ISWP Integration Subcommittee

December 3, 2015 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Integration Subcommittee met via Adobe Connect on Thursday, December 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. EST. This provides a recap.

Link to Meeting Recording: https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/p8bktz946c8/

Next Meeting: To be determined

Discussion:

1. Introductions

   New members attending this meeting include Paula Rushton an occupational therapist and professor at the University of Montreal and Thomas Leblanc of Handicap International.

2. Update of the Subcommittee's Work To-Date

   Lauren, Tamsin, Mary, and Jon Pearlman met about the high-level meeting. The first request for funding was denied. The outcomes need to be developed further. Jon Pearlman is reviewing the proposal and will make suggestions to improve the outcomes.

   The group has drafted a second survey for the wheelchair educational community to uncover barriers and supports that need to be addresses for integration of wheelchair curriculum. This was the main topic discussed at the meeting.

3. Survey and Other Options

   Mary expressed concerns about the second survey. She felt it was a redundant survey to the original survey. She suggested a Google group as a more action-oriented next step. Nicky and Paula indicated that this was a good idea. Mary explained the possible setups available for Google group.

   Paula and Barbara had limited experience with this technology. Catherine suggested that

it can be more or less open depending on settings, though it can be spammed. She also stated that other medias might more "normal" to users. Nicky suggested an on-going chat on Facebook. Mary indicated that ISWP can moderate this conversation.

Mary had concerns about Facebook and LinkedIn. Nicky indicated that it needs to be something people can do from a phone. Lauren suggested creating a pro/con chart of the different options available.

Nicky asked the group to try to define the purpose of this group before creation.

Lauren asked about uploading/downloading documents from this conversation. Catherine suggested housing the documents on the ISWP website. Barbara and Paula felt that documents should be available through the same media as the conversation. Lauren summarized Catherine's point that some employers block download sites, so housing the documents on the ISWP website might be beneficial.

Mary clarified that the Google group is a listserv that would send emails to members. Nicky and Lauren had concerns about spamming members' emails. Mary expressed that the group would be focused and the emails would all be relevant.

Lauren indicated that Jon Pearlman wanted the subcommittee having data before the high level meeting. This data may be able to be gained from the conversations, too. However, the survey and the group may serve two different purposes. The group could be great for linking people in the community to enhance current efforts in integration.

Nicky agreed that the group and survey serve two different purposes. She expressed that resources might be better created after integration has been started. Barbara stated that in her surveys and the first survey of the subcommittee, there was significant variability so getting more information via a group would be helpful. Nicky indicated that the survey should be sent to a variety of less-resourced settings.

4. Upcoming Events

   Lauren stated that Motivation Australia will hold basic and intermediate training in Fiji and Vanuatu in the first few months of next year.

Catherine indicated the WCPT just opened their call for submissions for focused symposiums.

Nicky indicated that wheelchair policy has been included in upcoming Kenyan disability policy. She also indicated that Madagascar is active in training.

Mary updated the group on ISWP efforts. Members are asked to help in recruitment of pilot subjects for the intermediate knowledge and skills tests. She suggested students could be good candidates. All participants must have passed basic test prior to pilot testing.

Mary also indicated that the first Hybrid Course Prototype was sent out the entire Training WG. All are welcome to review.

Action Items

All subcommittee members are asked to submit any known pros/cons about the suggested or new platforms to Lauren.

Rachel and Lauren will develop a pro/con chart of the various options for integration conversations and document sharing.

All subcommittee members are asked to help in recruitment of pilot testing subjects for the intermediate knowledge and skills tests.

Contact Mary if you are interested in reviewing the first Hybrid Course Prototype or using the Hybrid Course in your classes.

Please contact Lauren or Paula if you know where to obtain French translations of the WSTP PowerPoints.

Participants (name, company)

- ✓ Lauren Flaherty, Motivation Australia
- ✓ Barbara Crane, University of Hartford
- ✓ Catherine Sykes, WCPT
- ✓ Nicky Seymour, Motivation Africa
- ✓ Paula Rushton, University of Montreal
- ✓ Thomas Leblanc, HI
- Samantha Shann, Northumbria University
- Marc Zlot, ICRC
- Judith van der Veen, CBM
- ✓ Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Rachel Gartz, University of Pittsburgh

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