



ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee

August 9th, 2017 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, August 9th, 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/ptkwfkofwpec/>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 am U.S. Eastern Time

Discussion:

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes from July 12th 2017 Integration subcommittee call was approved. **Correction to minutes:** Paula indicated there are no WHO materials in her current online modules.

3. Joint Action Plan

Mary explained that a single joint action plan might be challenging because each organization has its own procedures. ISPO wanted to see MOU first (recently signed in Geneva). WCPT – met with Jonathon Kruger in Geneva, he seems interested. Mary shared the WFOT plan, which hasn't changed much – similar to the document shared with all organizations. Jonathon explained the WCPT structure and challenges to push more training into curriculum based on their jurisdiction around accreditation because they only have 10 or so programs accredited. Our efforts should targeted towards

working with individual organizations. He is reviewing the WFOT plan and will let us know what would be feasible for WCPT.

Mary also met with the Ritchard Ledgerd, they are reviewing the action plan. Grateful for help to prepare a couple of questions for WFOT survey to their member organizations and university partners. Offered suggestions on offering in-person training opportunities. They have regional conferences, as well as congress (Capetown, 2018). He said we should start conversations soon, perhaps similar to pre-conference workshop at RESNA, expanded to 2 days to include more practicals in training. Logistical – one pre-con and one education day before conference, along with Board meetings. There would be challenges running 2 consecutive days. However, they would be willing to work with us and market the session. At the moment, WFOT is updating their web content and online training portal. Once they are done, they will incorporate some of the ISWP-provided content. Once summer holidays are over, Ritchard will invite follow-up from us. From our side, propose what we want to do. It would be outside the formal session review process as the due date for that has passed.

ISPRM – spoke with Sam Wu, treasurer. He is still enthusiastic to partner. He is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; he would be interested in visiting ISWP or vice versa. In short, there will be individual action plans for each organization.

Regarding endorsing WSTP packages and other online offerings (e.g., online portion of hybrid). WFOT has a formal review process and a fee, which might be waived. Mary will follow up with WCPT, and Mary believes it is covered in the ISPO MOU.

Change joint action plan to joint engagement with organizations on the agenda.

Joint position paper is still a goal. If we decide it is not way to go or challenging for all organizations to sign, we have enough evidence of support from organizations. However, it would be nice to have a paper referenced. Paula will draft before September call. Lee commented that if one organization signs on and others are reluctant at that stage, perhaps paper could come from ISWP and have organizations endorse at a later date. Acknowledge their participation in the paper.

4. GREAT Summit: Focus was to bring together researchers, innovators and educators in AT field to look at the situation – people who need AT, provision, products and personnel and policies related to sector. Lot of discussion regarding education. Helped to identify what organizations are doing in education and advancements in other organizations. Breakout sessions on service provision and education were informative. Mary attended session related to certification. Her work related to the Wheelchair Service Professional Credential project seemed to be relevant. It is a hotly debated topic throughout AT because in many areas there is not an infrastructure to support a credential. ISPRM indicated licensure is a challenge because it doesn't exist in many contexts and could do more harm than good. Because of time constraints, it was difficult to develop action plans from each session. Outcome of meeting --- position papers on each of 5 p's. Training would fall under personnel, provision and possibly, people. Not a specific paper on certification or what's happening in the individual areas of AT field. Everyone at summit invited to contribute to papers; were circulated to attendees. Krithika to circulate to group.

Mary mentioned ISWP is further along with some activities; we could serve as a model if WHO would like. Systems we are creating also could be more inclusive of the broader AT sector. WHO is developing training materials and approach for top 25 of the 50 Priority Assistive Products List.

Nicky asked whether we should be expanding scope to include rehab engineering. At RESNA, Dr. Cooper mentioned he is part of a new global rehab engineering group. Mary will check further.

5. Qualitative Interview project:

Karen reported that 14 interviews are completed 7 OTs, 4 P&Os, 3 PTs and 1 functional therapist. Taavy conducted two new interviews. In the analysis process, they are looking at three major themes.

- 1) Context setting - context of the resource and context of the education
- 2) Current wheelchair education – level of education and program, content, pedagogy approach, evaluation of students/course.
- 3) integration, including barriers, facilitators and integration process (e.g., curriculum development and university approval).

They hope to have analysis completed and paper drafted by the end of August. Raw data is in Pitt Box account. Analysis is in NVivo software. They have calls on Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time. Manuscript is under way. Karen will present preliminary results at CHU Ste Justine Hospital summer student symposium.

6. Integration Toolkit: Goal is to complete and present in May 2018 (WFOT Congress). Anticipate hearing from WFOT by end of August. Used policy toolkit for guidance. Of 14 interviews, have reflected on 9 using 7 questions presented during the call. Attached is the integration toolkit overview Taavy presented on the call.

Nicky presented a potential framework for the toolkit based on one developed by MSH. Challenges, solutions, tools and resources, and case studies. Also link to other sites. Document could grow and change as more information is available. **Nicky** to send link. Paula has 4 new OT students doing their small-scope research projects starting in September. They could contribute to development of the toolkit over the next 18 months. It is integrated with coursework and placements. Funding is not part of the process.

7. Integration Pilot Sites: Paula Rushton presented on her online course in the last integration pilot sites group call on June 21st. Also discussed barriers and steps to overcome, as well as process to develop the online modules. Information was included in a lessons learned document which was distributed to the pilot sites group on July 12th.

ISWP issued a call for volunteers for speakers for next call in early July. Cher Smith, Dr. Kirby and Ed Giesbrecht proposed to do a combined session on August 29th at 11:00 am U.S. EST.

Lori Rosbenberg from Hebrew Univ also expressed her interest to present in the September month call.

We also did a soft rollout of a university mentorship opportunity for someone to be a mentor and an individual who would like to be mentored. We had sent out the application forms along with the recap from the last meeting. So far, we have Lori

Rosenberg from Hebrew university who has completed the form to request to receive mentorship form. And no applicants for a mentor.

8. Hybrid Update: Analysis is under way. Recently looked at small cross-section from Mexico training. Looked at pre-score and post-score on Basic test across professions. Small sample but could be an opportunity to look at those who completed the hybrid based on their professional background. Yohali will send the group a written update. She also is working on papers: Development and initial evaluation, and one that compares a Basic in-person and Hybrid in India and Mexico.

9. Work Plan: Postpone to September call. Suggest sending updated work plan to the group for review. Nancy to send.

10. HVO Meeting: Several members of group who attended August 4 meeting in Pittsburgh (many are PTs who teach at universities) are keenly interested in joining Integration Subcommittee.

11. Journal Club: Will resume in Fall 2017.

12. Conferences and Trainings:

1. Manuscript for AJOD accepted.
2. AOTA April 2018 conference – collaborated with RESNA to have a substantial assistive technology track. Karen Fung is preparing an abstract based on the qualitative study.
3. OTARG: Nicky submitted an abstract
4. WFOT: Abstract submitted. Yohali also submitted an abstract on the Hybrid for WFOT.

In addition to conferences listed on agenda, these events are upcoming:

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Abstract Deadline</i>
Latin America Seating Symposium	Sept. 13-15, 2017	Rosario, Argentina	

Second Global Conference on Assistive Technology (GATE)	Sept. 14, 2017	Beijing, China	
Moroccan & African & Middle Eastern Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology and Movement Disorders	Oct. 26-28, 2017	Ratat, Morocco	Sept. 10, 2017
World Occupational Therapy Day – Online Conference	October 27, 2017	Online	
Oceanic Seating Symposium	Nov. 20-22, 2017	Rotorua, New Zealand	
European Seating Symposium			
American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sessions	Feb. 21-24, 2018	New Orleans, LA	
ISS Vancouver	March 6-9, 2018	Vancouver, Canada	
American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference	Apr. 19-22, 2018	Salt Lake City, UT	
6 th CBR Africa Conference	May 7-11, 2018	Zambia	
OT World	May 15-18, 2018	Leipzig, Germany	Sept. 17, 2017
WFOT 2018 World Congress	May 21-25, 2018	Cape Town, South Africa	
European Seating Symposium	June 13-15, 2018	Dublin, Ireland	Nov. 27, 2017
ISRPM 12 th World Congress	July 8-12, 2018	Paris, France	Feb. 6, 2018
ISPO Global Educators Meeting	Sept. 18-20, 2018	Gottingen, Germany	

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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