President's Message

Welcome to the July newsletter, and I am sure many of you from the Northern hemisphere are looking forward to a summer break, while others in the south embrace the beauty of winter. It was a great conference in Victoria Canada, well attended by some 950 people.

A huge thank you to the organising committee and for the Canadian team lead by Ryan Rhodes and PJ Naylor for hosting such a wonderful event. I know many people took the opportunity to travel more widely and enjoyed the beauty of your wonderful country. For me the highlights of the meeting was the opportunity to network with members, listening to experts in the respective fields, including the keynote presentations, and discussion on a ‘Sugar Tax’ (oh and the wonderful band at the gala!). The overall theme of the discussions was captured eloquently by Harry Rutter who stated that 'irrespective of the causal link between sugar sweetened beverages and obesity, taxing sugary drinks is economically and ethically appropriate'. This format is certainly something we will consider in future meetings.

So what is going on at the moment? We have now started planning for the 2018 meeting in Hong Kong and the co-chairs Professors Stephen Wong and Jo Salmon are working on ensuring this first visit to Asia for ISBNPA will be a meeting to remember. In this newsletter this is an open call for satellites and workshops for the 2018 conference so please indicate your interest.

The Executive Committee started working on several initiatives (including a strategic plan) to ensure ISBNPA remains the leading voice in behavioural nutrition and physical activity.

In this newsletter we have put out a call for people to join the committees within the Executive; this is an great opportunity to get involved with the Society and have a say.

Our journal IJBNPA has a new impact factor (4.396), which is a big success and testament to the work of our editorial board and outgoing Editor in Chief, Professor Russ Jago. I would also like to congratulate Associate Professor Hidde van de Ploeg who will be the new Editor in Chief of the journal. I am confident that journal will continue to thrive under his guidance.

So, enjoy the newsletter and please feel free to contact me or the EC at any time.

Ralph Maddison
ISBNPA President
Get to know the new ISBNPA Executive Committee (LINK). We are already preparing Hong Kong 2018, but also several other initiatives will keep our society as the leading voice in behavioral nutrition and physical activity science.

Open call for ISBNPA Committee Members
Get more involved with ISBNPA activities by becoming a member of one committee. We have opened a call for the membership committee, and others will open in the next few months.

Click HERE (https://goo.gl/forms/ZfLgTcLdTzwGVScW2) to complete your expression of interest to be a part of the membership committee.

If you want to learn more about the other committees, please visit this webpage or email ISBNPA Executive Director António Palmeira for further information.

New IJBNPA Editor-in-Chief
The ISBNPA Executive Committee made a decision about the new IJBNPA EiC (Editor-in-Chief). The new position will start in January 2018.

We are pleased to announce that the new IJBNPA will be Associate Professor Hidde van de Ploeg (Vumc Amsterdam), who has worked extensively (and intensively) in several Editorial Board positions in the past. ISBNPA is already working with the new EiC in the preparation of this important part of the ISBNPA mission, to ensure a smooth transition for the Editorial Board.

As Russ Jago always said: Send your best work to IJBNPA. Hidde and the Editorial Board will make sure IJBNPA will continue to improve its quality in the future.

New IJBNPA Impact Factor
The 2016’ IF list was released on June 14th, 2016. IJBNPA is now the top journal of the area.

With an increase of almost half a point, and with the current IF of 4.396, IJBNPA has topped all journals in the area of behavioral nutrition and physical activity science.

ISBNPA acknowledges the great work of the Editorial Team and the leadership by Russ Jago, IJBNPA Editor-in-Chief for the last 3 years.

Open call for ISBNPA 2018 Workshops
Dear António,

If you’re interested in presenting a workshop at the 2018 ISBNPA conference in Hong Kong you can complete an expression of interest form until September 30, 2017.

ISBNPA will provide the room and AV equipment, and will offer the annual meeting registration fees for up to two presenters of the workshop.

Click HERE to access the workshop form online (or copy the following link https://goo.gl/forms/GRD8ASs921SwyU02).

Workshops can be a half or whole day (e.g., 3-4 hours or 6-8 hours), are meant to be for a smaller number of participants, and involve interactive programming (e.g., movement, exercises, role plays, etc.). They should have a high degree of involvement from the participants.
participants and ideally would provide tools, resources, etc. or have the participants learn how to utilize existing resources.

In the past, we have had workshops on dietary assessment techniques, measurement of physical activity, developing an intervention using an Intervention Mapping Technique, to name a few. (see a list of last year workshops HERE)

Open call for ISBNPA 2018 Satellite Meetings

If you're interested in organising an ISBNPA satellite meeting at the 2018 ISBNPA conference in Hong Kong you can complete an expression of interest form until September 30, 2017.

Click HERE for more information and to download the satellite meeting expression of interest form.

You can see past year's satellite meetings HERE and HERE.

If you have any questions regarding the forms or ISBNPA 2018, please contact António Palmeira, ISBNPA Executive Director.

NESI News

Mission

We are are working to create a platform to enhance networking and learning opportunities for early career researchers and students from around the globe.

Future Webinars?

Speaking of learning opportunities, we would love to hear your preferences for future webinars. Please send us topics, speakers or other suggestions.

#ISBNPA2017 #NESI

We hope those who made it to Victoria enjoyed the conference and NESI activities - thank you all that joined us! It was great to watch the Early Career and Student Invited talks of Valerie Carson, Samantha Harden, Jelle Van Cauwenberg and Melissa Horning.

Congratulations to the awardees of conference best presentations:

- Early career researcher category: Rebecca Franckle (best oral) and Amanda McClain (best poster)
- Student category: Lee Ashton (best oral) and Nicholas Kuzik (best poster)
Reach us!
Follow @ISBNPA on twitter and use #NESI for NESI-related tweets.
Any comments or suggestions to improve the networking activities at the conference? Other questions or comments? A publication to highlight? Email us anytime!

Keep being a happy academic!

Video from ISBNPA 2017

Watch the video of the ISBNPA 2017 meeting.

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