



ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee

June 14th, 2017 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, June 14th, 2017 from 07:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

Link to Meeting Recording: <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/pafajnvvb8vu/>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00 am U.S. Eastern Time

Action Items:

1. Joint Action Plan:

- Jon Pearlman will let ISPO know all languages for Basic test that will be available by June 30 and encourage ISPO members use the Basic test to evaluate capacity around the world.
- Paula Rushton will draft the paper in a general fashion.
- Jon Pearlman will follow up with WFOT regarding Global Survey to add 2-3 questions on wheelchairs.

2. WCPT Congress 2017:

- Sue Eitel will reach out to Emma/Jonathon/Nicky to plan for a side meeting and will also reach out to Nicky/Paula for the details of the presentation.

3. Qualitative Interview analyses plan:

- Alex Miles and Mary Goldberg to discuss when intern joins.
- Maria Toro also will explore summer interns from her university.

4. Work Plan: Subcommittee members are invited to review work plan draft which Nicky prepared and was distributed with June 14 calls materials, submit feedback before July call and prepare to have a discussion in July.

5. AJOD Paper: Paula made modifications to the African Journal of Disability paper and invites co-authors to review within the next couple of days.

6. Google+ Community: Yohali Burrola to upload the hybrid presentation. All members are encouraged to upload additional presentations/resources that they would be willing to share here:

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/107154671915954755355>

Discussion:

1. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes from May 3rd 2017 Integration subcommittee call was approved.

3. Joint Action Plan

a. ISPO Conference Feedback:

Several communications since the last Integration SC meeting. Things are not as coordinated as we would like. Jon met with with Sam Wu, ISPRM treasurer; Sam felt that he would need an e-mail from Chapal at WHO indicating that WHO would like ISPRM to endorse the WHO WSTP training. Sam mentioned that they have different approaches to moving agenda items forward in ISPRM. They cannot easily adopt a plan or joint position paper. He suggested that to move the WSTP endorsement should be a direct request from Chapal. Jon e-mailed and talked with Chapal and recently drafted an e-mail for Chapal to send to the organizations requesting that, as

follow-up to Geneva meeting, to endorse WHO WSTP.

At ISPO World Congress in May 2017, Jon met with Richard Ledgerd, WFOT Executive Director, said some items were easier to move forward on; others were more difficult. See Item B – Discussions regarding WFOT Action Plan below.

At the open ISPO Board meeting (meeting of collaborators which Jon attended), one of two agenda items was to increase focus on wheelchair training and delivery worldwide. They would like to set up a special committee within ISPO. Claude Tardiff, ICRC, is leading the committee. Claude has met with different individuals in the sector, including Jon and David Constantine, regarding committee member and goals, to be sure they don't overlap with ISPO but cross all domains of what ISPO is doing – accreditation, training and workshops. Claude will be presenting suggestions to Board; he has not received feedback yet. Recommended ISPO focus on broadening scope of P&O to include wheelchair services, which would set in several steps, including broadening accreditation piece and numbers of hours of wheelchair service training in training programs. David has been encouraging ISPO to take this direction for more than a decade now.

Jon will let ISPO know all languages for Basic test that will be available by June 30 and encourage ISPO members use the Basic test to evaluate capacity around the world. Will help our numbers and solidify our role in assessing knowledge of P&O professionals and identify training needs.

Regarding joint position paper, everyone is going in a slightly different direction. Jon thinks putting high-level goals which are revisited at different times with each organization makes sense so there is game plan in place. Actual steps and amount of effort with each organization will vary. Goal is document with principles and goals of wheelchair service training. Not sure of timeframe. Jon will meet with group at GREAT Summit to determine level of granularity agreements with each organization can have. **Paula Rushton** will draft the paper in a general fashion, and **Jon Pearlman** will set up a meeting at GATE.

b. Discussions regarding WFOT Action Plan: Status quo from last month. Richard at WFOT proposed his own response to the action plan, where he modified some of the items. Mary commented on each – how they could be more reflective of what we originally thought. Jon forwarded to Richard and awaiting feedback.

Regarding the global survey of WFOT member organizations: ISWP had hoped to add 2-3 questions specific to wheelchairs. Jon said WFOT will provide a draft, but we have not received it yet. Jon Pearlman will follow up.

4. WCPT Congress 2017: Sue Eitel will attend WCPT Congress in Cape Town, July 2-4. Sue discussed three approaches to her attendance at the conference:

a. Panel discussion: Sue is on a panel called “Improving Access to Assistive Technology: A new Gateway to Physical Therapists’ from different perspectives: Zimbabwe (service delivery in low-income countries), Bhutan (user), Australia (service delivery from high-income countries), USAID (development agencies). Sue would like to speak more about ISWP and integration initiatives (10 minute presentation). Jon invited Sue to use slides from the February 7 Geneva meeting.

b. Mini-survey: Since the panel is a session on the PT workforce, should there be a mini survey of session participants about what is happening regarding to wheelchair service as part of existing practice. Is provision of wheelchairs something they are expected to do? Paula thinks it would be well to do an informal mini survey, could even be a show of hands during the session. Mary suggests expanding the scope beyond PT.

c. Side meeting with WCPT leadership: Sue wonders if is it an opportunity to meet with Emma Stokes and Jonathon Kruger, WCPT leadership, to discuss their thoughts on what’s happening. (Sue hasn’t contacted them yet.)

Sue will reach out to Emma/Jonathon/Nicky to plan for a side meeting. Sue will reach out to Nicky/Paula for the details of the presentation.

5. Qualitative Interview analyses plan:

Paula presented a draft plan to analyze data (n=12), draft paper for manuscript and use information to develop the integration toolkit.

ISWP does have an intern working for a couple of week, so can help to transcribe the last 4 interviews.

Lee offered to review the manuscript. Maria Toro said the university is planning to hire a statistician, who could contribute data to data analysis. She hopes to know by the end of June and will keep the group posted.

Integration Interview Update: Conducted interviews 5 in high-resourced settings; 2 in upper middle; 2 in lower-middle; and 3 in lower resourced settings – PT, OT, P&O.

Karen plans to conduct one more interview this month with a PT who is teaching in Dominican Republic. Karen will finish her placement in June 22 and will rejoin from June 26-August 25, when all transcripts will be completed, and data analysis will be conducted for manuscript publication and presentations.

If ISWP has an intern, he/she would be available in June and July who could be available to assist Alex. Paula said the person could help with qualitative data coding and analysis. **Alex** and **Mary** to discuss when intern joins. **Maria Toro** also will explore summer interns from her university.

Nicky suggested we attempt to interview more physiotherapists, if possible.

6. Integration Pilot Sites: Paula Rushton will speak on next call (June 21, 11:30 a.m. Eastern). Interest is high but participation in meeting still is low. SC members are invited to forward the meeting reminder and encourage attendance.

7. Work Plan: SC members are invited to review work plan draft which Nicky prepared and was distributed with June 14 calls materials, submit feedback before July call and prepare to have a discussion in July.

8. Conferences and Trainings: Paula made modifications to the African Journal of Disability paper and invites **co-authors** to review within the next couple of days.

OTARG has been accepted; Samantha Shann will present. No word yet on WFOT abstract.

Participants (*check mark indicates participation on call*)

- ✓ Paula Rushton, University of Montreal (*co-chair*)
- ✓ Nicky Seymour, Motivation (*co-chair*)
Barbara Crane, Hartford University
- ✓ Sue Eitel, Eitel Global
Karen Fung, University of Montreal
- ✓ Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University
- ✓ Yohali Burrola, University of Pittsburgh
Ritu Ghosh, Mobility India
- ✓ Teresa Plummer, Belmont University
Samantha Shann, WFOT
Rosy Dorman, Motivation
Uta Prehl, Handicap International
Michelle Hollier, UCPRUK
Tamsin Langford, Motivation
Kylie Mines, Motivation Australia
Catherine Sykes, WCPT
- ✓ Maria Toro, CES University
- ✓ Jon Pearlman, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Krithika Kandavel, University of Pittsburgh
Alex Miles, University of Pittsburgh

Guests

- ✓ Taavy Miller, UNC Charlotte (working this summer with Dr. Mary Goldberg)

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