MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased and honoured to write a first newsletter message in my term as president of the society. It is hard to believe that one quarter of this term already passed and it makes me realize once more that moving to a two year president term, beginning with Jo Salmon, has definitely been the right decision. Nevertheless, with great help of the extraordinary Executive Committee and our very dedicated new executive director, António Palmeira, and thanks to the excellent work of many committee members, we took a sprint start!

Just to name a few things: the new website was launched, we expanded our Special Interest Groups and we drafted an action plan to seek for more global connection by increasing memberships from Low and Middle Income Countries. Furthermore, to further strengthen our independency from conflicting funding sources, in this increasingly difficult economic environment, we started drafting terms of reference for a sponsorship subcommittee.

In the meantime our 2015 meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland is shaping up well and I hope many of you are getting in touch with international colleagues in order to compile an interesting symposium. The submission site has been activated (see below for details)!

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.

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ISBNPA 2014 ANNUAL MEETING, SAN DIEGO
A brief report

The San Diego meeting had 788 participants, making it the greatest US based ISBNPA conference so far. Even with such a large number of participants, the post-meeting survey reflected our subjective feeling: that ISBNPA is a friendly meeting, where high quality research and fruitful networking are key.

We have compiled some of the twitted photos in the slideshow below.
See you all in Edinburgh.

ISBNPA 2014 San Diego - Slideshow from photos twitted or sent by participants

EDINBURGH ISBNPA 2015 ANNUAL MEETING
Call for symposia

The call for symposia is open from September 1st to October 24th. Submissions are made through the following link:

SUBMISSION WEBSITE

Please find the symposia guidelines in this link.

Follow the twitter account from the ISBNPA 2015 Annual Meeting.

SIGs UPDATE
ISBNPA now features seven SIGs
Dear ISBNPA members,

In an earlier newsletter we already mentioned that the Executive Committee made a decision to expand upon the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) at ISBNPA. SIGs provide a less formal venue for sharing research than the formal presentations at our meetings. Besides the already running Socio-economic inequalities SIG, three new SIGs had their inaugural meeting during the conference held in San Diego. We want to take this opportunity to introduce the SIGs and briefly summarize the discussions they had during the conference. Furthermore, if you are interested in getting involved in one of the SIGs, you should contact one of the chairs.

1. Socio-economic Inequalities
The Socio-economic inequalities SIG has been established to serve ISBNPA members as a community with an interest in exchanging and advancing knowledge into the socioeconomic inequalities in nutrition, physical activity and sedentary behaviours. During the meeting about 40 people showed up. The meeting focused on future activities, such as identifying a key note speaker to talk about inequalities next year and having a workshop during the ISBNPA2015 conference on area-based inequalities during which deprived areas are visited. The remainder of the meeting was used to discuss various methodologies on how to link socio-economic position to health behaviours.

Contact (click to email): Frank van Lenthe

2. m- & e-health (title was: Population-based interventions)
During the kick-off of this new SIG, about 25 people showed up. The purpose of this meeting was to decide on the main focus (and title) and future activities. Corneel Vandelanotte (chair) gave a short introduction on how the SIG came about and that the main focus is on e- and mHealth. During a discussion it was decided that the focus should not only be on interventions, but also on the wider use of e- and mHealth in activity and nutrition research. The name of the SIG will also be changed, because it does not cover the subject. A small workgroup will further develop the activities of this SIG.

Contact: Corneel Vandelanotte

3. Motivational dynamics in nutrition, physical activity and sedentary behaviors
The Motivational Dynamics and Behavioural Change SIG had their inaugural meeting in San Diego. In a highly interactive meeting, 35 attendees broke up into small groups to discuss various topics on further shaping the SIG. Based on these discussions, it was decided to create a communication plan (e.g. directory, listserv) to spread information efficiently. For the next conference the SIG may organise a symposium on motivational approaches to health behaviour change, with different perspectives highlighted so that commonalities and contrasts will be clearer. In addition the SIG is looking into the possibility of organising pre-conference workshops on particular motivations approaches to intervention (e.g. MI, SDT, SCT).

Contact: Leen Haerens

4. Diet, Activity and Cancer
Freshly formed, the SIG on Diet, Activity and Cancer had their kick-off meeting as well during the conference. This SIG was formed because there is increasing recognition of the role of physical (in)activity, diet and weight management in the primary prevention of cancer. There is an urgent need to demonstrate the impact of behaviourally focused interventions on health outcomes, markers of disease and treatment related side effects. The SIG aims to a) Share resources (e.g. key papers, grant opportunities) b) Build capacity
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5. Three new SIGs:
After the conference three new SIGs were formed. The first one is "Policy and Environmental Interventions to improve diet and physical activity" and aims to facilitate a network of ISBNPA members that are working in the area of environment and policy research to improve diet and physical activity. Contact Annie S. Anderson if you are interested in this SIG.

The second one is "Children and families", which aims to target researchers seeking to understand factors influencing these behaviors and their health outcomes by a variety of methods (from interventions and experimental studies to observational and etiologic studies). Contact Leah Lipsky or Tonja Nansel if you are interested in this SIG.

Finally, the "Early care and education" SIG was started, aiming to target researchers with an interest in physical activity, sedentary behaviors and nutrition during the early childhood period, in particular with regard to children’s engagement in out of home child care. Contact Dianne Ward if you are interested in this SIG.

Opportunities

1. Social Media sub-committee is looking for new members
Do you have any new ideas about the way we communicate with members through social media and want to be involved in making it happen? If so, the Social Media sub-committee is looking for you to strengthen our team. We specifically encourage PhD students and Early Career Researchers to join us. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rick Prins for more information.

2. Call for papers
Debbe Thompson is co-guest editing a special number entitled "The Use of E-Health for Nutrition Assessment and Intervention". Follow this link to find out more.

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