

ISWP Testing Subcommittee

February 3, 2016 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Testing Subcommittee met via Adobe Connect on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. EST. This provides a recap.

Link to Meeting Recording: <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/p5tjl27olre/>

Next Meeting: March 2, 2016 7:00 a.m. EST

Discussion

1. Intermediate Knowledge Test - Question Review

Rachel updated the group that 245 questions have been uploaded, still awaiting a review and development from the Mobility India team. After that has been received, 10 questions will need to undergo a final review.

Celia expressed that she and Tamsin would like the entire question base to be reviewed by Training Working Group members. Mary stated that this is a huge task and may delay the timeline for the test's launch. Jamie agreed that one person should review the entire question base to ensure the language is consistent. Celia agreed this is very important for those who are not native English speakers. Mary stated that doing this type of review alongside alpha testing would be ideal so that the timeline is maintained.

2. Funding Request

Celia suggested applying for funding for reviewer's time. Jamie stated that it would probably take about 3 days of full time work. He also expressed that the review should look both at content and testing expertise. Mary suggested two people could independently review entire question base and meet online to discuss discrepancies. Jamie stated the per diem cost was about \$500 per day. The group decided to ask for funds for three reviewers (two service provision experts and one testing expert) over two days.



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Mary suggested applying for the skills assessment funding at the same time, to have a complete request for finishing the test. She suggested funds for the skills assessment to have people in the field helping others understand the process and requirements. Celia agreed they would need people in-country. Mary and Nancy expressed it may be difficult to secure funding for working group members since most working group members are not paid for their efforts. Jamie suggested nominations for experts outside the working group. Nancy suggested having multiple phases in the proposal since the funding will not all be used at this time. ISWP will draft the funding proposal and send to Celia for review.

3. Skills Assessment

Celia and Jamie agreed that having people out in the field to help the skills assessment process along would be beneficial. Celia pointed out that case studies must be submitted after candidates are on their own, without the guidance of their trainer. Jamie also stated that at least one person reviewing the intermediate knowledge test questions should be involved with the skills assessment. This can help increase engagement throughout the full process.

ISWP will draft the criteria for evaluators. Mary stated that evaluators would need to be compensated for their time. No flight travel will be required since the submissions are made online. Nancy and Mary will discuss with Jon where these funds should be derived. Mary suggested the cost of evaluators may have to be included in project/training budget or a fee to candidates. She also suggested the developed world could subsidize the less-resourced areas. Through 2017, ISWP intends to draw buy-in for the tests.

4. Timeline

Celia asked about the proposed timeline. Rachel stated that the plan was for the alpha testing to take place by mid-February.



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Action Items

ISWP will draft the funding proposal and send to Celia for review.

ISWP will draft the criteria for evaluators and send to the subcommittee for review.

ISWP will solicit nominations for contractor(s) to review all test questions.

Participants (name, company)

- Elsje Scheffler, DARE Consult
- ✓ Celia Stubbs, Motivation UK
- ✓ Jamie Noon, Independent Consultant
- Mr. Sudhakar and Ms. Venilla, Mobility India
- Dietlind Gretschesell, Rehab Lab
- Nekram Upadhyay, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre
- Ritu Ghosh, Mobility India
- Abdullah Munish, Motivation Africa
- Tamsin Langford, Motivation UK
- Alex Miles, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh
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