

**ISWP Membership and Coordination Working Group
Universities/Training Organizations Subcommittee Call
November 20, 2015**

The ISWP Membership Working Group Universities/Training Organizations Subcommittee met by conference call on Friday, November 20, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

Link to meeting recording: <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/p9di8wo13aj/>

Action Items

1. **Subcommittee members** to review services and benefits for Universities and Training Organizations and provide feedback to Simon Hall, Mark Schmeler, Jon Pearlman and Nancy Augustine by **Friday, December 18, 2015**.
2. **Jon Pearlman** to follow up with Stephen Crooks regarding Joni and Friends' U.S. training needs.
3. **Mark Schmeler** to explore feasibility of holding WSTP-Basic training class as pre-conference event before ISS Vancouver, March 1-4, 2016.

Discussion

1. ***ISWP Overview***: Jon Pearlman described ISWP's mission and objectives and the Membership Working Group's role in identifying membership opportunities and revenue streams for the organization's long-term sustainability.
2. ***Member Benefits for Universities and Training Organizations***: Subcommittee reviewed draft of programs/services and benefits for universities and training organizations.

Stephen Crooks, Joni and Friends, indicated it is difficult to find wheelchair service training programs in the U.S. for organizations like his which sends volunteers (PTs and OTs) to less-resourced countries. In 2016, Joni and Friends will provide 15,000



wheelchairs through 22 outreaches worldwide. The organization needs a scalable curriculum with scope and sequence to train volunteers.

Subcommittee discussed these options:

- Have volunteers complete some training online followed by an in-person training in Pittsburgh or another location.
- Implement a coordinated effort for a group of trainees who complete the online portion then attend trainings regionally.
- Consider implementing Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for training programs.
- Hold an in-person WSTP-Basic training as a pre-conference workshop at ISS Vancouver, March 2016, ESS Dublin, June 2016 and/or ISS Nashville, 2017.

Participants

- ✓ Stephen Crooks, Joni and Friends Disability
- ✓ Rosie Gowran, University of Limerick
Simon Hall, Central Remedial Clinic
Natasha Layton, Natasha Layton & Associates
Jeffrey Morris, UK Board of ESS
- ✓ Alison Porter-Armstrong, University of Ulster
- ✓ Jonathan Pearlman, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Mark Schmeler, University of Pittsburgh (Subcommittee Chair)
- ✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh

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