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ISWP Integration Subcommittee Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The ISWP Integration Subcommittee met by conference call on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Standard Time/12:00 to 13:00 GMT. This provides the meeting minutes.

Link to Meeting Recording: [link](#). Action items with responsibilities are shown in bold/underline.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 7:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Standard Time/12:00 p.m. GMT.

Discussion:

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** There were no changes to the October 13, 2021 meeting minutes.
2. **ISWP Educators' Package:** Internal and external reviews were completed. The report was shared with the Steering Committee and will be discussed with the WG leads during the December 21 call. The WEP Steering Committee is determining which modifications can be done internally to address reviewers' comments, what changes need to be made by the website developer and what changes can wait until after the pilots.

An accelerated three-month pilot with three organizations will take place mid-January through April 30, 2022:

Profession	Country	Income Level	Site/Educator
OT	Philippines	Low	University of the Philippines Penny Ching
OT	Mexico	Middle	University Teleton Norma Jiménez García
P&O	USA	High	University of Pittsburgh Helen Cochrane

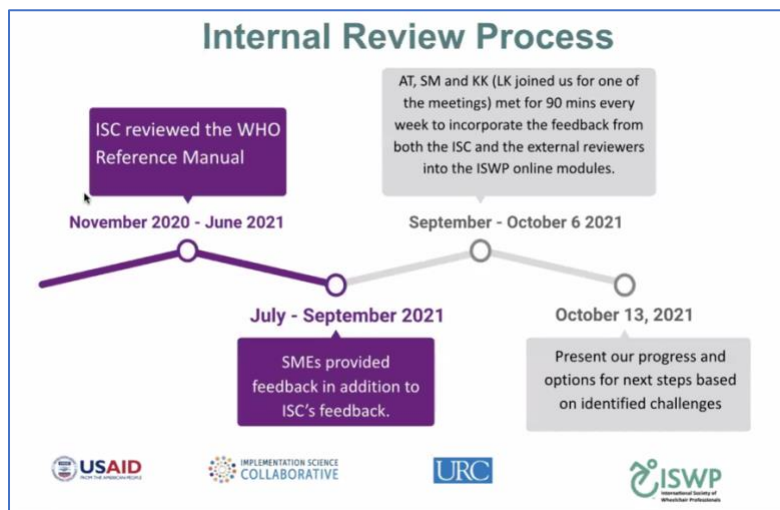
Helen works in a high-resource setting but has experience across all settings.

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3. **Academic Training Partners:** The 30th Academic Training Partners meeting took place on November 23. Representatives from the Government of Western Australia Rehab Center presented. The recording is available on [ISWP's YouTube channel](#). Krithika Kandavel is preparing a recap highlighting the 2021 meetings. Sara Munera Orozco is compiling lessons learned from all 30 ATP calls as part of the Wheelchair Educators' Package knowledge translation initiative.
4. **ISWP Update:** The transition to a separate entity continues, with bimonthly Founding Board calls. An executive search firm has been engaged to recruit the new ISWP executive director; the announcement should be issued in mid-December. ISWP received a no-cost extension from URS/USAID through September 30, 2022 to complete the Wheelchair Educators' Package and the Global Wheelchair Services Standards (this project is in collaboration with ISPO and WHO). ISWP also received \$307,000 in UNOPS/USAID funding to support the new entity and ongoing ISWP activities through March 31, 2022.

Yohali will be analyzing the Basic test review data in the coming weeks; ISWP has recruited a student to assist with the project.

5. **Joint Position Paper:** The paper, "Wheelchair Service Provision Content in Professional Rehabilitation Organizations' Standards Documents and Contemporary Initiatives: A Rapid Review", was deemed suitable for publication by *Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology*. The ISWP teaming is address some comments.
6. **French Canadian Translation Paper:** Paula Rushton is addressing revisions (likely during the holiday break).
7. **WHO Basic Reference Manual for Participants:** Amira reviewed the progress to date, as shown below.



During the October Subcommittee meeting, the consensus was that it would be very difficult to rewrite the Articulate Storyline modules and exceeded the resources currently available. The group is recommending that webinars be held in April-May 2022 to present updates and a suggested reorganization to the WSTP-Basic training package. Participants will be encouraged to review the modules before the webinar.

Amira presented an approach for a webinar covering Steps #7 and 8, which are the most challenging. The presentation includes background about the project and an overview of the changes (e.g., terminology, pictures, content simplification and content moved to different steps).

Lee suggested checking to be sure the wheelchair skills videos are the most current ones. **Paula Rushton** offered to share the videos she uses in her course.

After the October Subcommittee call, Mary Goldberg contacted the Wheelchair Standards co-authors to inform them of the Subcommittee's work. **Nancy Augustine** to check with Mary/Jon on the Standards group next steps.

8. **Conferences:** Amira is not planning to attend OSS and WFOT in person but could participate virtually.
9. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, , February 9, 2022, 7:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Standard Time/12:00 p.m. GMT.

Participants *(check mark indicates participation on call)*

	Sudakhar Govindasamy
	Praveen Khumar, Motivation
√	Lee Kirby, Dalhousie University
	Thais Pousada, Universidad de la Coruña
	Teresa Plummer, Belmont University
√	Paula Rushton, University of Montreal
	Padmaja Kankipati, WHO and SMOI
	Samantha Shann, WFOT
√	Amira Tawashy, Dalhousie University (Chair)
√	Mary Goldberg, University of Pittsburgh
√	Sara Munera Orozco, University of Pittsburgh
√	Krithika Kandavel, University of Pittsburgh
√	Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh

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