



## Welcome from the Secretariat

*Greetings from the IBP secretariat!* We are excited to share this first IBP Newsletter with you. Thanks to our IBP Chair, Pathfinder, and the Knowledge Management Task Team we are launching a communication tool that aims to meet your requests for more constant, updated communication.

The Secretariat, based at the WHO's Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR), with support from Asa Cuzin, who joined the IBP Secretariat in Geneva, and Ados May in DC, has been busy supporting the IBP activities led by our partners in the field, such as the preparation of the first "Good Practices Forum" being organized by West African Health Organization (WAHO). Despite tremendous challenges in the West African region due to Ebola, planning has continued. We all recognize the difficulties in the region and are taking the lead from WAHO in terms of how fast we can move.

## Upcoming Events

- [ECSA Health Community's Health Minister's Conference February 16th-18th 2015](#)
- [The WAHO Best Practices Forum](#)
- [The Summer IBP Consortium Meeting](#)

(More information coming soon!)

Coordinating with other activities at the WHO/RHR, we have been able to further our reach to plan for scale up of community participation activities in Burkina Faso and are supporting the scaling up of post abortion family planning activities in West Africa.

Ados has been extremely active keeping the task teams going, particularly the HIPs and LAC activities. Please see details of these exciting activities in the rest of the newsletter.

We look forward to your contributions to the upcoming newsletters.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Reier  
IBP Secretariat

## Welcome from the Chair

On behalf of Pathfinder International, the current chair of IBP, I would like to welcome you to the first IBP Newsletter. Many have suggested that we should find a means to communicate between our two biannual meetings. Thanks to our Knowledge Management Task Team, as well as to Erica Lipschultz, our administrative coordinator, here it is.

Pathfinder is honored and excited to have chaired IBP these two years, during which we have taken the lead on dissemination of the Training Resource Package (TRP); moving forward IBP's role in emerging and evidence-based practices involving adolescents; and bringing forward the discussion on Implementation Science, and what it means to us as implementers.

IBP has been quite busy, both the June and December IBP Meetings attracted a record number of participants. We would like to use this newsletter to share with the Consortium some of those activities including: formation of an adolescent task team to move IBP forward in regards to last June's meeting; representation at the first family planning conference in Myanmar, with plans to continue collaboration with the Ministry of Health; participation in the annual ECSACON meeting; and the focus on Implementation Science at the IBP Consortium Meeting in December. We hope you find this newsletter useful and welcome any suggestions you may have for future issues.

Sincerely,  
Candace Lew  
Pathfinder International



## IBP Semi-Annual Consortium Meeting December 10th-11th 2014

Attended by over 90 IBP Members the IBP Consortium Meeting explored the current landscape of Implementation Science (I.S.) and its relationship to FP/RH implementation and scale-up. The participatory activities encouraged the attendees to tackle some of the complexities of I.S. and its utilization in the field. The keynote speakers discussed the overarching I.S. landscape while the two panels delved further into the current understanding of I.S. and its complexities in real world implementation. Some of the key themes that emerged were:

- Context
- Adaptation
- Fidelity
- Evidence Generation

You can find all of the presentations on the [Knowledge Gateway](#). Be on the lookout for the meeting report out in the next few weeks!

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## Task Team Updates

The **IBP AYSRH Task Team** was created after the June 2014 IBP Consortium Meeting and is currently co-chaired by Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli, WHO, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, and Callie Simon, Pathfinder International. The IBP AYSRH Task Team already has over 20 members. To date the Task Team has compiled a range of ideas from members, held its first successful first meeting where draft Terms of Reference and the scope of the Task Team's mandate were discussed, and has selected a priority task/deliverable for the month of November. The AYSRH Task Team will collect current tools and research on AYSRH scale-up practices that can be shared with the broader IBP community. To get involved with the AYSRH Task Team please visit <https://knowledge-gateway.org/ibpmembers/aysrhtaskteam>.

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The **TRP Task Team** has been working diligently to promote the [TRP Toolkit](#) and have distributed the postcard and one pager widely. There are now CDs of the TRP Toolkit available for distribution to those who have no or inconsistent internet access and purchasing flash drives is being explored. Many of the modules have now been translated into French and a review of the website is underway to ensure easier access to the modules as well as ways to integrate adaptations and stories from the field. An EC module is being prepared and will be available on the website shortly. In addition a TRP Adaption Tips worksheet is also being created.

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The **IBP KM Task Team** is responsible for providing the overall vision and guidance to the IBP consortium on knowledge management efforts. They spearheaded the [IBPInitiative.org](#) website redesign in spring of 2014 and are currently updating the [knowledge-gateway.org](#) platform in conjunction with Damir Simunic – stay tuned for more updates about the knowledge gateway changes.