ISPO-ISWP Collaboration

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS

- A global, multidisciplinary, non-governmental organization
- **Mission**: To improve the quality of life for persons who may benefit from the rehabilitation practice of prosthetic, orthotic, mobility and assistive technology
- Approx. 3’065 members from 113 countries
- 78 national members societies

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ISPO Wheelchair Advisory Group (WAG)

- In 2017, in the new Education Standards for Prosthetic and Orthotic Occupations, wheelchair service training was introduced as a competency P&O professional should acquire during their training
- In 2019, the WAG conducted a survey to get a picture on the integration of wheelchair training into P&O training programmes

ISPO AND GEM

- The Global Educators Meetings are recognised, at the highest levels in ISPO, as important activities
- ISPO support for GEM2022 is stronger than for any previous GEM

International collaboration to encourage:

- On-going exchanges
- Professional development
- Supportive learning

to improve P&O education globally

ISPO — ISWP — OPPORTUNITIES

- Both organizations work in multiple countries
- Both aim to increase access to quality services

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"Man Ty's wheelchair" by Exceed Worldwide is licensed under CC BY-NC 2.0

ISWP Wheelchair Service Hybrid Training Series - Basic Level

67 participants expressed their interest from 34 countries.

40 will be shortlisted from those who expressed interest.

Participants will complete the online course followed by the 1-day workshop.

Participants will then complete all requirements to receive the ISWP Wheelchair Service Provider (WSP) Certification

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USAID'S HEALTH EVALUATION AND APPLIED RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT (HEARD) PROJECT

WHEELCHAIR ACTION GROUP SURVEY, 2019: PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND

- In settings where educated wheelchair personnel are lacking, use of other rehabilitation personnel with appropriate education is encouraged (WHO, 2011)
- Lack of adequate education in wheelchair provision a major barrier to appropriate provision in low- and high-resource settings (Fung et al. 2017)

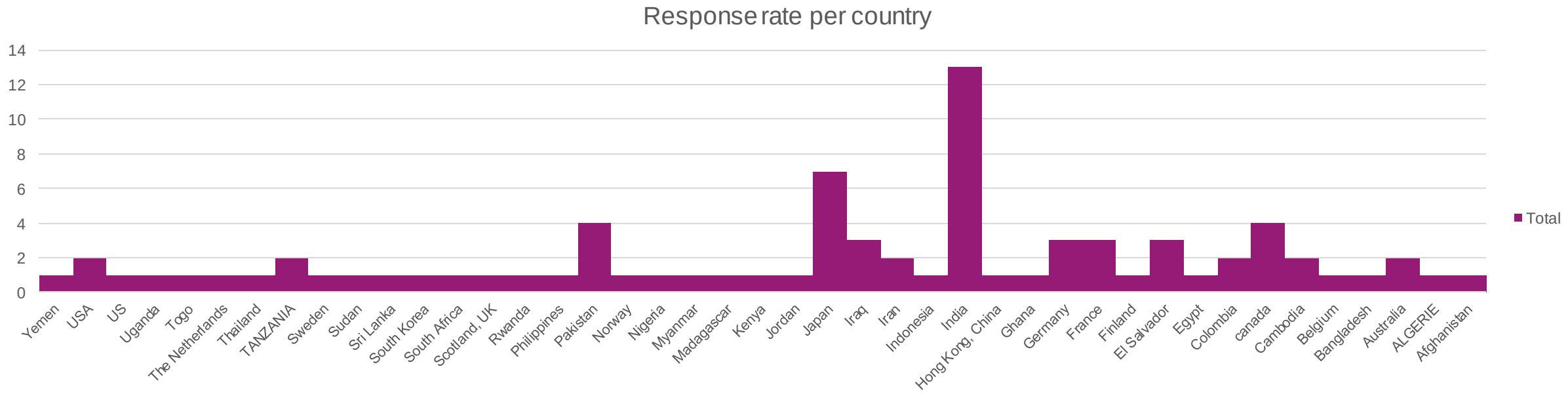
AIM(S)

...to describe:

1) *the level of knowledge regarding the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Packages;*
2) *which institutions/bodies have already integrated wheelchair service training within their training curriculum using either the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Packages (WSTP) or other material;*
3) *which institutions/bodies are planning, in the future, to integrate wheelchair service training in their training curriculum;*
4) *what is needed to support P&O training institutions to go through the process of integration of wheelchair service training in their curriculum.*

RESPONSE RATE

- 55% response rate by institution (75/137)
- 77% response rate by country (43/56)
- n=84 programs provided response (not necessarily to all questions)

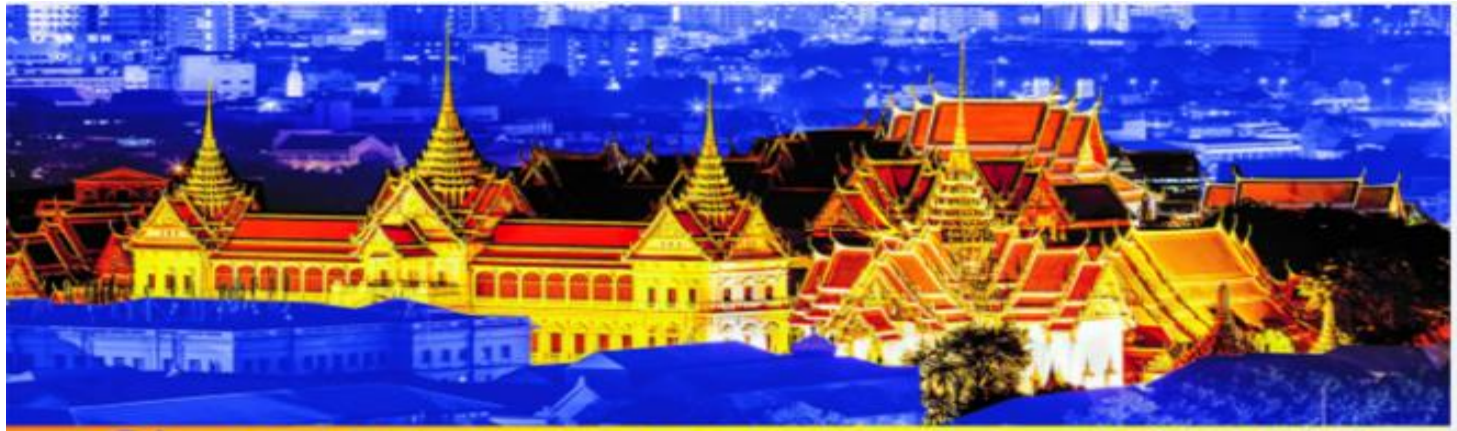


CONCLUSIONS

…in 2019, approximately half of P&O programmes or institutions,

1) were aware of the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Package(s)
2) had integrated wheelchair service training within their training curriculum using either the WHO Wheelchair Service Training Package (WSTP) or other material
3) were planning, in the future, to integrate wheelchair service training in their training curriculum*
4) stated lack of subject knowledge within faculty as the major barrier to integration in curriculum#

**assuming those that did not answer were truly undecided*
#closely followed by lack of time in curriculum



SAVE THE DATE

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global educators meeting

JUNE 8–10 2022

The 3rd Global Educators Meeting (GEM) will be hosted by the Sirindhorn School of Prosthetics and Orthotics (SSPO), Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand between 8-10 June 2022

GEM represents a unique and important event in the calendar of prosthetics and orthotics educators and stakeholders from across the globe

I hope you will not miss this opportunity and look forward to seeing you in Bangkok

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THANK YOU

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