IDDSI Reference Groups
Global Updates
January 2024

Australia IRG
Active since: 2021

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
• Completed an environmental scan of the use of IDDSI in Australia. A webinar has been completed and ready to present in 2024.
• Completed the mashed potato project. We experimented with mashed potato for the perfect recipe and found we had more questions than answers. This led us to connecting internationally with our fellow IDDSI members to expand this project. A webinar is almost complete to be presented in 2024.

What are your goals for 2024?
• Increase IDDSI awareness which will be particularly important with the new aged care standards due to be released in Australia 1 July 2024.
• Work on the most effective way of communicating, meeting the IDDSI criteria across all areas and assisting industry in meeting the criteria as these are being released.
• Work towards our first IDDSI expo scheduled for Wednesday 20 November 2024 in Sydney.

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• Guidance to host our own IDDSI festival.

Argentina IRG
Active since: 2023

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
• The IRG Argentina Stand in AAD Congress

What are your goals for 2024?
• New webinars
• Continue working in our IG, communicating and educating more and more colleagues.

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• Nothing

Austria IRG
Active since:

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
• Updating the ATIRG Landingpage with an Implementation Map (see http://www.iddsi.at)
• A lot of workshops held for interested institutions
• Regional IRG (ATIRG) - EURIRG collaboration in progress
• Integration of the European Division (EURIRG) together, with Italy, Greece, Croatia, Spain and a lot of other interested countries

What are your goals for 2024?
• Get EURIRG going (e.g., Social Media Posts - LinkedIn)
• Contact interested European stakeholders
• Organise EURIRG webinars in 2023

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• Support with official letters to European bodies

Azerbaijan IRG
Active since: 2022

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
• Introducing IDDSI at the second otolaryngology symposium.
• Using IDDSI in VFSS and FEES tests, both of which are being conducted for the first time in Azerbaijan.
• Sharing educational posts and videos on social media, particularly on Instagram.
• Introducing IDDCI to the only thickener supplier company in Azerbaijan.

What are your goals for 2024?
• Focusing on educating SLPs and other interested professionals

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• As I work remotely, the best way to inform and educate professionals is through social media, and I need assistance in creating posts and videos in Azerbaijani.

Belgium IRG
Active since:

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
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What are your goals for 2024?
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What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
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Brazil IRG
Active since: 2017
- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Participation on IDDSI Latin America and worldwide, highlighting the first in-person meeting during CLAD in Santiago-Chile
  - Promotion of the implementation guidelines through the National Association of Nutritionists
  - The reach of our livestreams and events online for people around the whole country

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Increase the actions to share IDDSI in the country: events – Dysphagia Brazilian Conference in Sao Paulo next August
  - IDDSI Festival preparation for 2025
  - Increase the integration with Chefs and the Gastronomy area
  - Final the translation/recording of webinar 101 in Portuguese for YouTube channel

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - Support and guidance to contact Industry to promote IDDSI Festival in 2025
  - Support for Materials and Actions for Dysphagia Brazilian Conference

Cambodia IRG
No current active IRG
- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- What are your goals for 2024?
- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?

Canada IRG
Active since Fall 2018
What is the proudest Achievement in 2023?
- Successful 1st Canada Mentor Moments Course Completion. (5 virtual modules)
- The 1st Canada IDDSI Festival
- Continued Advocacy & Awareness on IDDSI

What are the Goals for 2024?
- Continued Advocacy & Awareness with IDDSI – Example: IDDSI CanDo!
- Established a working group joint with USA to develop a North America IDDSI Inspirations program
- Canada has determined a 2nd Canada IDDSI Festival on Tues. Oct. 22 to Wed. Oct. 23

What do we Need Help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- To have IRG processes further streamlined such as Social Media – for example, each IRG can provide content by rotation. That content be approved and distributed from Global
- As we are growing, it would be great for Global to establish communication to IRGs how funds are received & how they are used. (Unsure if a budget could be shared or just the process every once and awhile, this will further allow for transparency)

Chile IRG
Active since: 2021
- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Inclusion of IDDSI in undergraduate and Higher Education Diplomas for SLP and dietitians (University of Chile, San Sebastian University)
  - Implementation of IDDSI framework in two health centers, both in an advanced phase.
  - Successful participation in the 3rd Congreso Latinoamericano de Disfagia
  - Agreement for the incorporation of IDDSI into the network of TELETON Rehabilitation Institutes of Chile (fourteen centers across the country)

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Increase the number of collaborators.
  - At least one webinar in 2024, hopefully two.
  - Support other health centers on IDDSI implementation.
  - Work on projects with the Latin American group.
  - Creation of specific recommendations for culinary professionals.
  - Systematic use of our local Instagram account to reach more people.

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - Support for the creation/printing of materials, sample funnels, English to Spanish simultaneous translation for one IDDSI free course.

China IRG
Active since: May 2016
- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - WeChat Public Website
    - Published 2022 version of Standard Mandarin IDDSI to aide in technical and corresponding video instructions for testing consistency levels
    - Published and translated Mandarin, French and Somali versions of the IDDSI technical committee.
    - Printed and distributed IDDSI guidelines to other countries
    - Published new research papers and lectures, as well as presenting IDDSI that occurred in mainland China

- Actions taken to popularize IDDSI in mainland China
  - Mainly focused on popularizing the background, development, structure, and testing methods of the IDDSI standards and sharing IDDSI resources. Provided 2-3 A session after each lecture/presentation
  - Courses focusing on developing skills for working in rehabilitation at rural area clinics in Hubei Province

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China IRG
Active since: May 2016

- Popularizing IDDSI guidelines in mainland China Initiative
- Hainan Medical School 2nd Affiliated Hospital

China IRG
Active since: May 2016

- Shenyang City Tenth People’s Hospital
- Pingxiang City Public Health School Rehabilitation Management Department and Pingxiang City Maternal and Child Health Hospital

• Academic Conferences
  - CNIRG Leader, Rumi Wang, presenting at the second China Dietitians Development Festival regarding global development of IDDSI
  - The Sixth International Speech and Language Pathology Forum was held in Changsha City, China, where the Dysphagia and IDDSI Symposium took place.
  - Presentations:
    - "Discussion Regarding Implementation of IDDSI"
    - "Implementation and Development of IDDSI in VFSS"
    - "CNIRG Current Work & Future Expectations"

  By Haiyan Yin from Central South University
  By Xiaoyang Cui from Hubei Province
  Combined By Qianqian Yu from Hunan Province

Second Xiangya Hospital Western and Eastern Medicine Hospital Rehabilitation Hospital

What are your goals for 2024?

- Provide Letter of Appointment for all members of CNIRG
  - Annual appointment will take place for all members of the advisory and work groups of CNIRG

- Structural changes in CNIRG Work Group
  - Structural change to reviewing personnel of the Translation group; reduce number of volunteers in Publicity group. Education group will be reconstructed to divide group members based on region and elect team leaders to initiate popularization and education actions based on region

- Establish reward system
  - Work Group (to issue Outstanding Contribution Award)
    - Workload: based on different subgroups, each member will be assigned different tasks and are expected to complete assigned tasks
    - Quarterly scoring of each worker’s work will take place internally in each subgroup (Translation Group, Education group, etc.)
    - Annual ranking will take place to elect the top 3 volunteers of the year

  - Advisory Group (to issue Outstanding Promoting Ambassador Award)
    - Workload: promote IDDSI through promotion activities and educational lectures
    - Provide annual work summary, score internally to elect top 3 advisors of the year
What are your goals for 2024?
• Collaborate with China Dietician Association to provide educational and promotional activities
• Edit Chinese Dysphagia Dietary Standards based on IDDSI guidelines
• Establish consistency level for common foods in different regions
• Establish IDDSI level for current thickening products

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• Continue to share experiences and success stories
• Continue to provide support and guidance when CNIRG is facing challenges and difficulties
• Possible quarterly updates (i.e. written reports) regarding activities of IRG global colleagues
France IRG  
Active since: 2021

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Event:
    - Annual with the sponsor Nutrisens as part of dysphagia month with kitchen tests (15th June)
    - IDDSI workshop as part of the Congress of the French Society for Swallowing Disorders (Toulouse, 24th November)
    - IDDSI symposium in Toulouse (25th November)
  - Scientific publications:
    - Publication of an article on IDDSI in pediatric eating disorders
      (Marion Girod-Roux, Virginie Ruglio and Caroline Bouilhol from PEDIRG, in a French speech therapy journal “Rééducation Orthophonique” (December)
    - Work in progress concerning an inventory of the deployment of IDDSI in France (supervision of speech therapy dissertations)
- A third leader in the France IRG: Sophie Liégey

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Start bringing the network of FRIRG members to life by starting FRIRG meetings and letting people take advantage of it
  - Launch IDDSI training for speech therapists at the French Federation of Speech Therapists (FNO)

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - Benefit from your help in finding an effective channel or social network to manage IRG group members

Germany Austria Switzerland (DACH) IRG  
Active since: 2020

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Restart of the Germany IDDSI IRG
  - Closer connection to Switzerland (several invitations to join the DACH Coordination team, however not yet achieved)
  - Several workshops and workshops requests from clinical institutions have been held (together with ATIRG)
    - An implementation map (see http://www.iddsi.at) has been started to track ongoing implementations

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - To establish a workshop plan for interested institutions
  - To finally translate the MAPA implementation plan
  - To establish a draft project plan for implementation (based on MAPA)

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - How to manage contacts with industry?

Greece IRG  
Active since: 2021

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Videos of modified food recipes according to the IDDSI framework.
  - Validation of IDDSI framework in Greek language.
  - Translation of ASHA Developmental Feeding & Swallowing Milestones and IDDSI newsletters.
  - Continuing rise of awareness through presentations and speeches in Greek Universities and public facilities.
  - Participation and collaboration with EU colleagues in the C.O.S.T project.

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Starting a conversation to promote IDDSI in public or private hospitals, clinics and rehabilitation centers.
  - Establishing a social media presence for IDDSI in Greece (Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, etc.)

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - We have contacted and scheduled meetings with supportive IDDSI colleagues from around the world in order to share experience of implementing IDDSI protocol in healthcare settings.

Hong Kong IRG  
Active since:

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Local adaptation of IDDSI with lab data and application examples
    https://www.carefood.org.hk/
  - Symposium with local speech therapists
  - Expo for the public

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Complete translation of resources for patients
  - Interdisciplinary workshops and symposiums

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - Join us in HK for the IDDSI Festival in May 2024!

Iceland IRG  
Active since:

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Get to the point that translations were ready for first review

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Finalize translations and documents
  - Start to introduce to dietitians and speech therapists in Iceland
  - Find ways to implement at the national hospital of Iceland and the northern regional hospital in Iceland
  - Plan implementation in other regions

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - Information on how implementations can be most successful in a work environment where the employees are already swamped with work

India IRG  
Active since: 2021 & 2022

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Awareness & Sensitization of IDDSI framework in the clinical and professional context.
    - Skill training on IDDSI to equip clinicians to promote implementation of standard guidelines.

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - To transfer IDDSI related information to the non-professional community (Caregivers handouts).
  - Extend support to other lower income and resource countries.
  - Collaboration with multiple professional bodies for implementation of IDDSI

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - Focused group discussions on implementation for IDDSI protocol in healthcare settings
Ireland IRG
Currently no active reference group

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- What are your goals for 2024?
- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?

Israel IRG
Active since: 2015

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - We conducted a survey among SLPs and dietitians in Jan 2024 and compared it to the Aug 2021 survey.

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Creating ‘Peer Supervision Program’ that will help health professionals implement IDDSI.
  - Giving clinical advice regarding implementations, focusing on challenges unique for each setting.
  - The members of the ‘Peer Supervision Group’ will be trained by the Israel IDDSI IRG.

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - Availability of funnels is a serious challenge. Also cost is an issue.
  - Local funnel production?

Italy IRG
Active since: 2020

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Ending UNI procedure for IDDSI official Normation in Italy

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Try to go on with IDDSI Normation in Europe (ISO)

- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - To have all information and suggestions for the future of Italy IRG

Japan IRG
Active since: Dec. 2022

- What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
  - Team has been enlarged and divided into several roles.
  - Public relations team has been created.
  - Launched translation of detailed definition 2.0
  - Shared an idea of conversion between IDDSI and JDD 2021.
  - Started to experiment on modified food texture to create conversion between IDDSI and JDD 2021. (IDDSI Lv5 or 6 VS JDD code4)

- What are your goals for 2024?
  - Prepare basic materials on IDDSI in Japanese and deliver them to those who need them in Japan.
  - Know the correspondence between the levels of IDDSI and JDD2021 (including subjective evaluation and measurement of physical properties) and develop a conversion table.
  - Focus on “strengths” and “complementary elements” that are not present in the JDD2021, learn, and demonstrate.
  - Create a place for people to get to know IDDSI (website, facebook page, hands-on learning sessions)
Japan IRG  
Active since: Dec. 2022

» What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- Share the experience
- To use IDDSI at home environment or under a disaster
- How to manage the team on the expanding stage.
- Fund raising for activities
- Share the tips how to attract professionals and caregivers.

Long Term Care (LTC) IRG  
Active since: (5/2023)

» What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- Identifying goals as a group on IDDSI applications for extended or post-acute care/settings. Easily identifying with each other for support, ideas, commonly agreed upon barriers, and encouragement. Goal #1: how to get the food to come out of the kitchen accurately.

» What are your goals for 2024?
- Finish creating a questionnaire and distribute globally to all IRG members.
- Obtain data from stakeholders to define long term care (LTC) in many Countries and regions of the world. Collect results and distribute.
- Produce resources useful, specifically for use in LTC settings.

» What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- Completion of questionnaire from as many IRG global colleagues as possible.

Kuwait IRG  
Active since:

» What is your proudest achievement in 2023?

» What are your goals for 2024?

» What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?

Malaysia IRG  
Active since: 2020/2021

» What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- Asia IDDSI Conference 2023!

» What are your goals for 2024?
- Aiming for national implementation in collaboration with stakeholders (e.g., Ministry of Health, Malaysian Dietetic Association).

» What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?

Malta IRG  
Active since: 2023

» What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- Malta IRG stand at the first Dysphagia Focus Day.

» What are your goals for 2024?
- Educating and training allied health professionals, nurses, carers and relatives on IDDSI criteria. Its implementation to work towards more uniformity within and across settings/entities.
- Improving food menus in hospitals for inpatients with dysphagia, to meet specific IDDSI criteria.
- Translation of the IDDSI Framework and Detailed Level Definitions
- Growing our team.

» What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- Nothing in particular. Listening and learning from other members is help in itself!

MÉXICO IRG  
Active since: 2021

» What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- Having carried out a practical IDDSI workshop with the participation of Dr. Luis Riquelme as a professor with the assistance of many participants from different disciplines within the framework of the Congress of the Mexican Dysphagia Society.
- Participate in the first meeting of IDDSI Latin America in Santiago de Chile within the framework of the 3rd Latin American Dysphagia Congress.
- Collaborate on the new updated Spanish Translation of the IDDSI Reference Framework.
- Collaborate in meetings and activities with PEDIRG and the Long-Term Care Reference Group.

» What are your goals for 2024?
- Hold the First IDDSI Symposium organized by the Mexican IDDSI Reference group (MXIRG) with the participation of professors such as Dr. Peter Lam and Dr. Luis Riquelme.
- Participate in the first online webinar by IDDSI Latin America.
- Help us spread IDDSI Mexico and Latin America events in other parts of the world.
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<td>Myanmar IRG</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>• REceiving IDDSI funnels&lt;br&gt;• Participating in ASIA Regional RG and World Dysphagia Day&lt;br&gt;• IDDSI Myanmar RG members are working individually over the past year in the context of sociopolitical uncertainty, providing dysphagia education and clinical care.</td>
<td>• To officially launch IDDSI and introduce the funnel&lt;br&gt;What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?&lt;br&gt;• to continue to guide and support for growth</td>
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<td>Nepal IRG</td>
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<td>• We conducted 1st international and 3rd national conference of Speech and Hearing Association of Nepal. We were able to include Dysphagia in our pre-conference. We had 7 different topics on dysphagia. We were able to include IDDSI as one of the mini topic.</td>
<td>• Conducting one day workshop on IDDSI among National Speech-Language Pathologists&lt;br&gt;What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?&lt;br&gt;• We are planning to conduct IDDSI workshop we would need resource person to facilitate.</td>
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<td>New Zealand IRG</td>
<td>2017</td>
<td>• New Zealand adopted IDDSI in 2017 with a formal launch in 2018. Since then, IDDSI has continued to thrive through support of the health sector, the aged care sector, government policy and industry.</td>
<td>• Continue to promote our aged care online chief IDDSI micro-credential: <a href="https://www.serviceiq.org.nz/assets/Attachments/Programmes/Hospitality/H-PBS-DysphagiaMicro-Ed6-Apr23.pdf">https://www.serviceiq.org.nz/assets/Attachments/Programmes/Hospitality/H-PBS-DysphagiaMicro-Ed6-Apr23.pdf</a>&lt;br&gt;What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?&lt;br&gt;• We're happy to share our adoption story with others and continue to enjoy learning from others' initiatives</td>
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<td>Norway IRG</td>
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<td>• The proudest achievement in 2023, is the establishment of the IDDSI reference group in Norway.&lt;br&gt;• We are just in the starting phase and will have the first meeting at the end of January.</td>
<td>• Our goal for 2024, to have information sheets translated and created about the different levels, that can be given to patients and relatives. We will also try to become more visible in social media.&lt;br&gt;What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?&lt;br&gt;• We are a good support and we could also need tips and help to get on social media.</td>
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<td>Paraguay IRG</td>
<td>2023</td>
<td>• Create the IDDSI Framework implementation in phases (integrated networks)&lt;br&gt;• Public Hospital Volunteer Coordinator&lt;br&gt;• Private Hospital Volunteer Coordinator&lt;br&gt;• Social media team&lt;br&gt;• Adaptation team and creation of materials for translation into Guaraní&lt;br&gt;• Presentation of the implementation of the IDDSI framework at two scientific events in Paraguay III Paraguayan and International Dysphagia Symposium and First Paraguayan Convention on Orofacial Motricity and Oropharyngeal Dysphagia</td>
<td>• Organize the first in-person workshop with volunteers&lt;br&gt;• Create IDDSI Framework Volunteer Database&lt;br&gt;What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?&lt;br&gt;• For the translation into Guaraní, and to know the steps we must take</td>
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Pediatric IRG
Active since: April 2022

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
• Survey sent to IRG leaders across the globe about thickening liquids: brands, products that thicken breast milk, formula, other liquids, age recommendations per manufacturer guidelines, challenges

What are your goals for 2024?
• Pediatric IDDSI 101 video

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• We have received responses from Italy, Slovenia, France, Ireland, USA, Canada, Poland, Nepal, Myanmar, Colombia. Would love to hear from all other IRGs. thanks! Jan Duivestein and Laura Brooks

Perú IRG
Active since: 2023

What is your biggest achievement in 2023?
Implemenatation of the IDDSI Perú Framework (43 members)
Training in institutions in the health sector (for different professionals)
Formal inclusion of the IDDSI framework in speech-language therapy protocols
Creation of social networks IDDSI Perú
Adaptation team and creation of materials for translation into Spanish
Presentation of the implementation of the IDDSI framework at two scientific events in Perú

What are your goals for 2024?
• Implement the IDDSI Framework at the regional and national levels for speech-language pathologists
• Implement the IDDSI Framework at regional and national levels for different health professionals
• Increase the IDDSI Framework Volunteer Database

What do you need help with from WRI Global colleagues?
• Participation in international events
• Supporting regional and state activities
• Member Participation in National Events

Philippines IRG
Active since:

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
• We started a social media page for disseminating information, starting conversations, and recruiting new members.

What are your goals for 2024?
• Hold monthly meetings (12x this year).
• Recruit 1 new member to manage the social media page.
• Identify gaps and potential solutions to IDDSI implementation.
• Create IDDSI guidelines for sticky rice with the Asia Regional Group.

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• Continue providing guidance regarding recruitment and communications.

Portugal IRG
Active since:

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
• IDDSI handout translation still in progress (Framework was translated and sent for IDDSI approval in 2021)
• New, updated Polish hospital diet classification in preparation with support of Polish Science Academy and Polish Society of Parenteral, Enteral Nutrition, and Metabolism
• IDDSI Framework was presented during 5 national conferences

What are your goals for 2024?
• Translating the Full IDDSI documents
• Official approval of updated Polish hospital diet classification
• New version of PIRGIS
• Future spending the need about IDDSI (1st meeting and Feat. 2nd in June 2023 will organize international Dysphagia Session)

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• Collaboration with the IDDSI food-service and catering international team for on-site training in Saudi Arabia
• Connect with other regional IRG such as gulf area to unify the effort in IDDSI implementation and materials in the middle east

Poland IRG
Active since: 2018

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What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
• Assistance in the cooperation with society and catering services
• How to get more tools for IDDSI materials preparation?

Saudi Arabia IRG
Active since: Nov 2023

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
• None

What are your goals for 2024?
1. Increase the number of Saudi IDDSI references Group team members and develop specific teams.
2. Advocate, promote, and communicate implementation of IDDSI standards within Saudi healthcare sectors, professionals, and public and private organizations.
3. Establish a meeting schedule for the group on a monthly basis.
4. Educational and training programs for IDDSI implementation in Saudi Arabia (Webinar, on-site training)
5. Develop multiple resources in Arabic for both healthcare providers, patient, and family.
6. Host our first IDDSI festival

What do you need help with from WRI Global colleagues?
• Collaboration with the IDDSI food-service and catering international team for on-site training in Saudi Arabia
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South Africa IRG  
**Active since: end 2023**

- **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**
  - Towards the end of 2023, formulation of a formalized IRG for South Africa (SA)
  - More awareness and use of IDDSI: The IDDSI framework has been lectured on more at a university level. It is also being rolled out and implemented at more private and public settings. This includes collaboration with a variety of professionals: speech therapists, dieticians, catering and nursing staff, and doctors.
  - Preparation for the first virtual IDDSI SA Festival (second quarter of 2024) to improve stakeholder collaboration
  - Start a social media platform for IDDSI SA (Facebook and Instagram + contacting our local professional health body to send out What are your goals for 2024?
  - Start communication with the stakeholders, precisely National Institute for public Health in Slovenia (NIzI) to adopt IDDSI into the national guidelines.
  - What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
    - In general, we struggle with the lack of free time for this volunteering position :) Any advice from IRG Global?

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- Start communication with the stakeholders, precisely National Institute for public Health in Slovenia (NIzI) to adopt IDDSI into the national guidelines.
- What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
  - In general, we struggle with the lack of free time for this volunteering position :) Any advice from IRG Global?

Singapore IRG  
**Active since: 2020**

- **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**
  - Deployment of the IDDSI framework to healthcare facilities in Singapore
  - Participation in World Swallowing Day 2023: Singapore
  - Development of Social Media campaigns (e.g., Instagram, Facebook) to raise awareness of dysphagia and IDDSI
- **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**
  - Increase awareness of IDDSI in the healthcare sector
  - Develop guidelines and regulations – TMD’s for dysphagia patients.
  - Continue to engage health professionals in their institutions/clinics
  - Continue to develop and implement a “tips on how to implement IDDSI” guide
- **What are your goals for 2024?**
  - Start a livestream calendar
  - Increase actions in HCP events
  - Participation on different events for the World Swallowing Day
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Sweden IRG  
**Active since: 2020**

- **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**
  - Spreading the word about IDDSI
  - Implementation of IDDSI in facilities (special needs, schools, etc.)
  - Organizing IDDSI courses that are now mandatory across multiple healthcare settings.
- **What are your goals for 2024?**
  - New members to SwedenIRG
  - Consulting towards Social Media campaigns on IDDSI implementation and regulations
  - Translating materials and setting up a “tips on how to implement IDDSI” guide
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Spain IRG  
**Active since: 2023**

- **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**
  - Collaboration with the Spanish Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery to adopt IDDSI into their guidelines
  - Development of a Spanish translation of the IDDSI Audit Tools and Handouts
  - Participation in the 1st Asia IDDSI conference in KL and giving a presentation about Singapore’s implementation plan and journey
- **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**
  - Increase awareness of IDDSI in the healthcare sector
  - Develop guidelines and regulations – TMD’s for dysphagia patients.
  - Continue to engage health professionals in their institutions/clinics
- **What are your goals for 2024?**
  - Continue to develop and implement a “tips on how to implement IDDSI” guide
  - Start a livestream calendar
  - Spanish IDDSI Festival?
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  - Continue to engage health professionals in their institutions/clinics
- **What are your goals for 2024?**
  - Continue to develop and implement a “tips on how to implement IDDSI” guide
  - Start a livestream calendar
  - Spanish IDDSI Festival?
Taiwan IRG
Active since: 2020

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- Exhibition stand at IDDSI Asia Conference in Malaysia
- Seminar series for healthcare professionals, caregivers, and food manufacturers
- Consultation for elderly-friendly food manufacturers in Taiwan

What are your goals for 2024?
- Translation of IDDSI materials into Traditional Chinese
- Consultation for IDDSI implementation in different settings
- Dissemination among healthcare students and public

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- Scientific research
- Collaboration with food industry and catering service

Thailand IRG
Active since: 2021

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- A dysphagia diet cookbook with IDDSI level
- IDDSI workshop among the country driven by Thai Dietetic Association
- Giving a presentation of IDDSI Implementation in Thailand at IDDSI22
- At Free Webinars

What are your goals for 2024?
- IDDSI cooking workshop 1-2 days with Thai Dietetic Association (Apr and Aug)
- Introducing IDDSI to Hospital and Aged care (Official National Standard [MS])
- Working with Thai FDA on IDDSI labelling (June)
- Setting up the Dysphagia Diet Food Expo (Dec)

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- Guidance to deal with industry
- Scientific resources and conferences

United Arab Emirates IRG
Active since: 2022

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- Preparing Middle Eastern menus as per IDDSI levels and guidelines for all the levels (0 to 7).

What are your goals for 2024?
- To finalize implementation and adoption of IDDSI in all UAE hospitals.
- UAE IDDSI Festival

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- To continue collaborating with SA IRG in harmonizing translations of IDDSI framework resources in Arabic
- To connect with other Middle Eastern countries to share experiences.

Türkiye IRG
Active Since: 2023

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- A multidisciplinary IDDSI IRG group was formed in different universities in Türkiye working in the field of dysphagia.
- IDDSI Framework Turkish translation was completed (Proof reading was completed and revisions are ongoing)
- At the 13th EESSD annual meeting our IRG group met with other IDDSI IRG groups
- Decisions were made on the objectives planned to be realised in 2024.

What are your goals for 2024?
- To strengthen the connection with other IRG groups.
- To initiate the first applications of the IDDSI framework in geriatrics and neurology in Turkey
- To promote the IDDSI framework through symposia and congresses

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- Guidance during the first applications in Turkey
- Material and technical support for use in congresses and symposiums

United Kingdom IRG
Active since: 2021

What is your proudest achievement in 2023?
- The 3rd IDDSI UK Festival in Derby, September.

What are your goals for 2024?
- Growth and diversity of the UKIRG
- An even bigger & better festival

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- Ideas to consider for the festival, such as interactive events, product demonstrations, learning and/or dissemination activities...

United States IRG
Active since: 2021

What is your proudest achievements in 2023?
- USIRG presentation & booth at ASHA convention in Boston
- Amazing work done by the Instagram group
- Resources in USIRG chart: FAQs. 101 & 201 videos. Completed new handout template.
- Research committee completed first list of literature: on Implementation

What are your goals for 2024?
- USIRG FESTIVAL–MIAMI, FLORIDA. June 5-6
- Starting the North American IDDSI Inspirations program; Recruit new volunteers
- Complete caregiver handouts re USA vocabulary & Americans with Disabilities Act standards
- Record & post the 301 training video.

What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?
- Festival advice!
Vietnam IRG
Active since:

➢ What is your proudest achievement in 2023?

➢ What are your goals for 2024?

➢ What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?