



ISWP Training Working Group

July 25, 2018 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Training Working Group met by conference call on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap. A list of participants appears at the end.

Meeting recording link: <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/ppcdzkuad4gm/>

Next Meeting: Members are requested to provide input on future TWG calls and communications.

Action Items

1. ISWP is conducting a poll to receive feedback from working group members on how to move forward with future meetings. The deadline to respond in next Friday, August, 17. Please click here to complete the [Google form](#).

Discussion

1. **Approval of Previous Update:** An update was provided on the WIN discussion board in lieu of a meeting.
2. **Competency Subcommittee Update (Alex Miles):** The subcommittee is working to implement Phase 4 of the mentoring program. Two mentors are currently grading case studies, and ISWP is recruiting a third mentor to participate. There will be 14 mentees from 9 countries in the cohort. The goal is start the program in mid-August and complete by December.
3. **Integration Subcommittee Update (Paula Rushton):** The subcommittee continues to be active; the last call was on July 11. The subcommittee has focused on: a) development of the Seating and Mobility Academic Resource Toolkit (SMART); and b) the qualitative interview project. Work continues with the academic partners.

SMART was launched at WFOT World Congress in May followed by presentations at ESS in June and RESNA in July. Paula Rushton, Integration Subcommittee chair, and Mary Goldberg received good feedback and suggestions for improvement. ISWP will be making enhancements to the toolkit: a) Adding a discussion board for members to post content and reply to other posts; and b) incorporating a database for admins to store SMART form responses. Maria Toro will help with the official launch.

The qualitative interviews project is being led by Taavy Miller and Karen Fung; Taavy

and Karen recently submitted a final manuscript draft to Paula Rushton and Mary Goldberg then will send to the Integration Subcommittee for broader feedback. (*Update*: Sent to the Integration Subcommittee; feedback due August 10). Paula Rushton presented a poster at CAOT conference in June in Canada.

Regarding academic partners, a representative from Centre of Rehabilitation for Paralyzed, Bangladesh presented on July 11. **TWG members** are invited to submit nominations for a speaker for the September 2018 call.

ISWP is conducting a Hybrid Training of Trainers-Basic level course. The three-day in person training will be held on August 6-8, in Los Angeles with 10 trainees from 5 countries (Thailand, Bhutan, Canada, Mexico and US) who completed the online modules in advance. Yohali Burrola and Dave Calver are the trainers. Lee commented that there will two experienced wheelchair skills trainers attending – Amira (session participant) and Dave Calver (session trainer). If there is added value to participants, Dave and Yohali could add the content to the end of one of the days.

Elsje Scheffler provided written input on how ISWP uses training packages created by other organizations saying, ‘When courses of other organizations are presented, it is important that ISWP use these packages responsibly and deliver the training packages as intended...members should be careful of criticizing courses we as an organization have agreed to accept and use as the baseline theoretical framework on our platform, particularly if we as ISWP have not developed an alternative course.’ Lee feels that ISWP needs to decide who is leading the courses – is it an ISWP course or WHO course? Lee agrees with Elsje’s point that if it will be called a WHO course, we need to stick to the content and not add/take away content. If it is an ISWP course, we are free to use appropriate materials, including WHO and other information that seem to make most sense and are based on most recent evidence. It should be clear in promotions. Lee’s opinion is that we should evolve to running ISWP courses with a combination of resources, including things such as wheelchair skills.

Mary Goldberg and **Krithika Kandavel** will respond to Elsje’s e-mail. Lee suggested cutting and pasting the response into the call recap and including on the discussion board.

4. **ISWP Update (Nancy Augustine)**: Rolling resistance testing equipment is being built at the University of Pittsburgh; this will be the second location for the equipment, with the first at LeTourneau University.

ISWP is working with the Archive of Data on Disability to Enable Policy and Research (ADDEP) to house wheelchair sector studies ([link](#)). Two studies currently are available – one conducted in Mexico and one in Indonesia – with two additional studies pending. To access ISWP-related studies, type “ISWP” in the search bar at the top of the ADDEP home page. Information about each study includes project summary, data documentation, data variables and publications related to the data analysis. ISWP members are invited to deposit data into the ADDEP data center; contact Megan D’Innocenzo (med135@pitt.edu) for assistance. ADDEP offers funding for researchers

to deposit and analyze data. More information is available on the ADDEP website (link above).

5. **Training Working Group Communications (Krithika Kandavel):** Krithika invited feedback on future Training Working Group communications, including: a) frequency of TWG meetings; and b) value of interim updates through WIN discussion board. Lee and Paula agreed with quarterly meetings and updates through WIN discussion board.
6. **Open Discussion:** University of Montreal is offering a one-day workshop on wheelchair skills testing and training in September. This is the third year for the offering; it has been well received.

Lee reported the annual wheelchair skills workshop will take place on Monday, October 22, 2018 in Halifax, with a focus on power wheelchairs and scooters. Version 5.0 of the wheelchair skills training is nearly complete; the goal is to post on the [website](#) by August 31, 2018.

Participants (*check mark indicates participation on call*)

	<i>TWG Members</i>
	Dave Calver, UCP Wheels, <i>U.S.</i>
	Barbara Crane, University of Hartford, <i>U.S.</i>
	Eliana Ferretti, Federal University of Sao Paulo (UNIFESP), <i>Brazil</i>
	Ritu Ghosh, Mobility India, <i>India</i>
✓	Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University, <i>Canada</i>
	Tamsin Langford, Motivation UK, <i>United Kingdom</i>
	Xavier Lemire, HI, <i>Mozambique</i>
	Sergio Mainetti, CBM, <i>South Africa</i>
	Jess Markt, ICRC, <i>Switzerland</i> (based in U.S.)
	Kylie Mines, Motivation Australia, <i>Australia</i>
	Abdullah Munish, Motivation Africa, <i>Africa</i>
	Jamie Noon, Consultant, <i>U.S.</i>
	Elsje Scheffler, DARE Consult, <i>South Africa</i>
	Samantha Shan, Northumbria University, <i>England</i>
	Catherine Sykes, <i>United Kingdom</i>
	Eric Wunderlich, LDS Charities, <i>U.S.</i>
	Sara Munera, <i>Colombia</i>
	Tchai Xavier, Consultant, <i>Philippines</i>
	<i>SC Members</i>
	Sue Eitel, Eitel Global, <i>U.S.</i>

	Sue Fry, <i>South Africa</i>
	Dietlind Gretschel, Dietlind Gretschel Physiotherapy, <i>South Africa</i>
	Patience Mutiti, Motivation, <i>UK</i>
✓	Paula Rushton, University of Montreal, <i>Canada</i>
	Nicky Seymour, Motivation, <i>South Africa</i>
	Maria Toro, <i>Spain</i>
	<i>ISWP Central Team at University of Pittsburgh</i>
	Mary Goldberg, Chair
	Jon Pearlman
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✓	Alexandria Miles
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✓	Krithika Kandavel
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