



ISPRM International Relations Task Force

Objectives and Operating Guidelines – September 2026

Mission

The ISPRM International Relations Task Force (IR-TF) is established to strengthen and coordinate ISPRM's engagement, advocacy and visibility with international organizations and global rehabilitation initiatives, particularly the World Health Organization (WHO), World Rehabilitation Alliance (WRA) and United Nations (UN). The Task Force will support ISPRM's statutory commitment to engage with international organizations while ensuring that existing committees, representatives and working groups work in a coordinated manner and opportunities for global advocacy are maximized. The Task Force does not replace or duplicate the responsibilities of existing ISPRM committees, WRA workstreams, WHO regional representatives or UN liaison structures. Its role is primarily to connect, coordinate and facilitate these activities.

Goals

- Map and coordinate the activities of existing ISPRM committees, representatives, WRA, WHO and UN engagement to avoid duplication of efforts.
- Create a coherent approach to ISPRM's relationships with WHO, WRA, UN and other relevant international bodies.
- Promote ISPRM's position and contribute actively to global rehabilitation policy and implementation.
- Establish effective channels for international representatives to report activities, opportunities and outcomes to the TF and Communications Committee.
- Identify opportunities for ISPRM members to participate in international activities, including self-funded participation where appropriate.

Membership

Governance and Membership - Coordinating Group:

- Aydan Oral, Carolina Schiappacasse, Javvad Haider, Joy Evangelista, Walter Frontera
- Fary Khan – PC Liaison

The term for the Coordinating Group is three years with maximum 2 consecutive additional terms.

Division of responsibilities

The coordinating group will distribute tasks among the Task Force members according to their expertise, regional knowledge and existing international roles, with clear leads designated for specific areas to ensure accountability and avoid duplication.

Initial Priorities

- ✓ Mapping existing ISPRM representation and activities across WHO, WRA and UN.
- ✓ Clarifying roles and reporting lines for international representatives.
- ✓ Establishing a calendar of major international rehabilitation events and opportunities shared with the Communications Committee
- ✓ Coordinating with the PC international activities for the development of the ISPRM Strategic White Paper.
- ✓ Developing a sustainable model for international advocacy that strengthens ISPRM's influence while respecting volunteer capacity.

Reporting mechanism

- The TF will submit any proposals requiring President's Cabinet consideration at least 30 days before the desired approval date.
- The Coordinating Group will submit the annual report for the Annual Book of Reports each year when asked by the ISPRM main office.
- The Coordinating Group will compile the minutes of online/in-person meetings within 2 weeks after the meeting and share the minutes with the Central office