clinic, Dublin, **Chair** (*Ireland*)
- ✓ Gearoid O Herlihy, MMS Medical (*Ireland*)
- ✓ Padmaja Kankipati, SMOI (*India*)
Patty Kummick, University of Pittsburgh (*U.S.*)
Maggie Lamiell, MSH (*U.S.*)
- ✓ Girvan MacCorkell, Moorings Mediquip Group (*UK*)
Jeffrey Morris, UK Board of ESS (*UK*)
Alison Porter, University of Ulster (*UK*)
- ✓ Manuel Ribeiro, Mobilitec (*Portugal*)
- ✓ Marie Abou Saab, SESOBEL (*Lebanon*)
- ✓ Andrew Semple, HSE (*Ireland*)
- ✓ Prashant Singh, SMOI (*India*)
- ✓ Mariana Vale, Mobilitec (*Portugal*)
- ✓ Bart Van Der Heyden, EU (*UK*)
Jamie Walsh, Comfort Company (*U.S.*)
- ✓ Chandra Whetstine, World Vision (*U.S.*)
Rory Cooper, University of Pittsburgh
Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Jonathan Pearlman, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh

