MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all ISBNPA members!

I feel most fortunate to be starting my two year term after such wonderful recent leadership of the Society by Professor Greet Cardon. Thanks to Greet and the previous 11 Presidents, the Society is in its strongest position ever. After an amazing record-breaking conference in Edinburgh, with over 1200 delegates attending, we now have more than 900 members.

Clearly, the numbers attending our annual meetings and the size of the membership reflects a strong interest and growth in this important field. While some members have expressed concerns about growth of the Society, we hope that many of our new initiatives will help to retain the intimate ‘family’ feel of the Society. For example, we now offer seven Special Interest Groups (SIGs), which are a way of connecting with members who are working in closely related fields throughout the year. We are currently considering establishment of an eighth SIG (to be announced soon).

We are exploring new ways to connect and communicate with members. This should be a two-way exchange and we warmly welcome input and suggestions from members at any time. We were excited by the news that the Impact Factor of the society’s journal, the International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (IJBNPA), has increased to 4.11. This is indicative of the hard work by the Editorial team in selecting high quality papers for publication in the journal. I encourage all members to continue to submit their best research to IJBNA.

ISBNPA has strong global membership across many different countries; however, there are areas that remain under-represented, such as Asia, South America and some parts of Europe. A call for conference bids for 2018 and 2019 will be announced soon that targets these areas specifically. We hope this will assist us in gaining better representation from those regions. We also aim to increase our focus on advocacy, recognising the important role the Society can play in informing, educating, and promoting healthy eating and physical activity to key stakeholders including government, non-government organisations and industry.

I look forward to collaborating with our outstanding Executive Committee who work extremely hard in a voluntary capacity to represent the members and help make ISBNPA the success it is today. Please keep in touch, join one of the SIGs we have on offer (if you
haven't already), and I look forward to seeing you in Cape Town, South Africa in 2016.

Warm regards

Jo Salmon
President, ISBNPA

EDINBURGH ISBNPA 2015 ANNUAL MEETING
Results of the survey.

You already know that this was the ISBNPA meeting with the highest attendance. Follow the link below to see a brief report of the results of the survey.

Brief report of the meeting survey.

ISBNPA 2016 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
Know the key dates!

Most keynotes are confirmed for the Cape Town meeting. Everything is coming together for another great ISBNPA conference. Join the scientific program by submitting for a satellite meeting, workshop or symposia.

Satellite Meetings
Satellite meetings are a ISBNPA marquee activity. Submit your expression of interest (EOI) until August 31st. For more information visit the conference website.
Workshops
The deadline for pre-conference workshops submissions is September 7th, 2015. [Click here to access the online workshop form]

Symposia
It’s time to start preparing your symposia. The call opens in September 4th and closes on Oct 26th, 2015.
Stay tuned for more information about this call in our website or the conference website.

ISBNPA ACTIVITIES

Meet your neighbour
San Diego 2014 was a great ISBNPA meeting.
Know more about the research group headed by Jim Sallis at the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health from the University of California, San Diego.

Webminars, SIGs and Mentoring
The communications committee and the SIGs are preparing a set of webminars for November.

Stay tuned and in the meantime join and follow our SIGs’ activities in our [website].

The [mentoring webpage] is already available (beta version). If you want to participate, just join in.

IJBNPA
We were delighted to announce the winners of the best papers published in the Society’s journal (IJBNPA) in 2014. Read more...

We are pleased to announce that the 2014 impact factor for IJBNPA has increased to 4.11. Read more...

Have you visited the new IJBNPA website (beta version)? If not, please go to http://ijbnpa.biomedcentral.com and send us your feedback about it.

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