



## ISWP Training Working Group Hybrid Subcommittee

### November 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The ISWP Training Working Group Hybrid Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

**Link to Meeting Recording:** <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/p5l1hytuu2y/>.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 8:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

**Discussion:** Persons responsible for action items are in bold/underline/italics.

#### 1. **Attendance and Regrets:**

Attending:

- Eliana Ferretti, UNIFESP
- Theresa Plummer, Belmont University
- Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University (chair)
- ISWP: Yohali Burrola, Krithika Kandavel, Nancy Augustine

Regrets:

- Dave Calver, UCP/Wheels for Humanity
- Mary Goldberg, ISWP – congratulations were extended on the arrival of Ari
- Eldar Husanovic, Human Study
- Tamsin Langford, Motivation UK
- Xavier Lemire, Handicap International
- Rob Mattingly
- Eric Wunderlich, LDS Charities
- Tchai Xavier

#### 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved with addition of Subcommittee Sunset.

3. **Approval of Minutes, August 17, 2016 Meeting:** Minutes were approved. No calls took place in September or October because we were waiting for the completion of the Colombia Course.
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes (other than Ongoing Business below):** None.
5. **Ongoing Business:**
  - a. *Human Study course:* **Nancy** to check with Jon to see if he is aware of updates based on conversations he had with Human Study representatives at the August 2016 FATO conference. Feedback from Eldar or Tchai would be welcomed.
  - b. *Hybrid Course at Universidad CES, Colombia:* A Spanish version of the Hybrid was completed in early November and used during the recent pilot in November at Universidad CES, Colombia. The course took place October 14 – November 5, 2016. Maria Toro had positive comments about the session. She mentioned that one of the participants, who was a physiotherapist, taught some additional wheelchair skills (including the wheelie) during the program, which is not part of the WHO content. This additional training was well received. Lee suggested that be taken into consideration in the evaluation of results. (*Update:* Maria submitted a final report on November 25.)
  - c. *Mexico Basic training:* There will be two Basic training sessions in Spanish at CRIT Puebla, Mexico, in January-February 2017 with 40 participants and 16 wheelchair users:
    - January 2-6: Hybrid course online component
    - January 23-27: 5 day in-person Basic training
    - January 30-February 1: Hybrid course in-person component

Trainers will be Yasmin Garcia, Maria Elena and a third person who participated in previous Intermediate trainings.

Lee recommended, if possible, that the potential participants be randomly allocated to either the Hybrid or the 5-day in-person training session instead of assigning or having attendees select the preferred session themselves. Groups would be more comparable if the random allocation method was used. Krithika explained that Maria Elena and Yasmin are considering attendees based on how long they can be away from the clinic. **Krithika** will forward the recommendation to the trainers.

- d. *Evaluation of pilot results and follow-up survey:* Yohali is evaluating results, including evaluating domains of each aspect of the test. Yohali anticipates receiving follow-up survey results from Mexico in July-August 2017. While not part of the initial plan, Yohali will be drafting a follow-up survey which participants will be asked to complete 6 months following the training, along with retaking the Basic test. ***Yohali*** is drafting the survey and will provide to the subcommittee for input/approval.
- e. *Plans for 2017:* ISWP has received requests for the Hybrid Course from a variety of sources, along with including the Hybrid Course materials as part of the Integration Subcommittee's efforts.
- f. *Hybrid Plus Option:* The Hybrid Subcommittee's funding proposal was for a Hybrid Plus option (adding wheelchair-skills material to the remote training and a 4<sup>th</sup> day of practical wheelchair skills training to the in-person component). Since the August call, the Advisory Board approved a funding proposal to add 8 hours (1 day) of wheelchair skills training to the Hybrid Basic in-person. This is contingent on finding a host who is willing to expand the in-person component from 3 to 4 days. Other site options may come out of collaborating with the Integration Subcommittee on 2017 activities. Funding management for the Hybrid Plus (e.g., approved travel and other expenses) will be at ISWP Central.
- g. *Hybrid Mini Option:* Regarding this option, Lee explained that, instead of having the remote training (online or hard copies of materials or DVD) plus a 3-day practical session, there is some interest from ISWP Central in reducing the in-person component to 2 days. It could be more marketable and feasible to conduct in conjunction with a conference, such as ISPO, WCPT, LASS, or Oceanic Seating Symposium. ***Yohali*** is evaluating the course content to determine what additional components can be moved online. The mini course would not include delivering wheelchairs to wheelchair users during the in-person training. The session would be designed to take place as a pre-conference workshop. In addition to removing material from the in-person component, the hope is that 3-4 hours of wheelchair skills training could be included and spread over the 2-day in-person training. ***Subcommittee members*** to consider the possibility of redirecting our Hybrid Plus efforts and funding into trials of the Hybrid Mini option in association with a meeting (e.g. RESNA) in 2017.

It is expected that the Hybrid Mini and Hybrid Plus options would give organizations flexibility based on needs, participants' backgrounds and trainees' availability/schedules. For instance, universities may choose to use Hybrid

materials over a whole semester. It was noted that changes made to the Hybrid Course would impact other Training Working Group initiatives, including those of the Testing, Training of Trainers and Integration Subcommittees.

6. **New Business:**

- a. **Subcommittee co-chair change:** Tchai Xavier has resigned as Hybrid Subcommittee co-chair due to her work obligations and time-zone challenges. She would like to remain as a Subcommittee member. On behalf of the Subcommittee and ISWP Central, Lee thanked Tchai for her contributions and welcomed her continued input. A new co-chair will not be named since the Subcommittee's work is winding down.
  
- b. **Subcommittee Sunset:** The option was discussed again of the Hybrid Subcommittee enter a sunset phase – winding down its activities. Most Subcommittee members are on the Training Working Group and Advisory Board and can continue to provide input without the need for a subcommittee. Another option could be to have less frequent meetings/calls; for example, quarterly instead of monthly. **Subcommittee members** to consider this topic and discuss during the November Training Working Group and December Hybrid Subcommittee meetings.

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