Hi Deanna!

The ISBNPA is preparing a set of activities to make 2011 a great year for the field of behavioural nutrition and physical activity. The ISBNPA President' Message reflects these intentions. The annual meeting has received over 600 abstract submissions (you can still submit late-breaking abstracts until March 14, 2011, see below), and the organising team are putting together another great conference.

Read ahead and keep contributing to ISBNPA activities.

Message from the ISBNPA President

Dear ISBNPA members and colleagues,

2011 is looking to become an important year in the history of ISBNPA. We are celebrating our 10th anniversary during the Melbourne meeting in June. During this first decade the society has evolved from being a small organization relying mainly on voluntary time and effort from our members, to become a larger organization with a reputation of hosting excellent scientific meetings! We have a well established journal with a current impact factor of impressive 2.63, and we have a record high number of abstract submissions for the Melbourne meeting (> 600).

With growth and success come also increased expectations from members and conference participants, as well as new challenges in the day-to-day running of the society. In order to further develop the society the executive committee has
seen the need for professional assistance in the daily running of ISBNPA. I am therefore happy to announce that we have now signed a contract with Pam Rolfes and The Odyssey Group, a Minnesota based company that assisted us during the 2010 annual meeting in Minneapolis.

2011 is also the year when behavioural nutrition and physical activity will be placed soundly on the global agenda. In September 2011 a High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases will take place in New York. Growing obesity and diabetes type II rates world wide is the direct reason why state leaders for two days will discuss the challenges and what can be done to improve eating habits and physical activity world wide, along with reduced alcohol and tobacco use. In preparation for this meeting, six regional conferences in the WHO regions will be conducted, and in April the Russian government will host the First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Noncommunicable Diseases. This implies that lifestyle related nutrition and physical activity will receive much attention both internationally and locally this coming year, providing opportunities for promoting the ISBNPA research and policy agenda.

If you have thoughts and ideas that you would like to share with the executive committee of the society, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee members. I look forward to seeing you at the 10th ISBNPA meeting in Melbourne, June 15-18, 2011.

Knut-Inge Klepp
Melbourne meeting looking to be a blockbuster - see you down under in June!

G'Day - the 2011 ISBNPA conference to be held in Melbourne in June is shaping up as an absolute blockbuster. There have been well over 600 abstracts submitted for free communications, in addition to 25 symposia that have been accepted for presentation. The range of topics covered this year will be extensive, with abstracts coming from across the globe. If you have not already submitted an abstract there is still time to do so and it will be considered for a late-breaking poster (until March, 14).

I encourage you all to check out the conference web site: www.isbnpa2011.org It contains information about registration, an outline of the program, accommodation options, tours from Melbourne, holiday destinations in Australia, and a wealth of other detail to help you plan your trip down under.

Winter in Melbourne is mild by northern hemisphere standards - you can expect daytime temperatures of about 15C or about 60F, and while it may rain there is also a good chance there will be many sunny days, allowing you to get out and explore Melbourne and Victoria.

For those who can take extra time and are looking to enjoy some warm weather, check out holiday options in tropical far north Queensland (unaffected by the recent floods) and the Northern Territory. Details can be found on the conference web site at: www.isbnpa2011.org/australia.php

Don't forget to get on line and register for the conference and the 10th anniversary dinner now.
See you in June.

David Crawford

Chair, Local Organising Committee

Call for late-breaking abstracts

The call for late-breaking abstracts will be open from February 14, 2011 until March 14, 2011. These abstracts will only be accepted as poster presentations.

Do not miss this opportunity to show your latest work. Find out more at http://www.isbnpa2011.org/abstract.php.

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 Sandra Evans at Alexandra.E.Evans@uth.tmc.edu.

ISBNPA Website
We are adding new content to the ISBNPA website on a weekly basis. Please bookmark the site and visit it frequently! Contact Sandra Evans at Alexandra.E.Evans@uth.tmc.edu 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 Deanna Hoelscher at Deanna.M.Hoelscher@uth.tmc.edu.

Upcoming ISBNPA Annual Meetings

Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming ISBNPA meetings:

ISBNPA 2011 Annual Meeting
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia June 15-18, 2011. For more information, please see the conference website at: http://www.isbnpa2011.org/
**ISBNPA 2012 Annual Meeting**  
Austin, Texas, USA Mat 23-26, 2012. For more information, please see the conference website at:  

**Upcoming Scientific Meetings**

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

**ACSM's 58th Annual Meeting and 2nd World Congress on Exercise is Medicine**  
May 31 - June 4, Denver Colorado, USA  
More information at:  

**13th European Congress of Sport Psychology**  
July 12-17, 2011 Madeira - Portugal  
More information at:  

**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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