Message from the President

Dear Members

Everything is progressing well for the Annual Meeting next year in Cape Town, South Africa. We received some excellent symposia and all those who submitted have been notified about the outcomes. Abstract submissions for oral or poster presentations will close on November 27th, but if you miss the deadline don't forget you have until March 4th 2016 to submit your latest research as a late-breaking abstract.

Another reminder is our Society's Journal is seeking additional Associate Editors to help the Editor-in-Chief Russ Jago keep up with the workload - a sign of the popularity of the International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. Please contact Russ if you are interested in applying for this position (see also below).

The webinars were an amazing success and I would like to sincerely thank the presenters and organisers for an incredible series. In total we had 622 attendees register for the six webinars on topics ranging from children and families and socioeconomic inequalities to policies and environment.

The voting for the Executive Committee including a new President-Elect, the treasurer and two member-at-large positions will be open soon. Please make sure you place your vote by December 18th and have your say in the running of the Society.

I hope you have all had a successful and productive year, but still managed to make time to relax and stay fit and healthy. With the end of the year looming I would like to wish everyone happy holidays and all the best for the New Year. And remember to renew your ISBNPA membership in December!

Warm regards
Jo Salmon
President ISBNPA

Cape Town is getting ready

Call for abstracts

Present your best work at ISBNPA 2016. Call for abstracts is open until November 27 (call for late-breaking abstracts will open from December 4 to March 4).
Click here to submit your best work to ISBNPA 2016.

**Symposia**
The symposia review process is completed. Over forty symposia were selected. The program is looking great already.

**Workshops**
The scientific committee has selected ten excellent learning opportunities for Cape Town. Make sure you register early to grab your spot. The workshop titles are presented below, and you can find out more HERE.

- Early Career Researchers workshop
- Navigating Cape Town: Using GPS-devices in behavioral nutrition and physical activity research.
- The art of evaluating the effect of changes in the built environment on physical activity behavior
- HomeStyles: A Case Study in Developing a Childhood-Obesity Prevention Intervention
- Social media and strategic communications for researchers and institutions
- Translation and Implementation of Evidence-Based Interventions into Policy and Practice
- Move Well, Move Often’ - The practical application of fundamental movement skills for youth physical activity promotion.
- Quantifying and Visualising Physical Behaviour: An alternative to Energy Expenditure Estimation
- Measuring sedentary behaviour in an intervention context

**Scholarships**
ISBNPA is working hard to provide scholarships to Low and Middle Income Countries delegates. We should open the call for scholarships in late January. One of main criteria will be quality of the work submitted to the scientific program, so prepare your submissions with your best work, if you are looking into this scholarship opportunity. Stay tuned for more details in January, 2016.

**Choose the officers and members for the Executive Committee**
All ISBNPA members are called to vote on officers and members for the Executive Committee. If you are a ISBNPA member you should soon receive a ballot to cast your vote until December 18th.

**Membership renewal**
Renew or join ISBNPA membership until the end of the year. You can find all the benefits here.

**Webinars**
November was Webinar month in our society.

We are very happy with the turnout of this initiative that have reached over 600 registrants. The webinars were designed by our SIG and Communications Committees, and the operations were lead by Rick Prins, so a great thanks to him for all the work.

You can see all webinar recordings HERE.

Stay tuned for more initiatives for 2016, and feel free to suggest your webinar.
proposals to us.

Meet your neighbour

Take some time to see the "meet your neighbour" video from the Physical Activity Research Group from the Central Queensland University in Australia.

Call for Associate Editors - IJBNPA

The International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (IJBNPA) is the official journal of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. The IJBNPA is published by BioMed central and has recently become one of their flagship journals. It has seen a steady increase in its impact factor (IF) over the recent past and this currently stands at 4.11. IJBNPA is an online scholarly, multidisciplinary journal publishing high quality research devoted to furthering an understanding of the behavioral aspects of diet and physical activity.

The Editor-in-Chief is Russ Jago, with Ester Cerin, Clare Collins, and Kirsten Davison as Deputy Editors. The current Associate Editors are Charlie Foster, Jayne Fulkerson, Maria Hagstomer, Melinda Hutchesson, Niko Kaciroti, Julie Lumeng, Teresia O'Connor, Anna Timperio, and Hidde van der Ploeg.

Due to an increase in the number of submissions we are looking for three/four new Associate Editors to start work in early 2016.

Suitable candidates should have:

- Substantial experience in publishing in high quality journals;
- Substantial experience in reviewing scientific papers for high quality journals;
- Preferably some experience as member of an editorial board;
- A commitment to ISBNPA / IJBNPA;
- Expertise in at least one of the following areas:
  - Physical Activity
  - Behavioural nutrition
  - Psychometrics and scale development
  - GIS/Environmental issues
- Time to spend at least 2 hours per week working on the journal.
Preference will be given to candidates who express a willingness to serve for a period of at least two years.

Interested candidates should send a 1-page letter outlining their interest in the post and any relevant experience along with a brief CV (max 2-pages) to this email by Friday 18th December.

The deadline for applications is Friday 18th Dec 2015 and it is anticipated that the new Associate Editors will start in March 2016.

Contact the Journal
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ISBNPA 2018-2019
Call for bids

ISBNPA is actively seeking for the 2018 and 2019 Annual Meetings.

If you are interested in hosting our conference, or if you know a research group that is, let us know.

Find out more about the call for bids.

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