Message from the President

Dear,

The Organising Committee and the Executive Committee (EC) have been working extremely hard on final details for the ISBNPA Annual Scientific Meeting in Victoria Canada, which is coming together very well. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Kat Duda and the team at Venue West. The EC secured Venue West on a 3-year contract last year to help provide some continuity for our annual meetings and it has been a great decision so far! We now have well over 950 delegates registered and have some new innovations in our Program this year. After the closing ceremony on Saturday afternoon we are holding a special session with 3 expert international speakers on the challenges and opportunities in implementing a sugar tax. For the first time at an ISBNPA conference we will open this session up to members of the public. The ISBNPA EC has been having extensive discussions about playing a stronger advocacy role as a professional society and with Canada currently considering whether to implement a sugar tax, what better way to inform this debate than with high quality science.

Most of our special interest groups (SIGs) are thriving and our new Implementation and Scalability SIG will be meeting in Victoria for the first time. The Theories of Motivation and Socioeconomic Inequalities SIGs have had some transitions in leadership, which has impacted on the engagement opportunities in these SIGs. We thank the new leaders for taking on these roles and also our members for their patience and understanding during these transitions. Please contact Jeroen Lakerveld if you wish to be involved in a SIG or if you wish to work more closely with the leadership teams. For the first time at this year’s conference we have not placed the SIG meetings so they are competing with each other in the program. Every year our members provide feedback that they wish to attend more than one SIG meeting. We encourage feedback from members after this year’s conference as to whether the new program placement was more acceptable.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Corneel Vandelanotte for his fantastic leadership as SIG Chair on the EC. He has really worked tirelessly to support the SIGs and we are very sad to lose him from the EC in June. However, he has done a great job in handing over the reins to our new SIG Chair, Jeroen Lakerveld, who joined us on the EC last year.

I am also very grateful to Benedicte Deforche who has been Chair of the Abstract Committee for 6 years and is stepping down from that role this year. This is an amazing contribution to the Society entailing an enormous amount of work each year (imagine organising the scientific program for 6 consecutive conferences!!). We will also sadly be losing our International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (IJBNPA) Editor-in-Chief Russ Jago at the end of this year. Russ has done an incredible job of lifting IJBNPA even higher up the journal rankings to the point where it is now a ‘feeder’ journal for our publisher BMC. We are in the process of interviewing for a new EIC, and are confident IJBNPA will continue to be one of the leading journals in the behavioural sciences field.

We will be welcoming four new EC members who will be joining us this June: Erica Hinckson, Amy Yaroch, Jane Faulkerson, and Sebastien Chastin. They represent expertise in behavioral nutrition, physical activity and sedentary behaviour and come from 3 different continents.
Finally, this will be my final newsletter as President of this wonderful society. I have been honoured to serve as the first two-year term President and it has certainly allowed more time to institute changes and consolidate the direction of the society. I couldn’t have done this role without the support of such an active EC and of course our tireless and extremely organised Executive Director, Antonio Palmeira! A big thanks to all. I am really pleased to be ‘handing over the reins’ to my experienced colleague Ralph Maddison who has held several positions within the EC already (Secretary, Chair of the Communications Committee). ISBNPA has an exciting future and I look forward to sharing it with you all in years to come.

Yours sincerely,

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Alfred Deakin Professor Jo Salmon
President, ISBNPA

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**ISBNPA 2017 in Victoria, BC, Canada**

**Numbers**

With over 970 delegates registered in early May, and at the current rate of registrations, ISBNPA 2017 will surely surpass the magic 1000 number.

We will have a diverse scientific program, with five keynotes, 45 symposia, 206 orals (doubling the numbers from last year), 90 short-orals and over 650 posters. On top of this, we will hold, for the first time in ISBNPA meetings, a **Public Session**, with three excellent keynotes on the hot topic of **Sugar Taxation** (make sure you save your place on Saturday afternoon for this session).

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**Public Session**

Sugar tax… A hot topic, a great debate ongoing in several countries.

ISBNPA has invited top researchers to discuss this topic at a session open to the community. Join Dr Tom Warshawski, Dr Shu Wen Ng and Dr Harry Rutter in this public session (Saturday,
Opportunities

Workshops
Sign up for the last places on the great ISBNPA's pre-conference workshops.
More than 320 delegates have already guaranteed their seat, but we still have places for:

1. Grasping Physical Activity: Using 3D printers to visualize physical activity
2. Faking it: using a fake food buffet to examine food choice
3. Designing and evaluating physical activity interventions for people with mental health issues
4. Fundamental and Functional Movement Literacy - the provision of meaningful childhood physical activity experiences
5. Health Promotion with Indigenous Communities

Satellite Meetings
Another great opportunity that is still available is the satellite meeting organised by Active Aging, BC. Make sure you seize all science happening within and around ISBNPA 2017 Annual Meeting.

Implementation of physical activity programs at-scale: the why and the how of it
Convenors: Heather A. McKay
Date: 05/06/2017 - website: http://www.activeagingbc.ca/events/
Location and Venue: Innovation to Implementation (i to i) Lab Centre for Hip Health & Mobility, 2635 Laurel Street, Vancouver BC; V5Z 1M9

Network meetings
We have prepared a couple of meeting rooms to facilitate networking with new colleagues or to catch-up with ongoing joint projects.
If you want to book one room, make sure you contact isbnpa2017secretariat@venuewest.com.

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ISBNPA 2017 Meeting App
The meeting app is already available


BlackBerry World: https://appworld.blackberry.com/webstore/content/60002772/?lang=en&countrycode=CA

or in any browser www.isbnpa201.com.

The app is still being populated, and includes the full program, abstract book, scheduling options, and you can also create your bio and a link to your presentation. Make sure you prepare your profile and schedule in advance.
Network of Early career researchers & Students of ISBNPA

Webinar
Dr. Rick Prins (Minndistrict, Amsterdam) & Dr. Katie Morton (Innovation Technology, Cambridge) shared their personal experiences in the webinar entitled "Perspectives from "the dark side": Making the transition from academia to industry". The recording is HERE.

NESSI @ISBNPA 2017 Annual Meeting
You'll find detailed information on NESSI activities in Victoria on the NESSI conference flyer; briefly:

Wednesday 7th June
- Early Career Researchers' Workshop (registration required)
- NESSI Networking Moment. An opportunity to meet & network prior to the official conference opening.
- Welcome Reception. Meet in the NESSI zone after the first keynote. We'll walk together to the reception & make it a bit longer to network & get some extra steps

Thursday 8th June
- NESSI Dinner - Due to overwhelming interest, we would like to invite you to pre-purchase your ticket for dinner to secure your place. If you expressed interest during registration, we've emailed you an invitation to pre-purchase your ticket. Any remaining tickets will be available to purchase from the NESSI zone at the conference.

Friday 9th June
- Gala Dinner. We organised a table for NESSI members, please join us.

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You can find some hidden treasures there.

When video abstracts were still rare, ISBNPA launched a series of small videos presenting the research published in our journal IJBNPA.

Have a look at this one from 2014.

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