Hi Deanna!

It is time to make an evaluation of the Meeting in Melbourne and to show you who constitutes the new Executive Committee of ISBNPA.

Other exciting news like the improved Impact Factor of the IJBNPA are part of this newsletter, so read ahead and keep contributing to ISBNPA activities.

Message from the ISBNPA Past President

Dear ISBNPA members and colleagues,

I would like to thank you all for a very exciting and positive year as President. Especially, thanks to all who contributed to making the Melbourne meeting such a successful conference. In particular, I would like to thank the incoming President and local conference organizer David Crawford and his colleagues for their effort in hosting a fantastic conference and 10 year celebration of ISBNPA. Thanks also to the keynote speakers and all other presenters at the conference. The record high attendance and the quality of science presented at the meeting clearly speaks to the important role ISBNPA has gained as the international arena for sharing, stimulating and promoting research and policy work related to healthy eating and physical activity.

Internationally, healthy eating and physical activity will get even more attention in the coming years. The ongoing negotiations prior to the United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases in New York next month
(http://www.who.int/nmh/events/un_ncd_summit2011/en), demonstrate the importance, the complexity but also the conflicting interests when addressing policy implications of research in our field. This upcoming meeting has already helped mobilize civil society (non-governmental organization and learned societies - including ISBNPA), industry and governments worldwide, an exciting backdrop when ISBNPA seeks to strengthen our work related to advocacy and membership.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as president of ISBNPA. As the Past-President of the society, I will the following year contribute as the chair of the Program Committee for next year's conference in Austin. I hope to see as many as possible of you in Texas in May 2012.

Knut-Inge Klepp

Message from the ISBNPA President

Dear ISBNPA members and colleagues,

This is my first piece for the ISBNPA newsletter in my role as President of the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity - a position I feel honoured to hold. I would like to play tribute to Knut-Inge Klepp, our outgoing President, for his work on our behalf.

Your Society is in excellent shape. For those of you who made it to Melbourne for the 10th Annual Conference in June, I am sure you will agree it was a fantastic meeting. We had just over 700 participants making it the largest conference in the Society's 10 year history. The pre-conference workshops, the keynote speakers, the free papers, posters and symposia, the debate, the venue, the food, the conference dinner, the dancing and the networking opportunities were all excellent. Next year's conference in Austin is shaping up to be an equally successful meeting, so start making your travel plans now.

As you may be aware, the impact factor of Society's journal, the International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, recently increased and is now over 3, making it one of the leading journals in the field. Frank van Lenthe and his team are to be congratulated for this! If you have not done so recently, I encourage you to take a look at the journal and to submit your best work there.

A key area of focus for the Society's Executive over the coming year will be investigate how we can further enhance the services we provide to ISBNPA members - probably in the
form of events for early career researchers and via the introduction of special interest groups (SIGs). However, we’d be keen to hear from you about your ideas so feel free to email me.

David Crawford

**What’s new at ISBNPA**

**A New Society Fellow and Committee Members**

At the annual meeting in Melbourne, Professor Ilse De Bourdeaudhuij (University of Gent, Belgium) was awarded a Fellowship of ISBNPA. Ilse is only the 8th person to receive a society Fellowship after Kylie Ball, Tom Baranowski, Wayne Miller, Ron Kleinman, Gaston Godin, Hans Brug, and Simone French.

Ilse De Bourdeaudhuij has been an outstanding researcher in her own right with a prolific record of research collaboration and output. However, her service to ISBNPA has also been outstanding having been on the Executive Committee for 7 years, including her term as President in 2008-09. Also in Melbourne, we saw some changes to the Executive Committee membership. Deanna Hoelscher (USA) was voted in as President-Elect, Anke Oenema (NL) elected as Secretary, and Benedicte Deforche (BEL) and Jenny Veitch (AUS) voted as Members-at-large. The current EC is now Chaired by incoming President, David Crawford.

As Chair of the Nominations Committee, I would like to thank Lesley Lytle from the USA (actually she was the real chair!), Stef Kremers (NL), Anna Timperio (AUS), and Bente Wold (NOR).

Stuart Biddle

Loughborough University, UK

**IJBNPA has increased its Impact Factor to 3.17**

The ISBNPA' journal - International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, has just received its latest Impact Factor: 3.17. This is an increase on last year's Impact Factor and clearly represents the great job Frank van Lenthe and his team. Recall that the IJBNPA is an open access journal that is known for its thorough reviews and fast publication processes. Keep this facts in mind on your next manuscript.

**Revisiting the ISBNPA 2011 Annual Meeting**

With over 700 attendees, the conference in Melbourne was a great place to learn and network.

You can find the pdfs of the keynote presentations [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1107008529276&format=html&print=true).

**Prizes for early career investigators and students awarded at 2011 ISBNPA conference in Melbourne**

At each annual International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity conference, prizes are given for the best presentation in four categories: Oral presentation of an early career researcher (who obtained their doctoral degree fewer
than 5 years preceding the conference), Poster presentation of an early career researcher, Oral presentation of a doctoral student and Poster presentation of a doctoral student. The prize for the four winners is a free registration for the next conference.

The process works as follows: During the submission process of the regular abstracts, submitters can mark whether they want to take part in the prizes. Based on the scores and comments from the 3 external abstract reviewers, three nominees are selected for each of the four competitions. Then, at the conference, the presentations of these 12 nominees are each rated by two independent judges (selected by the abstract committee). The criteria for judging are: Oral: Quality of oral presentation, Quality of PowerPoint slides, Quality of answering questions, Keeping the time; Poster: layout and content.

In 2010, the nominees were:

**Early career oral**
- Dominique Cadilhac. Deakin University/ National Stroke Research Institute, Australia. What is it worth to reduce physical inactivity and increase consumption of fruit and vegetables in Australia?
- Gavin McCormack. University of Calgary, Canada. The influence of sidewalk availability on walking behavior of adults residing in established neighborhoods.

**Early career poster**
- Verity Cleland. University of Tasmania, Australia. Effectiveness of interventions to promote physical activity among socioeconomically disadvantaged women: A systematic review.
- Ben Jackson. University of Western Australia, Australia. Students’ tripartite efficacy perceptions in school physical education: Instrument development and validation.

**Student oral**
- Christine Elshaug. Deakin University, Australia. Physical Activity, Leisure-Time Screen Use and Adolescent Depression.

**Student poster**
- Ester Sleddens. Maastricht University, Netherlands. Development of a comprehensive general parenting measure for parents of 6 to 13 year olds: interrelationships with Body
Mass Index and personality.

The 2011 winners were:

**Early career prizes:**
- Early career oral presentation: Gavin McCormack. University of Calgary, Canada. The influence of sidewalk availability on walking behavior of adults residing in established neighborhoods
- Early career Poster: Ben Jackson. University of Western Australia, Australia. Students' tripartite efficacy perceptions in school physical education: Instrument development and validation

**Student prizes:**

**Contribution to the newsletter content**

**Job Positions**
Be sure to check the ISBNPA website for current position openings around the world. If you would like to post a job position, please contact Pam Rolfes at pam@toppartners.com.

**ISBNPA Website**
We are adding new content to the ISBNPA website on a weekly basis. Please bookmark the site and visit it frequently! Contact Pam Rolfes at pam@toppartners.com if you have any ideas for website content.

**Other contributions**
If you would like to contribute stories or information that would be interesting to ISBNPA members (conference updates, funding opportunities, etc.) to the ISBNPA newsletter, please contact Antonio Palmeira, Newsletter Editor, at antonio.palmeira@ulusofona.pt or Anke Oenema at a.oenema@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

**Upcoming ISBNPA Annual Meetings**

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming ISBNPA meetings:

**ISBNPA 2012 Annual Meeting**
Austin, Texas, USA May 23-26, 2012. For more information, please see the conference website at: http://www.isbnpa2012.org/
ISBNPA 2013 Annual Meeting

Upcoming Scientific Meetings
Here are other scientific meetings in the field of behavioural nutrition and physical activity taking place soon:

**Obesity 2011, 29th Annual Scientific Meeting**
October 1-5, Orlando, Florida
More information at: [http://www.obesity.org/meetings-and-events/annual-meeting.htm](http://www.obesity.org/meetings-and-events/annual-meeting.htm)

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