



**ISWP Training Working Group  
Integration Subcommittee  
August 14, 2019 Meeting Recap**

The ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

**Link to Meeting Recording:** <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/phk13jvexafo/>

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 7:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time/11:00 UTC.

**Discussion:**

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** July 10, 2019 minutes were approved.
2. **Joint Position Paper:** Mary Goldberg reported that she received feedback from WFOT which suggested drafting the paper in a format customary for WFOT and other organizations – more condensed in a two-page version which would help to expand the audience. Mary explained the original intent was to publish in academic journals, with interest from *Disability and Rehab: Assistive Technology*. ISWP also discussed the paper informally with ISPO; it will be on agenda for an August 23, 2019 sector collaborators' meeting at the GReAT Consultation.

Teresa Plummer mentioned the clinicians task force is working toward the same objectives for academia and novice clinicians. Mary indicated she met with Jean Anne Zollars and Kelly Waugh at ISS and discussed with Laura Cohen and Barb Crane in the past. **Teresa** and **Mary** to talk further.

3. **ISWP Wheelchair Service Provider Certification:** To date, 57 service providers from 20 countries have received the Certification (updated from 54 individuals from 17 countries reported during call).

The Professional Standards Board met on August 13, and Maria Toro Hernandez has had several conversations to better understand the uptake of the certification both in terms of challenges and future opportunities.





ISWP is starting to think of the certification as a package opportunity. Certification would be presented at the beginning of a training or course; the training would qualify for the training component, along with passing the basic test.

There is a fee for certification, with reduced rates for groups and students. If an organization is paying for the training, perhaps the certification could be bundled into the expense. Or, participants would be charged for the course, which could include the certification fee.

Certification will be the topic of the next academic training partners call, scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time/15:00 UTC.

4. **Basic Wheelchair Skills Evaluation:** Mary reported that she completed a PVA grant in June 2019 to develop a basic skills assessment around the full provision process. ISWP does not have a skills assessment which could be used in person at conferences and by video. As part of the grant, a protocol and rubric were created, along with additional multiple-choice questions related to skills-based scenarios. Five in-person assessments were completed during ISS, March 2019. One video assessment has been completed; it has been challenging to schedule video conferences because recruitment is taking place among regionally diverse areas, including Asia, Latin America and Africa. Request Subcommittee input on recruitment suggestions. A recruitment message is available which was circulated to the Competency Subcommittee. Krithika to send a draft recruitment message for Integration Subcommittee members to forward to colleagues as appropriate.
5. **SMART:** Four new snapshots have been created – Hebrew University, University of Coruña (in English and Spanish), and Jordan University of Science and Technology. Mary to invite academic training partners to contribute additional snapshots during the September call. The snapshots will be a standard slide in presentations with new academic partners. Karen to draft short request for snapshots for the next Hub newsletter.

ISWP received approval from Taylor and Francis to include the integration article (and separately figures) on the SMART website which was not published in an open access journal.

Karen is making edits to the SMART manuscript based on feedback from co-authors and hopes to submit it the week of August 19.

6. **Basic Test French-Canadian Translation:** The University of Montreal team shared the manuscript draft on the Basic Test-French-Canadian translation and received feedback from co-authors. Paula will work with the University of Montreal students to make the modifications and submit for publication by December.





7. **Hybrid Update:** PMG hosted a hybrid-basic course in June-July in conjunction with its conference. No dates have been sent yet for a Hybrid with OT students in Bogota, Colombia because the school is in transition due to a new president.

Thanks to funding from American Wheelchair Mission and Latter-day Saints Charities, ISWP is developing additional online modules in English and Spanish, based on the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Packages:

- Basic—updated versions of A1-A8, the 8 Steps and B1-B14
- Training of Trainers--Core, Basic and Intermediate
- Managers
- Stakeholders.

Modules should be completed by December 2019.

8. **ISWP Update:** Rolling resistance and caster testing continue. The ISWP Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, August 15. Updates to be presented to the Board include:

- 3,755 individuals from 92 countries have taken the ISWP Basic test to date.
- 560 individuals from 20 countries have taken the ISWP Intermediate knowledge test to date.
- ISWP sent a survey to 190 Intermediate knowledge test takers to learn their interest, benefits and challenges in taking the skills portion of the test.
- ISWP submitted a proposal to USAID for updating the guidelines, standards and WSTP-Basic in conjunction with WHO.
- A field test of toe measurement for manual wheelchairs is being finalized and will begin soon.
- ISWP continues to meet with ISPO and collaborators on ways to disseminate product and service standards.

9. **Educators' Package:** Paula has talked with Jon Pearlman, Michael Allen (from USAID), and Mary Goldberg. Jon will continue to have discussions over the next month with regard to WHO priorities and timing to move forward.

10. **Upcoming Conferences:** Mary Goldberg will present at ISPO, Japan, in October. Paula Rushton will present at OSS, Melbourne, in November. Karen has been working on additional presentations.





**Participants** (check mark indicates participation on call)

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|   | Alia Alghwiri, University of Jordan            |
|   | Hasan Alkhalwaldeh, University of Jordan       |
|   | Gail Freidhoff-Bohman aka Cookie, AT-Retired   |
|   | Ilse Caballeros, Free Wheelchair Mission       |
|   | Barbara Crane, University of Plymouth          |
|   | Rosy Dorman, Motivation                        |
| √ | Karen Fung, University of Montreal             |
|   | Ritu Ghosh, Mobility India                     |
|   | Michelle Hollier, UCPRUK                       |
| √ | Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University                |
|   | Kylie Mines, Motivation Australia              |
|   | Thais Pousada, Universidad de la Coruña        |
|   | Uta Prehl, Humanity & Inclusion                |
| √ | Teresa Plummer, Belmont University             |
|   | Hassan Sarak, University of Jordan             |
|   | Nicky Seymour, Motivation                      |
|   | Samantha Shann, WFOT                           |
|   | Traci Swartz, Emory University                 |
|   | Catherine Sykes                                |
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|   | Jon Pearlman, University of Pittsburgh         |
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