



WILLIAM GLASSER INTERNATIONAL

MO Connection Newsletter

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Those in attendance: Ali Sahebi (Iran), Al Zamel (Kuwait), Jean Seville Suffield (Canada), Susan Fleming (Australia), Masaki Kakitani (Japan), Jim Mishler (US), Farida Disilva (India), Moira Oliver (UK), Bette Blance (New Zealand), Soñia Munoz, (Colombia), David Baillargeo (Québec), John Cooper (Board Chair), and Kim Olver (WGI ED).

Those not in attendance were: Katina Diano-Vandenbroeck (Philippines), Denzyl Witbooi (South Africa), Danko Butorac (EART), Arthur Dunn (Ireland), Asmaa Chroqui (Morocco), Jamaan Moid Al Zahrani (Saudi Arabia), Edmund Chong Kah Phoon (Singapore), Ghiath Hawari, (Turkey), and Rose Kim who sent a written report in her absence.

Before talking about the meeting, we had one MO, Malaysia, that dissolved their non-profit organization and we have a new MO in Turkey. There will be more about Turkey below.

We had two general agenda items. We wanted to learn if MOs have any formal or informal policies regarding faculty staying current. WGI does not have any but we are keen to create some best practice guidelines around currency. This will be forthcoming. Our second agenda item had to do with a faculty discussion forum that will be used at WGI's website to discuss things that affect faculty and training. Two items were raised where we would like all faculty around the world to weigh in with their thinking about the pros and cons of teaching intensive training in a 3-day, 24-hour format rather than 4 days, 27 hours. The other issue centers around the pros and cons of combining basic and advanced people in the same intensive training – not just if it is a good idea or not, but also, if you are in favor of it, how would it be done to provide a great experience for both basic and advanced participants? These discussions have been posted and we are anxious to hear what faculty think. To access the forum, you need to log in with your personally created user name and password and then hover over Members and click on Faculty. Scroll down to the link, Discussions and click on that, or you can simply click on this link:

<http://www.wglasserinternational.org/forums-faculty/>. If you are interested in what others have to say about the topic, then be sure to check that box that allows you to receive an email of any added comments or you can periodically go back and catch on what's happening since you were last there.

Here is the summary of what's happening in the WGI organization around the world:

Iran: Iran reports their financial situation has slightly improved even though things are four times as expensive as they were one year ago. They were able to set up a PayPal account to send payments to WGI without a large wiring fee. They have completed 16 BITs and two AITs with 31 people trained. They are planning a Basic Instructor Endorsement in March 2019.

Canada: Canada is having their AGM in January and plans to create a 5-year plan. has created a new product featuring the highlights of the 2018 International conference, available on the Glasser Canada website. They have also revamped their *Ventures* program and are offering one-year free membership to those you paid for previous memberships due to technical difficulties accessing the site. These issues have been corrected and they want their customers to enjoy what Ventures offers. Excellent customer service!

Turkey: Turkey is our newest MO and attached you will find a report on their successful GQS Conference. They had an amazing turnout from many Middle Eastern countries. They also advertised training connected to the conference and 100 people signed up! Unfortunately, they could only accept 20.

Australia: Australia is preparing to present a new Glasser Quality School. How exciting, congratulations!

Japan: Japan was happy to report they are gearing up for their International Conference, July 27 to 30, 2022, in Tokyo. Their conference planning committee has already met 4-5 times already. Masaki also reported a far reach of their weekly radio broadcast designed to teach Choice Theory in Japanese. It's possible to access the recorded versions of the last four years of shows! Japan also recently endorsed two senior faculty. Mark your calendars! the week following our meeting and were expecting 190 participants. I haven't heard yet how it went but I imagine it was an excellent conference. Masaki was also pleased to report Japan has chosen the dates for the 2022 International Conference. From the International Conference will be in Tokyo, Japan. Be sure to mark your calendars and thanks to Japan for the early notice!

India: Choice Theory is spreading in India. The plan is to get more faculty in India so that two new branches can be opened. A good bit of training has been happening in Bombay – two basics intensive trainings, a Practicum Supervisor Endorsement and a Basic Instructor Endorsement. Farida has done a basic TCOYL program and is hoping there is enough interest to do the advanced.

Kuwait: Dr. Zamal reports a slowing in training this quarter, at some of which he attributes to himself not feeling well and reducing the amount he trains. He reported that in this last quarter, there has been five training session – Basic Intensive Training, Advanced Intensive Training and Certification.

United States: In Jim Mishler's absence, I provided a quick update on the US launching an updated website to spread Choice Theory ideas beyond those interested in certification. Of course, we will still provide certification and expect an increase in numbers due to our initiative. We will keep people posted on what's working and what isn't and expect to launch on October 15th but realize that may be a bit optimistic.

Korea: As reported, Rose Kim sent a report about how Korea has done with training from 1999 to 2018. Korea is one of our longest running MOs. Here is what Rose reported: number of instructors is 210. There were 14, 850 participants in regular RT training. There were 573 masters and doctorate-level candidates who wrote dissertations and theses about CT/RT.

United States: Jim Mishler shared an update in the early meeting. I was bumped off the computer at that time. During the second meeting, I shared an update about WGI-US' branding efforts. We have been advised by a top branding expert to not use the name Glasser US. She believes using Choice Theory in the name is crucial since Dr. Glasser's passing. We want to represent Choice Theory as a living, breathing theory that is evolving even in Dr. Glasser's absence. The US is rebranding with Carleen Glasser's blessings as Glasser Institute for Choice Theory (GIFCT).

Thank you all who participated in the meeting and we hope to have even greater attendance at the next one.