



ISWP Integration Subcommittee Wednesday, June 10, 2020 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Integration Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

Link to Meeting Recording: <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/ptu8bwt6193s/>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 7:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Daylight Saving Time/11:00 UTC.

Discussion:

1. **Agenda Approval:** Agenda was approved.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Recap for May 7, 2020 meeting was approved.
3. **New Member introductions:** New Subcommittee members introduced themselves. Praveen Khumar, a PT and program manager for Motivation, has 10 years of experience in WC service provision and 6 years of experience as a basic, intermediate, managers level trainer. Praveen developed an online program for wheelchair service delivery based on WSTP-B. He also is involved with product development in India and has worked with pediatric clients. Praveen currently is developing partnerships with academic partners and is making sure more grassroots organizations are providing appropriate wheelchair service provision.

Amira is an OT who is teaching at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Canada. Her expertise is in acute neurosurgery/SCI service. Amira has wheelchair service provision experience in Haiti, India, Uganda, Nepal and Kenya.

4. **Nominations for New Chair:** Paula Rushton has co-chaired the committee since August 2016, part of the time with Nicky Seymour. Paula is stepping down as she starts her sabbatical and takes on leading the Educators' Package development. Paula described the Subcommittee chair's responsibilities, including preparing monthly meeting agendas, facilitating monthly meetings, reviewing and approving meeting recaps and leading any initiatives the Subcommittee undertakes. The chair also attends quarterly ISWP Advisory Board meetings to report on activities. The ISWP team, primarily Krithika Kandavel, provides support.

Teresa Plummer nominated Mary Goldberg. Amira Tawashy also expressed interest. Nancy Augustine explained that stakeholders are better suited to lead committees and



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subcommittees than ISWP staff as they work directly in the field and represent the sector well.

Maria Toro Hernandez suggested discussing what upcoming projects the Subcommittee would be addressing in the year ahead.

Subcommittee members voted by poll. Of 8 members who voted, 6 (75%) voted for Amira; 2 (25%) were not sure. Amira will assume the Integration Subcommittee chair role effective with the July 2020 meeting.

5. **Wheelchair Educators' Package:** Thirty-one (31) individuals have been selected for the group which will develop, review and help to pilot the package. Paula is meeting with each person to provide background, discuss potential subgroups and determine where the person feels he/she fits best. Four meetings have taken place to date. Paula anticipates completing the meetings at the end of June.

Two interns will be working this summer on a scoping review. They currently are scanning literature related to wheelchair and AT education, pedagogic approaches, and evaluation. One person on the Development Group is a Cochrane collaboration expert and will provide helpful insights. Paula will share the literature review with the group (open-access articles only) – either in SMART or through another channel.

6. **Publications:** No new publications to report.
7. **SMART:** One possible Subcommittee initiative could be to reignite interest in SMART by adding new resources and encouraging greater usage of the toolkit. A PT who was doing training in Iran mentioned it was useful as part of his activities.
8. **Clinicians Task Force (CTF):** Things are on hold due to the pandemic. Teresa Plummer will follow up with Mary Goldberg regarding a graphic Mary is creating to show how a OT/PT fieldwork capstone project could roll out in practice.
9. **Academic Training Partners:** Next call is on Thursday, June 18, 7:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern. Ritu Gosh and her team from Mobility India will be presenting.
10. **Hybrid Update:** Lee reported there has not been any major activity.
11. **ISWP Update:** ISWP received a costed extension to continue work plan activities; the extension likely will be in place until ISWP moves out of the University of Pittsburgh early next year.

URC led a request for applications and the selection of a consulting firm to work with the Forming Committee on the ISWP separate entity. AMCES, an association management and consulting firm, was selected. AMCES completed an independent

review of ISWP in 2018 so understands the organization and the sector. A meeting took place on June 9 with AMCES, Forming Committee chair David Constantine, URC, USAID and ISWP to discuss next steps. The ISWP Forming Committee, comprised of a cross-section of sector stakeholders and industry organization representatives, will meet with AMCES on Monday, June 22.

The Standards Working Group will meet on Wednesday, June 10. ISWP is holding a webinar on June 30 to launch a product standards wiki, an interactive tool on the ISWP website where members can contribute and download information about wheelchair product standards.

ISWP is working with a technical committee of seven sector stakeholders – clinicians, researchers and wheelchair service providers – to review and revise the Basic test. This is the first formal validation since the test was launched and is Pitt PhD student Yohali Anhue Burrola Mendez’ dissertation focus. Stakeholders have participated in teams to review the test domains and develop revisions. A final draft of the test is being circulated to the full committee for review. The revised test then will be beta tested among a subset of individuals who have taken the ISWP Basic test. Lee Kirby suggested that if a call for Basic test takers does not generate a large enough sample, that ISWP members at large should be invited. Lee also suggested that the beta test be scored so that a discrimination index could be calculated. Teresa Plummer suggested offering continuing education credits for taking the test and providing feedback; it would be an incentive to some, such as Clinician Task Force members. **ISWP team** to invite Yohali to the July or August 2020 Integration Subcommittee call to present an update.

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Participants *(check mark indicates participation on call)*

√	Paula Rushton, University of Montreal (Chair)
	Alia Alghwiri, University of Jordan
	Hasan Alkhawaldeh, University of Jordan
	Gail Freidhoff-Bohman aka Cookie, AT-Retired
	Ilse Caballeros, Free Wheelchair Mission
	Barbara Crane, Plymouth State University
	Rosy Dorman, Motivation
	Karen Fung, University of Montreal
	Ritu Ghosh, Mobility India
√	Sudakhar Govindasamy
	Michelle Hollier, UCPRUK
√	Praveen Khumar, Motivation

√	Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University
	Kylie Mines, Motivation Australia
√	Thais Pousada, Universidad de la Coruña
	Uta Prehl, Humanity & Inclusion
√	Teresa Plummer, Belmont University
	Hassan Sarak, University of Jordan
	Nicky Seymour
√	Samantha Shann, WFOT
	Traci Swartz, Emory University
	Catherine Sykes
√	Amira Tawashy, Dalhousie University
	Vanessa Weisner-Luna, Escuela Colombiana de Rehabilitacion
	Hanan, University of Jordan
	Jon Pearlman, University of Pittsburgh
	Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
√	Maria Toro Hernandez, University of Pittsburgh
√	Krithika Kandavel, University of Pittsburgh
	Yohali Anhue Burrola Mendez, University of Pittsburgh
√	Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh

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