



## ISWP Training Working Group

### July 26, 2017 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Training Working Group met by conference call on Wednesday July 26, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 am U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

**Meeting Recording Link:** <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/pv9jslgkvff3/>

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, Thursday, August 23, 2017, 9:30 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time (13:30 UTC/GMT Time)

#### Discussion

1. **Previous Minutes:** Minutes of June 28, 2017 call were approved.
2. **New Member Introduction:** Jess Markt, ICRC, is joining the Training Working Group. Jess is disability support and inclusion advisor, working with ICRC, Geneva, and based in Boulder, Colorado.
3. **Competency Subcommittee Update:** The subcommittee is working to finalize the terms of reference as a result of the Mentoring and Testing Subcommittee merger with a goal of identifying five activities as priorities. ISWP is contacting members who have participated but not active anymore to determine if they still are interested in participating.
4. **Integration Subcommittee Update:** Last call was July 12. Primary activities: a) joint action plan from February 7 meeting in Geneva. Jon Pearlman has been communicating with other organizations to finalize action items unique to each group. Paula Rushton is drafting a joint position paper. At WCPT World Congress, Cape Town, Sue Eitel participated on a WHO GATE panel on wheelchair and assistive technology. She gave an overview of integration subcommittee activities, linking to USAID. Nicky Seymour and Elsje Scheffler were in the audience of about 25 people. Sue took an informal poll to learn if wheelchair provision was included attendees' in scope of practice; a little over one-half said it was. Sue also spoke with Jonathon Kruger, WCPT CEO, who will be meeting with ISWP in Geneva to discuss the action plan and role of WCPT in promoting integration.

The qualitative interview project is moving forward; data analysis is under way on about 12 interviews. Karen Fung, University of Montreal, and Taavy Miller, University

North Carolina-Charlotte who is working at Pitt this summer, are analyzing the data to prepare a manuscript and to develop the integration toolkit.

Integration pilot sites meet every other month with a guest presentation each meeting to highlight different education programs, barriers and facilitators. The dates for the next meeting is being finalized.

Regarding the Hybrid-Basic course, Lee Kirby, Cher Smith, Mary Goldberg and Yohali Burrola conducted a one-day hybrid workshop, focusing on practical and wheelchair skills, with 5 participants as a pre-con workshop at RESNA, New Orleans. Lee thought the session went well and provided useful insights to develop future versions. Yohali also did a Hybrid-Basic course in conjunction with the ISPO Latin America conference in Mexico. Both sessions helped to identify methods for holding a hybrid in conjunction with a conference.

Regarding conferences and papers, the integration paper for the *African Journal of Disability* has been approved. An abstract submitted to Occupational Therapy Africa Regional Group (OTARG), Accra-Ghana, September 10-13, 2017 was accepted; Samantha Shann will present. Abstracts also were submitted (awaiting response) to: AOTA Annual Conference, April 19-22, 2018 (Utah) – integration interviews; and WFOT World Congress, May 21-25, 2018 (Cape Town) – Hybrid-Basic course and integration toolkit.

5. **ISWP Update: Nancy Augustine provided updates on ISWP activities.**
  - a. *Administration:* ISWP submitted a two-month no-cost extension request to JSI/USAID, requesting a project completion date of August 31, 2017 instead of June 30, 2017 currently. ISWP also is requesting additional funding for September 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018, while the strategic plan budget is being prepared.
  - b. *Advocacy:* Advocacy Working Group continues to refine the policy toolkit.
  - c. *Standards:* Caster testing continue throughout the summer at the University of Pittsburgh; rolling resistance testing is on hiatus at LeTourneau University during the summer break. ISWP is creating a repository of equipment drawings which will be available to the sector.
  - d. *Evidence-based Practice:* Karen Rispin, provided feedback on the ISWP minimum data set questionnaire she used in Kenya in May; ISWP has requested LeTourneau University IRB confirmation before receiving the data. ISWP is testing three open data kits applications to facilitate future data collection: CommCare, KoBoToolbox and Open Data Kit. ISWP will give a demo during the August Evidence-based Practice Working Group call.

6. **Wheelchair Service Provider Credential:** ISWP held an overview meeting for Training Working Group members on July 20. Highlights of the credential pilot:

- 39 participants: 13 U.S and 26 international (Kosovo, Kenya, Pakistan, India, Sierra Leone, Lebanon, Nepal, Hong Kong, Bhutan, Mexico, Zimbabwe, Philippines, Brazil, Malawi, Canada, Portugal, Colombia, China, New Zealand and Australia)
- Received positive feedback on optional pre course.
- Those who already took the Basic test and passed were asked to take additional section on ethics and professionalism. Received positive feedback on the section and the test, if it were to be added. Training Working Group members suggested that Instead of allowing ethics and professionalism to be optional, because it is not always covered in basic training content, we should consider adding as a required component to receive credential.
- It seems like providers want credential, based on feedback and the fact that there are 150 people on waiting list.
- Regarding the logistical aspects of the process, participants said the application process was easy. Prep course should be optional. Internet did not seem to be an issue.
- ISWP saw potential improvement in basic test pass rate by completing the credential process (small sample – less than 10 people but did pass on first try, big improvement over current pass rate).
- Credential project is supported by the ISWP Advisory Board as a strategic goal.

ISWP will request nominations for a professional standards board associated with ISWP to reflect current membership composition – academic, NGO and for profit reps across continents and low, mid and high income countries. As first duties, the board would review code of ethics and standards of practice. This is part of ISWP but slightly different than Training WG members, which already has a lot of activities to address.

7. **Mentoring Pilot:** Pilot is under way for intermediate test takers who did not pass the skills portion of the exam. Sessions took place throughout July with 12 participants in Africa, Asia and North America and 3 mentors (Elsje Scheffler, Dietlind Gretschel and Sue Fry). Each mentor shared the participant’s case study course sheet and held two-hour mentoring session with each group. Each trainee presented case study submission to group to better understand mentor’s comments and share experiences with group.

Five mentoring sessions have been completed so far, with the sixth planned for July 27.

ISWP is scheduling separate meetings with mentors and trainees to discuss process, takeaways and make recommendations.

Beginning August 10, all trainees will participate in 10 tutoring sessions on intermediate clinical skills and complete a satisfaction survey about the pilot program.

8. **Training of Trainers (ToT):** ToT paper accepted to the *African Journal of Disability*. The ToT submission and grandfathering process is tabled until the August Training Working Group meeting as ISWP continues to prepare a draft, which will be shared with the Training Working Group in advance.

9. **ISWP Data Center:** Dalhousie University staff analyzed data from a study Jhpiego conducted in Kenya and Philippines, which was submitted and accepted by BMC International Health and African Journal of Disability. The two studies were combined to analyze a larger data set. Lee Kirby indicated it took a bit of time to understand how to use the database, but it ran smoothly in the end. Lee encouraged others to take advantage of opportunity.

Sue suggested that the Advocacy WG could use the data to reinforce the point that wheelchair service does make a difference. Mary thinks the information could provide great information for the policy toolkit, as well as additional awareness campaigns.

10. **Other News:** Sue reported that Health Volunteers Overseas will be holding its physical therapy strategic planning session on August 4-5, hosted by University of Pittsburgh. ISWP representatives will be invited to attend part of the first day.

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

	<b>TWG Members</b>
	Dave Calver, UCP Wheels, U.S.
	Barbara Crane, University of Hartford, U.S.
✓	Eliana Ferretti, Federal University of Sao Paulo (UNIFESP), Brazil
	Ritu Ghosh, Mobility India, India
✓	Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University, Canada
	Tamsin Langford, Motivation UK, United Kingdom
	Xavier Lemire, HI, Mozambique
	Sergio Mainetti, CBM, South Africa
✓	Jess Markt, ICRC, Switzerland (based in U.S.)
	Kylie Mines, Motivation Australia, Australia
	Abdullah Munish, Motivation Africa, Africa

	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>
	<b><i>SC Members</i></b>
✓	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, Universidad CES, <i>Colombia</i>
	<b><i>Guests</i></b>
	Maggie Lemiell, MSH, <i>US</i>
	Nicole VanderZouwen, Free Wheelchair Mission, <i>US</i>
	Scott Ward, University of Utah, <i>US</i>
	<b><i>ISWP Central Team at University of Pittsburgh</i></b>
✓	Mary Goldberg, <b>Chair</b>
	Jon Pearlman
✓	Alexandria Miles
✓	Nancy Augustine
✓	Krithika Kandavel
✓	Yohali Burrola

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