**Minutes Meeting Taskforce Assistive Technology 13 February 2023**

**1) Opening and introduction new coordinators: Lizzy Boots and David Neal**

**2) Introductions round (new) taskforce members**

Jeroen Bruinsma - MU

Anthony Scerri - Malta

Pascale Heins - MU

**3) Update on outcomes from lead(s) of existing taskforce subgroup(s)**

* **Laila Oksnebjerg**

**UTec19 project** – Uptake of technology among people with dementia during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aim to investigate how the pandemic and propose recommendations of sustainable uptake after the pandemic. 4 work packages:

**Wp1** public involvement of people with dementia from representatives of the European working group.

**Wp2** Rapid review (led by Ana): published in January: low-access to help social networking; often well accepted and many benefits (social connectedness). Also barriers: lack of digital literacy, limited access to technology.

**Wp3** mapping exercise

**Wp4** evidence synthesis to propose recommendations: survey INTERDEM network and asked to circulate among network. What kind of studies were going on in the pandemic? 40 pieces of work reported. Most interventions via online communications technology like Zoom. Also some other, like social reminiscence therapy. Communication technologies were the most common used technologies during pandemic by people with dementia, like videoconferencing. Some face-to-face interventions converted to online and also data collection became more online.

**4) Brainstorming taskforce goals for 2023-2024**

**Opportunity for network members to propose specific grant applications or article ideas**

Franka: Working on a paper on factors influencing (non)successful implementation in the field of technology; was already presented at AE, but the results are being reported right now

Idea for an updated Interdem position paper (Published in 2017): possible an update of this paper (manifesto, agreements in different countries; possible implementation

<https://rehab.jmir.org/2017/1/e1/>

Manuel: Focus on getting funding in coming calls. Aim to prepare 2-3 proposals with the task force considering the strengths of this European group covering most of the countries in Europe. Erasmus calls are all open right now. Structural funds from Optec or Interreg covering different regions of Europe. Manuel will check this out and send it out this week

Position/manifesto papers considering e.g. implementation. We have a special approach: from a dementia/clinician or research perspective.

Jenny van der Steen: Radboud/Leiden University: palliative care in dementia and technology. Making a model what is needed for information on websites

Michael Craven: UK funding healthy organization healthy aging programme

[www.ukri.org/what-we-offer/browse-our-areas-of-investment-and-support/healthy-ageing/](http://www.ukri.org/what-we-offer/browse-our-areas-of-investment-and-support/healthy-ageing/)

Duygu Sezgin – University of Galway: call internal deadline 4th of April.

**Proposed taskforce themes: implementation gaps, evidence gaps and needs gaps**

Technology implementation gaps, evidence gaps, needs gaps. Any additions?

Carolien Smits – Pharos: policy in the NL is focusing on staff shortage; how can we keep our care feasible. Technology is usually offered as the solution. That could be a good topic to address: what technology is going to help us to keep up the quality and quantity of the care that we want to?

Kyle Harrington: Training time and costs when technology is introduced. What is the impact on standard practices? Is this in stead of staffing, what is the impact further on the line? Staffing and retention.

Michael Craven: Design in dementia; <https://designingfordementia.eu>

<https://routledge.com/Design-for-People-Living-with-Dementia-Interactions-and-Innovations/Tsekleves-Keady/p/book/9781032000176>

Look at technology ecosystems rather than looking at individual technologies

Multiple interventions combined to help people

Rose Marie Droes: best practice guidance from DISTINCT and INDUCT network many recommendations for improvement and implementations. Website in menu ‘guidance’: Have a look at this and identify gaps

**Concrete steps:**

David & Lizzy will collect and share information on calls that are relevant, publications, events. We will coordinate and share these throughout the network.

Future meetings: workshop in IPA 29 June. Findings from DISTINCT network. Raymond Koopmans will be there (IPA board member). Let us know if you will be there and we will look into setting up an informal meeting options for our taskforce.

Meetings: 1-2 online meetings per year. And also linked to the conferences. Continue on the path that we had. Lia Fernandes can help with facilities in Lisbon.

Laila, Franka, Manuel, Ana, Eef, David, Lizzy, Lia already mentioned their interest to help with the updated position paper. Franka will get in touch with the people that wrote the first paper to see if there is interest to join. Rose Marie Droes mentioned to get in touch with the DISTINCT researchers because they all

Ana 3-4 times per year meeting to update each other. Perhaps have a google share or docpoint to share information instead of mails.

Eef Hoogervorst: 4 times a year meetings, short updates from (early stage) researchers. Meeting up, having drinks and talking about research linked at IPA.

JAIN meeting Dutch researchers: if you’re willing to join the assessment committee, email Franka.

**Actions:**

Let us know if you’re in Lisbon for the **IPA congress in Lisbon 29th-30th June**

Let us know if you have any interesting funding options

Manuel will send European calls

Franka will contact the authors of the first position paper to see if there is interest to update it, together with other interested members. Manuel, Franka, David and Lizzy will take the lead and check who can.

**Open agenda points for the next meeting**

Public presentations (Ana): next taskforce meeting