ISWP Training Working Group
Integration Subcommittee

February 23rd, 2017 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Training Working Group Integration Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2017 from 07:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

Link to Meeting Recording: https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/p7ojmz4ddqe/

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12th, 2017, 07:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time.

Action Items:

1. High Level Meeting:
   • Development of joint position paper (describe what position paper will accomplish). Mary Goldberg and Jon Pearlman will draft for the group’s review.
   • WFOT 2018 Congress, May 21-25, 2018: Paula Rushton offered to draft the abstract for group’s feedback. Mary Goldberg and Nicky Seymour offered to review.
   • OT African Regional Group, September 10-13, 2017: Abstract submission deadline is March 31, 2017. Nicky Seymour will draft the abstract; Samantha offered to review.

2. Google Community:
   • Krithika to add the February 7, 2017 Geneva meeting presentation.
• **Subcommittee members** to upload additional presentations they would be willing to share in the community.

**Discussion:**

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes from January 11\(^{th}\) 2017 Integration subcommittee call was approved.

3. **Integration Interviews Update**

8 interviews completed to date with participants from OT, PT and P&O programs: 3 in high-resourced country, 2 in middle-resourced country and 2 in low-resourced country. It would be great to have more participants from less-resourced countries, especially from PT in a lower-resourced setting. Karen Fung, the University of Montreal intern working on the project, can conduct the interviews in English or French.

The group reached consensus on the following potential list of interviews as priorities:

- **Samantha** to help in connect with people in Romania and Ghana and will also contact facilities in Philippines or Indonesia
- **Nicky** to help connect with Lisa Ledger from the UK. Lisa is Head of OT at University of Derby in the UK.
- The group is looking to add PTs from the lower resource setting who teaches in a university setting to the existing demographics. **Nicky** suggested to collaborate with Uta Prehl from Handicap International to connect with universities (probably French-speaking) in Africa. Nicky offered to try to connect from Kenya and Uganda; potentially PTs.

**Potential list for future interviews:**

- Mary Goldberg suggested to connect with Rosie Gowran, who teaches at University of Limerick (currently on sabbatical in Australia).
- Claire, who teaches OT at Xavier University in Ohio.
- Nicky suggested to connect with Lauren Flaherty, Motivation, works in the Pacific region, low-income areas.
• Rachel McDonald, Paula Rushton’s contact from Australia.
• Teresa Plummer can participate as the educator for the new OT PT program in Haiti and recommended Rachel Schmidt from Australia

Samantha provided information to Karen Fung for OT representative. Interview is scheduled interview for February 28th.

4. High Level Meeting Planning update

Meeting took place on Tuesday, February 7th, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at WHO offices in Geneva. Organizations and representatives attended:

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The meeting started with a presentation of data from the survey, qualitative interviews and pilot site case studies (University of Montreal and Universidad CES). There was consensus right away about the need to enhance wheelchair education internationally in health care professional programs.

After the presentation, moved to discussion about how to move forward with the mission. Next steps overall:

1) Development of joint position paper (describe what position paper will accomplish). This is a priority. **Mary Goldberg** and **Jon Pearlman** will draft for the group’s review.

2) The group is discussing the idea of conducting a survey led by ISWP to get better understanding from OT, PT, and P&O scopes of practice related to enhancing WC content in university programs, especially in different geographic regions so that integration efforts are appropriately targeted. This topic will be discussed more in detail during the next meeting.

3) Endorse WHO training packages and other materials recognized to be evidence based, as well as workshops and courses we could offer.

Each specific organization also has its own action items. For example, WFOT offered to publish the case studies in bulletin and online resources and distribute/promote ISWP materials at Canadian Association of OT and WFOT congresses in their booths. ISPO will have a session at its 2019 world congress.

ISWP will follow up with organizations and develop action plans.

Group discussed moving forward with upcoming congresses.

- **WFOT 2018 Congress, May 21-25, 2018:** Opportunity to launch the integration toolkit. Deadline for submissions is May 4, 2017. Samantha explained that would require a workshop abstract to be submitted. Samantha explained there is a mixture of both educators and clinicians; abstract should describe who from
benefit from submission. **Paula Rushton** offered to draft the abstract for group’s feedback.

- **OT African Regional Group, September 10-13, 2017:** Abstract submission deadline is March 31, 2017. **Nicky Seymour** will draft the abstract; Samantha offered to review.

- **WCPT Congress 2017:** Nicky has not heard back regarding her submission. Samantha suggested a small workshop proposal with a structured list of questions that maybe a follow-up from the interview questions or just give a idea of what/how OTs in South Africa are using the wheelchair trainings may be more appropriate for some of WFOT’s regional conferences; while smaller in number of attendees, it has a rich focus on clinicians and service providers.

Nicky suggested ISWP promote wheelchair sessions at upcoming conferences, including providing information on conference dates and submission deadlines.

5. **Google Community – please share any updates for uploading onto the site:**
   https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/107154671915954755355

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6. **Other Discussions**

**Hybrid Subcommittee Merger with Integration Subcommittee:** Now that the Hybrid Basic course has been developed, the Hybrid Subcommittee has discussed disbanding or merging into the Integration Subcommittee. Lee Kirby, Hybrid Subcommittee chair, would join the Integration Subcommittee. Mary explained it is a logical next step as the Hybrid course is a key tool for the integration toolkit, and it is important to obtain educators’ feedback on the course in order to make it scalable.

ISWP is exploring additional variations of the Hybrid, such as a one-day in-person course which will be piloted at RESNA June 2017 conference. Other next steps are
additional language translations, which would help to have Subcommittee direction/review. The hybrid course is a focus of Yohali Burrola’s doctoral program; the subcommittee has been instrumental in providing feedback, with Yohali doing the development. Samantha, Teresa, and Maria agreed. Nicky commented that it would help to understand the amount of additional work required of the Subcommittee, as the current Subcommittee agenda is quite full already. She thinks it can be managed, though. Mary explained it would not involve a large share of the Integration Subcommittee’s time in terms of development; rather, direction, review and feedback. 

In conclusion, the Integration subcommittee members collectively agreed to merge with the hybrid subcommittee.

Participants (check mark indicates participation on call)

✓ Paula Rushton, University of Montreal (co-chair)
✓ Nicky Seymour, Motivation (co-chair)
   Barbara Crane, Hartford University
   Sue Eitel, Eitel Global
   Karen Fung, University of Montreal
   Ritu Ghosh, Mobility India
✓ Teresa Plummer, Belmont University
✓ Samantha Shann, WFOT
✓ Uta Prehl, Handicap International
   Michelle Hollier, UCPRUK
   Tamsin Langford, Motivation
   Kylie Mines, Motivation Australia
   Catherine Sykes, WCPT
✓ Maria Toro, CES University
✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh
✓ Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
✓ Krithika Kandavel, University of Pittsburgh
   Alex Miles, University of Pittsburgh

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