



GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION SOCIETY

Promoting the development & integration of effective implementation, improvement, and scaling practices in human service settings to improve outcomes for children, families, individuals, and communities worldwide.

Member Newsletter June 2020, Issue #1

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our world is in flux. COVID-19 is a humanitarian crisis that has hit humankind globally with significant health, economic, and social implications. The pandemic has led to social unrest and protests in places where financial resources are most limited and social systems are unable to respond. Over the last week, in response to the death of George Floyd, citizens from around the world have organized protests to raise awareness of our collective responsibility to become actively engaged in dismantling systemic racism and other systems of oppression. These are difficult times for many, and we hope you and yours are keeping safe, healthy, and connected.

As a member of the Global Implementation community, we would like to invite you to engage with us to apply what we know from the science and practice of implementation to address these urgent and important issues. The collaborative work of the GIS is more important than ever in helping us learn from others around the world regarding how, why, and by whom effective innovations and responses are implemented and their consequent outcomes.

As many of us are living through lockdown, the Global Implementation Society is increasing its efforts to reach out and connect with its members. At this time, we are pleased to share the first issue of the GIS newsletter. With the help of the new Membership and Communications Committee, GIS looks forward to communicating more effectively with you and hearing from you about opportunities for further engagement with the Global Implementation Society.

We are exploring ways to ensure global participation and the safety of all delegates for our 2021 conference, with its focus on Implementation for Equity, while providing an effective forum for sharing your work, learning from others, and networking with other implementation enthusiasts.

As you read this inaugural GIS newsletter, you will learn about the impressive work of your fellow colleagues who are involved in the GIS Committees. If you aren't already participating in one of these committees, we encourage you to engage and become involved to get the most out of your membership.

If you have any questions or ideas, feel free to reach out to any of the GIS board members or committee co-chairs. We value your feedback.

Warm regards,
Melissa Van Dyke, Board President
Global Implementation Society



YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the 2019 Global Implementation Conference in Glasgow, Scotland several new Officers of the Board were introduced. The new Officers of the Board and of the Society are Melissa Van Dyke (President), Francisca Infante (Vice-President), Susie Breitenstein (Secretary), and Becci Akin (Treasurer). Additional Board Members were nominated in 2020 including Niveen Abu-Rmeileh, Saima Hamid, Yulia Shenderovich and Grace Irimu. Current Board members Dean Fixsen and Bert Peterson will rotate off the Board on June 30, 2020.

[Learn More About the Board](#)

Global Implementation
Research and Applications



ANNOUNCING THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE GIS!

The official Global Implementation Society journal, *Global Implementation Research and Applications*, will soon be accepting submissions! The first edition will be released in March 2021. Accepted manuscripts will be published online prior to release. The journal is seeking contributions from researchers, administrators, practitioners, policy-makers, community members, and other stakeholders across the globe. We are pleased to announce Rosalyn Bertram as the editor. Stay tuned for an announcement of the associate editors and editorial board members. Many GIS members have volunteered as reviewers already!

[Click to Volunteer as a Reviewer](#)

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a committee, contact one of the co-chairs using the link in their name.



Professional Learning COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: [Aaron Sawyer](#) & [Kea Turner](#)

The Professional Learning Committee has focused on developing a webinar series for GIS, assisted by Maryls Merrill, and planning the 2021 Conference slated to be held in Denver, Colorado, USA, May 3 - 5, 2021.

The conference theme will encompass implementation and equity. Ashley Townleigh is the evaluation sub-committee chair and will develop, implement, and summarize findings of the 2021 conference evaluation. The call for 2021 conference abstracts will soon be released.

Committee meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month. The conference planning subcommittee meets monthly on the third Friday.



Professional Standards COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: [Paul Tortolani](#) & [John Øvretveit](#)

The Professional Standards Committee has developed and disseminated to its members a matrix of skills for implementation facilitators at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels for review and comment.

Subcommittees with specializations in medical/health services, social services, and education are in various stages of developing a set of standards for implementation professionals in those specific fields.

Committee meetings are on the last Friday of each month at 10 AM EST.



Website COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: Vanessa Burshnic, Peggy McElgunn, & Janey McMillen



Membership & Communications COMMITTEE

Co-chairs: [Bindu Patel](#), [Peggy McElgunn](#), or [Janey McMillen](#)

The committee identified and implemented needed changes to the website and is now disbanding as the work shifts to strengthening content in key areas. The GIS Board and Committee co-chairs wish to thank the Committee members for their hard work and leadership during the website development phase. Members are encouraged to join other committees, particularly the new Membership and Communication Committee.

The mission of this newly formed committee is to actively promote GIS membership and communication among individuals interested in the field of implementation by providing accurate and easily accessible information relevant to implementation policy, practice, and research. Members will develop systems for facilitating communication, recruiting new members, and keeping current members informed and engaged.



ARE YOU SOCIAL SAVVY?

Enjoy tweeting and using other forms of social media? We need you! The Membership and Communication Committee is recruiting individuals willing to lead social media communication for GIS. If you excel at communicating in 144 characters contact one of the Membership and Communication Committee co-chairs listed above to get started!



IMPLEMENTATION & COVID-19

The Covid-19 outbreak has highlighted the significance and value of implementation knowledge and implementation capacity. To assist you during this difficult time, GIS has gathered some resources we hope you find helpful. If you know of additional resources, please share with [Janey McMillen](#) to add to this list which is also available on our website.

- The Center for Implementation Science resource page. [LINK](#)
- The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' Health Services Research & Development webinar on Virtual Facilitation [LINK](#)
- The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's mini-course on adaptive leadership [LINK](#)
- University of Massachusetts' managing virtual teams blog. [LINK](#)
- Deloitte Denmark's guide on virtual facilitation. [LINK](#)
- The Institute for Healthcare Improvement's virtual learning hour special series. [LINK](#)
- The Global Health Network's Covid-19 Research Implementation Hub [LINK](#)
- The Center for Implementation's website [LINK](#)
- The African Population and Health Research Center's website [LINK](#)
- The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute's Covid-19 resource page. [LINK](#)
- The Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action's scientific resource page. [LINK](#)
- Evidenceaid's coronavirus resource page. [LINK](#)
- RTI International's Emerging Issues website. [LINK](#)
- From the Active Implementation Research Network [LINK](#)
- Hirschhorn, L., Smith, J. D., Frisch, M. F., & Binagwaho, A. (2020). Integrating implementation science into covid-19 response and recovery. *BMJ* 369:m1888. doi: 10.1136/BMJ.M1888.



Global Implementation Society

info@GlobalImplementation.org

www.GlobalImplementation.org

The Global Implementation Society (GIS) promotes and establishes coherent and collaborative approaches to implementation practice, science, and policy. The GIS promotes the development and integration of effective implementation, improvement, and scaling practices in human service settings in order to improve outcomes for children, families, individuals, and communities worldwide.

This email was sent to {{ contact.EMAIL }}

You received this email because you participated in a Global Implementation Society event or requested to be placed in our database.

[Unsubscribe here](#)

Sent by

 **sendinblue**