



IDDSI Reference Groups Global Updates January 2024

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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 there are discrepancies within the professions.
- 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.

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Argentina IRG Active since: 2023

> **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- The creation and consolidation of our IRG, formed by different health professionals who assist patients with Dysphagia (speech therapists, nutritionists, and two therapeutic chefs)
- Being able to present the IRG Argentina at the VII Argentinian Dysphagia Congress, in September, in the city of Iguazu, organized by the Dysphagia Argentinian Association. We've been in a stand, where we shared verbal IDDSI information and different demonstrations showing preparations for each IDDSI level.

> **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Prepare new Webinars in order to increase IDDSI awareness.
- Continue working in our Instagram, sharing information and educating more and more colleagues.
- Participating in Congresses or academic events.
- Continuing our Chef's production of new recipes and generating materials for educational purposes.

> **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Brochures, posters and materials for our stands and events.

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Austria IRG Active since:

> **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- Updating the ATRIG Landingpage with a Implementation Map (see <http://www.iddsi.at>)
- A lot of workshops hold for interested institutions
- Reorganized the ATRIG – DACH IRG collaborations (ongoing)
- Established the European connection (EURIRG) together with Italy, Greece, Croatia, Spain and a lot of other interested countries

> **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Get EURIRG going (regular Social Media Posts – LinkedIn)
- Connect to relevant european stakeholders
- Organize IDDSI Festivals in 2025

> **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Support with official letters to european bodies



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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.

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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 LATAM events and workgroup: highlight for the first in person meeting during CLAD in Santiago-Chile
- Preparation of the implementation guidance/manual
- The Reach of our livestreams and events online for people around the whole country
- Social media reach : 4059 followers and audience in the livestreams
- Palliative Care event online in Youtube about: Mealttime in Palliative Care: with Chefs, Physicians, SLPs, Dieticians , Biohichists and students of all those areas. Registrants:703.Around 300 visualizations online of the recording. Participation of the Director of National Association of Palliative Care.

➤ **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
- Finish 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

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Cambodia IRG

No current active IRG

• **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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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's!
- 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.)

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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 Sebastián University)
- Implementation of IDDSI framework in two health centers, both in a very 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 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.

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China IRG

Active since: May 2016

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- WeChat Public Website
 - Published 2022 version of Standard Mandarin IDDSI Guideline and corresponding video instructions for testing consistency levels
 - Published Standard Mandarin version of consistency testing materials and posters
 - Shared IDDSI-related research
 - Published experience shared by other countries
 - Published news regarding courses and lectures, as well as popularizing IDDSI that occurred in mainland China



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China IRG

Active since: May 2016

- 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 Q and A sessions after each lecture/talk/presentation where wonderful discussions and resource sharing occurred.
 - Courses focusing on developing skills for working in rehabilitation at rural area clinics in Hunan Province
 - Huzhou City Maternal and Child Health Hospital



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China IRG
Active since: May 2016

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


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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



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China IRG
Active since: May 2016

- Academic Conferences
 - CNIRG Leader, Rumi Wang, presenting at the second China Dietsitans Development Festival regarding global development of IDDSI




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China IRG
Active since: May 2016

- Academic Conferences
 - The 5th 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 Second Xiangya Hospital
 - By Xiaoyang Cui from Hubei Province Combined Western and Eastern Medicine Hospital
 - By Qianqian Yu from Hunan Province Rehabilitation Hospital

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China IRG
Active since: May 2016

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 personnels 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

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China IRG
Active since: May 2016

What are your goals for 2024?

- Establish reward system
 - Work Group (to issue Outstanding Contribution Award)
 - Workload: based on different subgroups, each member will be appointment 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 advisories of the year

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China IRG

Active since: May 2016

➤ **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

食品	稠度	IDDSI等级	备注
30-60ml	1B	1B	1B
150-200ml	1B	1B	1B
150-200ml	1B	1B	1B
150-200ml	1B	1B	1B



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China IRG

Active since: May 2016

➤ **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

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Colombia IRG

Active since: 2022

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

Socialization and implementation of IDDSI in some health and care institutions for children with disabilities. Increase in the number of professionals interested in IRG. Participation in national academic events.

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- By 2024, IDDSI is expected to be implemented in new institutions.
- Conduct WEBINAR with IDDSI GLOBAL representation.
- Promote publications in social networks for IDDSI socialization.
- Participation in national academic events.

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Material for events, posters, brochures and everything that allows the diffusion of IDDSI.

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Croatia IRG

Active since: 2022

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- Connecting with IRG Europe colleagues (forming an IDDSI Europe group)
- Raising awareness among medical personnel regarding IDDSI (on Congresses)

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Procurement of equipment for starting IDDSI implementation in our hospital
- Education of medical staff in our hospital (making educational materials)

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Sharing some educational materials, methods and/or experiences

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Culinary & Food Science IRG

Active since: 2022

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- We are proud to have supported further understanding of IDDSI testing methods, most recently with the information released in November regarding the Fork Pressure Test. The information has led to a better understanding from which to apply culinary processes.
- This demonstrates our ethos to look at areas of IDDSI usage where questions arise and apply expertise from the science and culinary backgrounds to see if simple explanations can be created to support the use of the IDDSI Framework.

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Re-establish a strong core to the group, we have set meeting dates for 2024.
- Connect with IRGs to develop relationships that develop understanding of local differences and connect with interested people who can help support.
- Work towards further understanding of the use of testing methods and start to develop a knowledge base of global culinary processes that support IDDSI usage. Initially clarification of the 'mound' picked up in the fork drip test.

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Please promote the group and support us in areas that you feel you can, including linking us with relevant people or organisations, or discussing relevant topics and providing feedback.

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Denmark IRG

Active since:

• **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- We have now completed the Danish translation of IDDSI
- We have achieved interdisciplinary consensus for the Danish translation through a Danish questionnaire survey with responses from selected representatives from the professional organizations Kost og Ernæring (Diet and Nutrition) and Ergoterapeutforeningen (Association of Occupational Therapists).
- We are in dialogue with the Danish Health Authority and the professional organizations regarding the implementation of IDDSI in the national recommendations for Danish institutional food, which are currently undergoing revision.

• **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Our goals is that the Danish Health Authority is including IDDSI in the newly revised recommendations.
- To raise awareness of IDDSI in clinical practice, both for occupational therapists and those responsible for dietary matters, in collaboration between the professional organizations

• **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- We need guidance regarding how you have organized yourselves in your respective countries. As a new IDDSI country, we sometimes lack a forum to discuss, etc. how to conduct a proper forktest to ensure consistency nationwide
- Further more, and quite specifically we have problems purchasing funnels in Denmark because workplaces in Denmark rarely make purchases using Mastercard/Visa

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France IRG

Active since: 2021

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- Events
 - Webinar with the sponsor Nutrisens as part of dysphagia month with kitchen tests (15th June)
 - IDDSI workshop at the Congress of the French Society for Swallowing Disorders (Toulouse, 24th November)
 - ESSD congress in Toulouse: IDDSI evening (29th 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 Liégy

➤ **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

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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 Workshop Requests from clinical institutions have been hold (together with ATRIG)
- An implementation map (see <http://www.iddsi.at> Landingpage) 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?

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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 health care settings.

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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!

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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 in 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 work environment where the employees are already swamped with work

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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 country. 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 health care settings

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IRL **Ireland IRG**
 Currently no active reference group

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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ISR **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.

Topic	Survey	YES	NO	PARTIAL
IDDSI Implementation	Jan 2024	59.3%	1.5%	39.2%
	Aug 2021	44.8%	55.2%	0%
Food recipe change	Jan 2024	41.7%	22.8%	35.7%
	Aug 2021	25.7%	30%	44.3%

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ISR **Israel IRG**
 Active since: 2015

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?

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ITA **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

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JPN **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)

Item	JDD2021 Code	IDDSI Lv
Hamburger	4	6
apple	3	5
broccoli	4	5
cantal	4	5
rice ball	4	5
Head (brown)	5	7


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JPN **Japan IRG**
 Active since: Dec. 2022

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)

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Japan IRG

Active since: Dec. 2022



➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

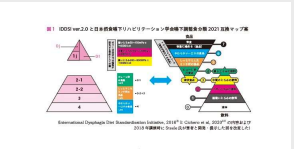
- Share the experience

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.



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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 questionnaire to define long term care (LTC) in many Countries and regions of the world. Compile 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.

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Kuwait 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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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?**

- Learning from other countries which have/ are working towards national implementation.

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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!

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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

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Help us spread IDDSI Mexico and Latin America events in other parts of the world



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Myanmar IRG

Active since: 2021

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- Receiving IDDSI funnels
- Participating in ASIA Regional RG and World Dysphagia Day
- IDDSI Myanmar RG members are working individually over the past year in the context of sociopolitical uncertainty, providing dysphagia education and clinical care.

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- To officially launch IDDSI and introduce the funnel

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- to continue to guide and support for growth

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Nepal IRG

Active since:

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- 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.

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Conducting one day workshop on IDDSI among National Speech-Language Pathologist

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- As we are planning to conduct IDDSI workshop we would need resource person to facilitate.

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Netherlands 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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New Zealand IRG

Active since: 2017

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- 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.

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Continue to promote our aged care online chef IDDSI micro-credential: <https://www.serviceg.org.nz/assets/Attachments/Programmes/Hospitality/H-PBS-DysphagiaMicro-Ed6-Apr23.pdf>

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- We're happy to share our adoption story with others and continue to enjoy learning from others' initiatives

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Norway IRG

Active since:

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- The proudest achievement in 2023, is the establishment of the IDDSI reference group in Norway.
- We are just in the starting phase and will have the first meeting at the end of January.

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- 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.

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Be a good support and we could also need tips and help to get on social media.

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Paraguay IRG

Active since: 2023

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- Create the IDDSI Framework implementation in phases (integrated networks)
- Public Hospital Volunteer Coordinator
- Private Hospital Volunteer Coordinator
- social media team
- Adaptation team and creation of materials for translation into Guaraní
- 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

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Organize the first in-person workshop with volunteers
- Create IDDSI Framework Volunteer Database

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- For the translation into Guaraní, and to know the steps we must take

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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 Duiveslein and Laura Brooks

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Perú IRG

Active since: 2023

➤ **What is your biggest achievement in 2023?**

- Implementation of the IDDSI Peru Framework began (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 Peru
- 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

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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.

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Portugal 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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Poland IRG

Active since: 2018

➤ **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 the Polish Science Academy and Polish Society of Parenteral, Enteral Nutrition, and Metabolism
- IDDSI framework was presented during 6 national conferences

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Translating the Full IDDSI documents
- Official approval of updated Polish hospital diet classification
- New members of POLIRG
- Further spreading the word about IDDSI (1st meeting 2nd Feb; 2nd in June 2024 we will organize International Dysphagia Session)

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Guidance to start cooperation with industry and catering services
- How to get some funds for IDDSI materials preparation?

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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 reference 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 health providers, patient, and family.
6. Host our first IDDSI festival

➤ **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

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Slovenia IRG

Active since:

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- We completed slovenian translations for the IDDSI Audit Tools and IDDSI Handouts for Adults and Pediatrics
- An article about the interrater reliability using the Slovenian translation of the IDDSI Audit Tools was accepted to the [Slovenian Medical Journal](#). We expect it to be published in 2024, which will be a better insight into IDDSI healthcare workers in the country.

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Start communication with the stakeholders, precisely National Institute for public Health in Slovenia (NIJZ) 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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Singapore IRG

Active since: 2020

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- Developed and disseminated Nationally aligned training materials (e-learning programme, face-to-face workshops) and ran courses through the train-the-trainer approach across the public and private healthcare sectors.
- Compiled and developed caregiver training materials to be shared at a national platform
- Ran 2 webinars as part of our ongoing engagement efforts with our stakeholders to provide regular updates, share success stories and provide support for issues faced during implementation as experienced by the hospital and long-term care sectors.
- Participated in the 1st Asia IDDSI conference in KL and gave a presentation about Singapore's implementation plan and journey

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- National IDDSI Go-Live will take place in June 2024, all healthcare institutions are expected to have implemented the IDDSI framework
- Working towards incorporating standards involving the IDDSI framework into regulations for the healthcare sector
- Continue to engage healthcare institutions through their Institutional Champions
- Continue to support the intermediate and long-term care sector to meet regulation requirements
- Continue to engage social sectors (e.g. special needs schools, social welfare homes) to implement the IDDSI framework

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Share experiences of working with dysphagia-related vendors
- Advise if there are any certifications that vendors can obtain from IDDSI global to certify if they comply with the IDDSI framework

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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 formalised 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.

What are your goals for 2024?

- Start a social media platform for IDDSI SA (Facebook and Instagram + contacting our local professional health body to send out emails to STAs regarding the social media platforms for further reach)
- Preparation for the first virtual IDDSI SA Festival (second quarter of 2024) to improve stakeholder collaboration
- Making IDDSI more applicable to a low-middle income context like South Africa
- More collaboration with similar middle-income contexts and/or African countries to discuss implementation of IDDSI

• **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Support setting up an IDDSI festival and social media platforms

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Spain IRG

Active since: 2023

➤ **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**

- Social Media: >400 followers on Instagram, >200 LinkedIn
- Participation on different events for the Word Swallowing Day

➤ **What are your goals for 2024?**

- Increase actions in HCP events
- Integration with SLP universities courses
- Start a livestream calendar
- Spanish IDDSI Festival?

➤ **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**

- Guidance to deal with industry
- Guidance to achieve HCP colleges/societies integration

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Sweden IRG

Active since: 2020

- **What is your proudest achievement in 2023?**
- Spreading the word about IDDSI
 - Implementation of IDDSI has taken off! – Hospitals and nursing homes
 - Multiple cooperations, i.e. Findus Special Foods, Sodexo etc, are implementing IDDSI on to their preexisting dysphagia meals.
- Translating the Full IDDSI Framework Poster
- Hosting of online national discussion – sharing experiences of IDDSI implementation

• **What are your goals for 2024?**

- New members to SEIRG!
- Consulting towards Socialstyrelsen regarding implementing IDDSI to National Clinical practice guidelines and regulations – TMD's for dysphagia patients.
- Translating materials and setting up a "tips on how to implement IDDSI" guide

• Attend conferences, with IDDSI booths:

- Swedish National Dysphagia Network- Gothenburg, 14th – 15th November
- National Conference In Speech Language Pathology – Gothenburg, 14th – 15th November
- Conference for Geriatric nutrition – Stockholm, 6th – 7th November

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Sweden IRG

Active since: 2020

- **What do you need help with from IRG Global Colleagues?**
- Guidance on setting up Social Media Platforms
- Take part of other IRGs experience
 - Presenting at conferences and showcasing IDDSI.

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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

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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 ADS2023
- 4x 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) Diet National Standard (May)
- 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

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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).
- All IDDSI levels approved to be integrated into the hospital system.

➤ **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.

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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 ESSD annual meeting our IRG group met with other IDSSi 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 IDSSi framework in geriatrics and neurology in Turkey
- To promote the IDSSi 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

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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...

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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*
https://idssi.org/IDSSI/media/images/CountrySpecific/UnitedStates/Implementation_resource_1.pdf

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!

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Vietnam 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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