



ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee

January 11th, 2017 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, January 11th, 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/p8qh12urv23/>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8th, 2017, 07:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

Action Items:

1. Krithika to send a doodle poll with options to reschedule the February 8th 2017 Integration subcommittee call.
2. Integration Interviews:
 - Teresa Plummer, Belmont University, would be willing to be interviewed (masters and PhD in OT).
 - Switzerland Paraplegic Clinic (Teresa Plummer to contact).
 - Samantha Shann to recommend contact at program in Eastern Europe.
3. Journal Club: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1st 2017, 10:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time. Nancy Augustine to follow up with Alex and the Integration Subcommittee on how to recommend students to participate.

4. Upcoming conferences: Integration Subcommittee to discuss on February and March monthly calls about participation in *WFOT 2018, May 21st to 25th 2018, Cape Town.*

Discussion:

1. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes from December 14th Integration subcommittee call was approved.

3. Integration Interviews Update

8 interviews completed to date: 3 in high-resourced country, 2 in middle-resourced country and 2 in low-resourced country (PT and P&O programs). Goal is to have 10 interview. Some highlights so far:

- Many programs have issues with timing – being able to fit the WC training into courses.
- PT programs in U.S. are shifting to PhD, which allows more time. Masters programs have less time. (American Occupational Therapy Association in U.S. is not requiring doctoral level programs at this time.)
- One professor initially held a four-hour workshop on the weekend, which provides more time. Now, it is integrated in the curriculum.
- In lower resourced settings, students are working with real clients using WSTP and providing wheelchairs at end of class/program. This is not the case in higher-resourced settings. Those programs may or may not use real clients, and clients do not receive a wheelchair at the end. Likely a result of insurance issues.
- In lower-resourced settings, governments play a bigger role in scope of practice. Service provider needs to advocate for appropriate wheelchairs.

No interviews yet in Europe or Asia. Also would be helpful to have OT perspective in low resourced countries.

Additional interviews:

- Teresa Plummer, Belmont University, would be willing to be interviewed (masters and PhD in OT).
- Texas Institute of Rehab Research (TIRR)
- Switzerland Paraplegic Clinic (Teresa Plummer to contact).
- Samantha Shann to recommend contact at program in Eastern Europe.

Currently analyzing results for February 7th meeting. For publishing purposes, having 2 extra interviews would be helpful.

4. Integration Pilot Sites Update

Fourth pilot site meeting is scheduled for January 11, 9:00 a.m. Krithika sent a note to current pilot site members requesting update on what they have done so far and what they have planned, along with challenges experienced and feedback on the pilot program. The next integration pilot site call is scheduled for **Thursday, February 23rd at 9:00 am U.S. EST.**

Nicky said Sudan did first training as integration into P&O course at end of last year; program run by ICRC within a university. One week WSTP-Basic. Trainers were well equipped. Looking to see if there should be some intermediate, as well. Report should be sent by week of January 16. Also hope to have something from Adama in Togo, which was P&O and physiotherapy curricula.

Also, not confirmed pilot site – SUDA project, with WCPT, HI and Motivation, had first training in Senegal in November – WSTP-Basic. There are no wheelchair services or trained people in country. Project is to integrate content into physiotherapy curriculum. (Senegal is lacking OTs. Project includes P&O as they provide important technical skills.) Currently, they are training practitioners who are connected with university to start building their knowledge and exposure to the course. In time, the goal is for them to advise on what's appropriate and how wheelchair content should be integrated. More difficult because they are training without existing wheelchair services in country – and no chairs.

5. High Level Meeting Planning update

Meeting takes place Tuesday, February 7th, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at WHO offices in Geneva.

Invited Guests (<i>updated following call</i>)	Representing ISWP
WFOT (confirmed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marilyn Patterson, WFOT president • Richard Ledgerd, WFOT Executive Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicky Seymour, Motivation • Paula Rushton, University of Montreal • Maria Toro Hernandez, Universidad CES • Sue Eitel, Eitel Global • Jon Pearlman, ISWP • Krithika Kandavel. ISWP
ISPO (confirmed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajv Hanspal, ISPO president • Freidbert Kohler, ISPO president-elect • Carson Harte, Assistant chair of the ISPO education committee 	
WCPT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Emma Stokes, President • Jonathon Kruger, CEO 	

Samantha feels Marilyn and Richard could cover any education-related topics. Nicky commented that funding may be available to invite to Education Committee chair.

Agenda includes welcome and ISWP overview, followed by ample time for discussion with prompting questions.

Draft agenda:

2.00 to 2.30 p.m. Welcome, intro from each organization and discussion of meeting goals/objectives

2.30 to 3.30 p.m. ISWP overview (10-12 minutes each)

- ISWP overview and Training Working Group/Integration Subcommittee: Jon Pearlman
- Integration survey and interviews: Nicky Seymour, Paula Rushton
- Integration Pilots Report: Krithika Kandavel
- Questions

3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Discussions

Prompting questions:

- Is wheelchair provision and the 8 steps in line with your professional scope of practice and what are the geographical and professional differences to be considered?
- What are the professional and educational priorities and considerations, which should influence the approach and strategy developed?
- Do results from ISWP research seem accurate and representative? What other challenges should be considered and how can these be overcome?
- In group's opinion, what is a short list of countries where integration could be successful? (added)

5.30 to 6.00 p.m. Wrap up, commitment, action items

Samantha – difficulty of what universities allow. Often a real timing issue for what can be included. Discussion on how that can be addressed/mitigated. Noticing how prescriptive universities are becoming globally in what curricula is approved and can be taught. A lot is time based. Many programs are under resourced staff wise. WFOT can help advocate for and promote need for it. At end of day, have little say in what universities actually do. WFOT just launched minimum standards for education of OTs. Wheelchair provision is included, but a small part, because minimum standards include philosophy of profession are maintained and placements and fieldwork are included.

6. Integration Template Update: No update

7. Survey #1 Article submissions Update: No response yet about peer review from African Journal of Disability.

8. Journal Club: Next Journal Club is on Wednesday, February 1, 10:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time. Paula asked how ISWP is communicating details about the club as she would like to recommend that her students participate. Nancy Augustine to follow up with Alex and Integration Subcommittee.

9. Upcoming conferences and trainings:

Abstracts have been accepted to ISS. Nicky is waiting for response from WCPT.

- a) ISS 2017: <http://www.iss.pitt.edu/>
- b) ISPO 2017: <http://www.ispo2017.org/>
- c) WCPT 2017: <http://www.wcpt.org/congress>

Samantha mentioned these additional conferences:

- *OT African Regional Group, September 10th -13th, 2017, Ghana:* Call for papers is out. Samantha will be attending. If Integration SC submits a paper, Samantha said she would consider presenting it.
- *WFOT 2018, May 21st to 25th 2018, Cape Town:* Call for papers will be sent by end of January, with abstracts due in May 2017. There will be workshop options, too. Integration Subcommittee to discuss on February and March monthly calls. Qualitative interviews could be presented there.

10. Google Community – please share any updates for uploading onto the site:
<https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/107154671915954755355>

No new materials uploaded.

11. Calls for Funding Proposals – 2017

Working Groups are invited to send ISWP funding requests totaling up to \$50,000 total for the Working Group and/or Subcommittee activities in 2017. Paula Rushton and

Nicky Seymour will send Tamsin Langford suggestions for Integration SC by Friday, January 13th.

12. Other Discussions

Program in Madagascar – one OT teaching and use additional resources. Struggling to get in minimum content in curriculum. University, as a standard, is that anyone who is teaching must have a PhD. Has taken 5 years to get OT instructor recognized because she only has a master's degree. Universities even in low-resourced countries make it difficult because of internal standards.

Senegal – discussions about level of trainers. Recommended a technical trainer, but having difficulty being recognized by the university because of their level of training. Then it becomes funding issue; who pays for additional education.

APTA Conference: Sue Eitel will attend February 15-18, 2017 American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sessions meeting in San Antonio, TX to promote integration with Global Health Special Interest Group and link up with Education session, as well. Barbara Crane also will be attending the Assistive Technology Special Interest Group.

Posture Mobility Group in UK has shown interest in discussing integration. Nicky sent the concept note for the high-level meeting, which gives a good overview of Integration activities to date and goals. They are meeting on Thursday, January 12. PMG cross professions in UK, Nicky thinks. Nicky hopes to get feedback on their discussions.

13. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 8th 2017 at 07:00 am U.S. EST.

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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
- Ritu Ghosh, Mobility India
- ✓ Teresa Plummer, Belmont University
- ✓ Samantha Shann, WFOT
- Michelle Hollier, UCPRUK
- Tamsin Langford, Motivation
- Kylie Mines, Motivation Australia
- Catherine Sykes, WCPT
- Maria Toro, CES University
- ✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh
- Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Krithika Kandavel, University of Pittsburgh
- Alex Miles, University of Pittsburgh

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