



ISWP Training Working Group Hybrid Subcommittee

January 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The ISWP Training Working Group Hybrid Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 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/p40sag9aqrt/>

Next Meeting: Meetings will move from monthly to quarterly. Wednesday, April 19th, 2017, 8:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

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

1. **Attendance and Regrets:**

Attending:

- Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University (chair)
- Rob Mattingly
- Eliana Ferretti, UNIFESP
- Eric Wunderlich, LDS Charities
- ISWP: Jon Pearlman, Yohali Burrola, Krithika Kandavel, Nancy Augustine

Regrets:

- Dave Calver, UCP/Wheels for Humanity
- Mary Goldberg, ISWP
- Eldar Husanovic, Human Study
- Tamsin Langford, Motivation UK
- Xavier Lemire, Handicap International
- Tchai Xavier
- Theresa Plummer, Belmont University

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.

3. **Approval of Minutes, November 16, 2016 Meeting:** Minutes were approved.
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes (other than Ongoing Business below):** None.

5. **Report from ISWP:**

Nancy provided an update on the various working groups:

- **Training working group:** Tamsin has announced her intention to step down as Chair. No replacement has been identified yet. The Subcommittees are progressing well.
- **Advocacy working group:** ISWP has been working with a creative consultant on an ISWP video in both 2 mins and 30 seconds format. The working group is reviewing the videos and will discuss on the January 23 Advocacy WG monthly call. Padmaja Kankipati is contracted to do a desk review for the policy adoption toolkit, the first of two toolkits being developed (second will be policy implementation). The Advocacy WG is reviewing a draft document which includes examples of policies and funding in India and Thailand. Also, the group is working extensively to promote ISWP and campaigns in social media.
- **Evidence based practice working group:** ISWP is planning to gather information related to wheelchair service provisions in Kenya and Romania, once agreements with the university are finalized. The Minimum Uniform Data Set (MUD) questionnaire has been reviewed and revised based on Karen Rispin's pilot in Kenya in May 2016. The Subcommittee will review the questionnaire along with an excel template that will help service providers record the data on a January 19th 2017 subcommittee call.
- **Standards working group:** Testing equipment is up and running for caster, rolling resistance and corrosion. Some working group member and subject matter experts met in December 2016 to review a draft of the design guidelines, which is being updated to reflect their feedback.
- **Affiliates:** ISWP is working to set up contracts with Motivation Romania and the Philippines Society of Wheelchair Professionals (PSWP).
- **Funding Proposal:** ISWP is inviting each working group to submit a funding proposal for up to USD 50,000 for a working group and related subcommittee activities in 2017.

6. **Ongoing Business:**

Yohali provided an update on the Hybrid Course:

a. **Basic Hybrid Course**

- *Mexico –Spanish – January 23rd to February 1st 2017:* The Mexican courses are being held in January. A total of 37 participants will be trained across

both the classic WHO Basic Course (5 days) and the classic Hybrid Basic Course (on-line plus 3 days in person). Yasmin Garcia, Maria Elena and Norma Jimenez will be the trainers for both courses. The trainings will be held at CRIT Puebla.

- *India – English – March 2016*: A revised data analysis is complete and has been accepted for an ISS presentation in March 2017. Yohali is working on a paper on the development of the Hybrid. The findings of all the pilots will be included in this paper.
- Yohali drafted a follow-up survey which it is hoped will be sent to participants 6-8 months after the session. The group is waiting for University of Pittsburgh's IRB approval to start collecting this data.

Action: Yohali to circulate the follow-up survey again to Hybrid Subcommittee members with a deadline for feedback.

b. Plans for 2017

Lee mentioned the USAID 'Request for Proposals (RFP) for Leahy War Victims Fund (LWVF) Program'. Jon mentioned ISWP is considering to either take the lead role or partner with another organization leading the project. Either way, the Hybrid SC would propose to use the Hybrid Basic Course (either "classic" or "plus" versions) as an option. This is currently in discussion and open for feedback for ISWP's role from the Hybrid SC members.

Since the trainings are taking place in the Middle East, language translation may be needed. Also, Jon asked Hybrid SC members what else may be added to achieve what the WHO materials are meant to teach. Lee suggested additional information on wheelchair skills would be beneficial.

Lee added that the Hybrid SC has already received Board funding approval (\$9,300) to lead a Hybrid Plus course (with a significant increase in wheelchair skills training). The Hybrid SC is looking for suitable opportunities to test this hypothesis. Lee added that the focus of the RESNA 2017 1-day Instructional Course proposal (called, tongue-in-cheek, the Hybrid "Micro") is to try to accomplish some aspects of the full Hybrid Plus Course. Using this terminology, the Hybrid "Mini" refers to the 2-day option that ISWP Central has conceived.

7. Other business:

- a. **Papers for publications:** Yohali is working on two papers, one related to the development of the Hybrid Basic Course and the other one is what was already

submitted to ISS. She recently included the satisfaction survey and will distribute drafts to the Hybrid SC members for their information and input.

- b. Next meeting:** The members agreed to have quarterly and ad hoc meetings instead of the monthly meeting. The next quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, April 19th 2017.

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