



## ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group

### June 1, 2017 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Evidence-based Practice Working Group met by conference call on Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 6, 2017, 9:00 am. U.S. Eastern Daylight Time

**Link to Meeting Recording:** <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/pg9vt8ir4fgf/>

**Discussion:** (action items in bold/underline)

1. **Data Center:** Studies available in the data center are from Mexico (Teleton), Indonesia (UCP) and Kenya and Philippines (Jhpiego). We are in discussions with LeTourneau University IRB regarding approval to receive data. World Vision ACCESS project will transfer data in July 2017, after project completion.

**Action: Evidence-based Practice WG members** are invited to access the data center and/or contribute studies. WG members received a data center overview on May 17. There is a 30-minute training required to be able to access the virtual desktop with data and statistical software. Dalhousie University is analyzing data currently. **ISWP staff** will: Include data center article in the June *The Hub* newsletter and contact GATE and ARATA to participate.

2. **Data Collection:**
  - a. **Minimum data set:** Evidence-based Practice WG members have access to the minimum data set tools, which were finalized in April. These include: Two questionnaire versions (short version, 25 questions; long version, 36 questions); interview guides and Excel workbooks.

Karen Rispin is testing the questionnaire in Kenya in May.

UCP/Wheels for Humanity is using the February 9, 2017 version of the questionnaire (35 questions) as part of its Google Wheelchair User's Voice Project pilot with 150 wheelchair users in Indonesia. UCP plans to roll out the project in January 2018 in Nicaragua and Indonesia based on the pilot results with about 200 participants per country.

ISWP is exploring open data kit sources as an option to using Excel workbooks to record the data. More information will be shared with the group during the July call.

- b. **Country data collection:** The final report on Kenya data collection will be submitted on June 22. ISWP also will receive country data collection from the wheelchair needs assessment component of the ISWP affiliate project in Romania and Philippines.
3. **Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Subcommittee:** The CER framework paper was approved by *The African Journal of Disability*. The literature review and summer intern hire are on hold as Deepan Kamaraj is away this summer.
4. **ISWP Update:** Nancy Augustine provided updates on ISWP activities:
- a. **Strategic plan:** The Advisory Board voted to approve the five-year strategic plan.
  - b. **No-cost extension:** ISWP submitted a two-month no-cost extension request to JSI/USAID, requesting a project completion date of August 31, 2017 instead of June 30, 2017 currently. ISWP is in ongoing discussions with USAID and other funders for support starting in September 2017.
  - c. **Affiliate project:** Affiliate partners are Philippine Society of Wheelchair Professionals (PSWP) and Motivation Romania. Stakeholder meetings have taken place in the Philippines and Romania. PSWP also provided an initial wheelchair assessment report, which is being updated following the stakeholder meetings. Motivation Romania will provide a wheelchair assessment report, too.
  - d. **Advocacy:** USAID is reviewing videos ISWP created to raise awareness of the need for appropriate wheelchairs and services and of ISWP. Two versions will be available: thirty-seconds and two-minutes. ISWP presented a draft policy toolkit at ISPO, which will be revised based on feedback from ISPO attendees, PSWP and Motivation Romania.
  - e. **Standards:** Caster and corrosion testing continue throughout the summer at the University of Pittsburgh; rolling resistance testing is on hiatus at LeTourneau University during the summer break. ISWP is creating a repository of equipment drawings which will be available to the sector.
  - f. **Training:** The Wheelchair International Network (WIN) is in final stages of development and will be launched by the end of July. Six pilots of the Hybrid-Basic course have taken place in India (in-person and Hybrid), Colombia, Mexico (in-person and Hybrid) and Pittsburgh. Two additional Hybrid-Basic courses are planned: ISPO Latin America, June 18-21 (online required, with one-day in-person training split into two four-sessions) and RESNA pre-con, June 27, (online optional, with one day in-person split into WHO-WSTP Basic and wheelchair skills training). The ISWP Basic test is available in 9 languages: Arabic, English, French, Mandarin, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Urdu. Versions in Albanian, Khmer, Lao and Vietnamese are being tested currently. (*Update, 6/16: The Khmer version of the test has been launched in test.com.*) The ISWP Intermediate Knowledge and Skills test is available in English and being translated into Spanish. A mentoring pilot is under way with 24 participants to

support their submissions of Intermediate case studies. The Integration Subcommittee is following with up with an action plan based on a February 7, 2017 meeting in Geneva with representatives from ISPO, ISPRM, WCPT and WFOT about integrating WHO-WSTP into university and training program curricula. The Subcommittee also is working with 8 pilot sites on integration. Working with subject matter experts, ISWP completed development of a Trainee Competency Assessment form which is used for Training of Trainer programs. Through a separate grant, Mary Goldberg is piloting a wheelchair service provider credential with 40 participants – 29 international and 13 U.S.

**Participants:**

- Kavi Bhalla, Johns Hopkins University
- Johan Borg, Lund University
- Nathan Bray, Centre for Health Economics and Medicines Evaluation
- Molly Broderson, Free Wheelchair Mission
- Mark Harniss, University of Washington
- ✓ Kristi Haycock, LDS Charities
- Maria Toro Hernandez, Universidad CES
- Astrid Jenkinson, Motivation UK
- ✓ Padmaja Kankipati, SMOI, Chair
- Karen Reyes, UCP Wheels for Humanity
- Karen Rispin, LeTourneau University
- Chandra Whestine, World Vision
- ✓ Eric Wunderlich, LDS Charities
- ✓ Tricia Karg, University of Pittsburgh
- Alexandra Miles, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Jon Pearlman, University of Pittsburgh
- Rich Schein, University of Pittsburgh, Co-Chair
- Deepan Kamaraj, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Nancy Augustine, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ Krithika Kandavel, University of Pittsburgh

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