

ISWP Academic Training Partners

We are pleased to invite you to join our Academic Training Partners group! In this document, we describe the background of the group, benefits, and requirements for participating.

Background

The purpose of the group is to include or enhance wheelchair content into members' courses and to use globally available resources as appropriate. Through this process, ISWP is continuously gathering and developing resources, approaches, case studies and example curricula for our toolkit, the [Seating and Mobility Academic Resource Toolkit \(SMART\)](#). This activity is part of our [Integration Subcommittee](#).

Nineteen (19) academic training partners from 15 countries are working to support integration of WHO WSTP into their PT, OT and P&O curricula. Among the 19 partners, 11 are in lower middle income or upper middle income countries. Most programs (9) offer PT and P&O curricula, followed by 6 which offer PT only:

<i>Income Setting (World Bank definition)</i>		<i>Program Type</i>	
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Number</i>
Low Income	2	OT	3
Lower Middle Income	6	PT	6
Upper Middle Income	5	PT and OT	9
High Income	6	PT and P&O	1

Eighteen (18) partner calls have been held to date. We encourage you to review our latest [lessons learned document](#).

List of Academic Training Partners

Setting	Country	Organization / Training Institution	Profession
Low income – Africa	Togo	L'Ecole Nationale des Auxiliaires Médicaux (ENAM)	OT
	Senegal	Ecole Nationale De Development Sanitaire et Social (ENDSS). Physiotherapy program. Senegal (Dakar)	PT & OT
Lower-middle income – Africa	Sudan	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	PT & PO
Lower-middle income – Asia	Cambodia	Cambodian PT Association	PT
	India	Indian Spinal Injuries Centre	PT & OT
	Laos	Faculty of Medical Technology, Vientiane	PT
	Jordan	University of Jordan	PT
	Bangladesh	Center for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Bangladesh	OT
Upper-middle income – Asia	Thailand	Mahidol University	PT & OT
	Thailand	Chiang Mai University	PT & OT
Upper-middle income – Latin America	Brazil	Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP)	PT
	Colombia	Universidad CES, Medellin	PT

High income – Asia	Israel	Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical College	OT
High income – North America	Canada	University of Montreal	PT & OT
	Canada	University of Manitoba	PT & OT
	Canada	Dalhousie University	PT & OT
	Israel	Hebrew University – Hadassah Medical College	PT & OT
	USA	University of Hartford	PT
	USA	Belmont University	PT & OT

Benefits

Academic Training Partners are eligible to receive complimentary access to the following for a one-year period:

1. ISWP Online Basic modules (developed based on the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Package- Basic Level; available in English and Spanish) hosted in Wheelchair International Network;
2. ISWP Wheelchair Service Provision Basic Test (available in 14 languages) hosted in Wheelchair International Network;
3. Discounted rates for the ISWP Basic Certification for instructors and students.

Access to these materials after one year may be subject to a charge to cover expenses for maintaining.

Academic Training Partners enjoy the following benefits indefinitely:

4. Special mention on the SMART website as a [SMART resource contributor](#);
5. Open access to [SMART materials](#);
6. Insights from other Academic Training Partners by:
 - Participating in bi-monthly online meetings
 - Posting your questions/announcements to iswp-academic-training-partners@googlegroups.com

These benefits are subject to change every new calendar year (starting in January).

Requirements

To receive the benefits above, we request that you complete the following in a one-year period (same time period that you will use the above-mentioned benefits):

1. Participate in 4 academic training partners' meetings;
2. Present on your academic training program, including facilitators and barriers to success in one of the academic training partners meetings;
3. Contribute a minimum of 5 [training resources](#) to SMART and;
4. Complete a [snapshot](#), with the assistance of ISWP staff, for your university/training institution.