President's Message

Dear members, welcome to our latest newsletter.

I think you will find lots to interest and inspire you. Some developments from ISBNPA that may tweak our interests; recently Professor Jo Salmon represented ISBNPA at the WHO to discuss the Global Physical Activity Action Plan. It is great to see ISBNPA have a place at the table on global issues. As a result, Professor Fiona Bull will be presenting an ISBNPA webinar (in partnership with ISPAH and the WHO) on the action plan, which will be a great opportunity to hear about it and post questions directly to Fiona. The draft document will also be circulated to members for comment; so please have your say.

As part of the ISBNPA Executive Committee, Dr Catherine Draper and Simone Tomaz have developed a new initiative to support low and middle income countries (LMICs). ISBNPA will be offering limited funds to support small research projects for the purpose of completion and dissemination, or to provide funding for the study findings to be presented at the ISBNPA annual conference. This is a competitive process and details are on the website and in this newsletter. Thank you Cathy and Simone for driving this initiative, which represents ISBNPA's continued support for researchers working in LMICS.

The Executive Committee have met several times to work on the Society's strategic plan, which will be available in draft for comment in the near future.

Professor Jo Salmon, Venue West, and the Hong Kong organising committee are making great progress in planning for the 2018 conference. Hong Kong is an amazing city and this will ISBNPA's first venture into Asia, so please save the date (June 3-6, 2018).

Well I hope you enjoy this newsletter and as always, please free to contact me anytime.

Until next time

Ralph

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Nominations for the Executive Committee

If you are a ISBNPA member, you will soon receive information about a call for nominations for the Executive Committee. We will have a year with very important elections. So start preparing your nominations.
Open call for committee members
Earlier this week we have also sent an open call for committee members. Seize the opportunity to participate more in ISBNPA activities.

Check your inboxes (and spam folders) for a call for committee members and the call for the nominations of the Executive Committee.

You can double check if you are a current member in our website (https://www.isbnpa.org) in the member login area (green box on the top right).

Please contact António Palmeira if you have any questions.

Call for Symposia - ISBNPA 2018
Symposia are an important part of the ISBNPA program and it is our goal to ensure a wide variety of topics concerning both nutrition and physical activity during these sessions.

The annual ISBNPA meeting also highly values the interaction between attendants. In all symposia, we invite people to interact and discuss the presented ideas and findings.

In order to further increase the interaction, we also welcome "debate symposia"!

The submission site will be open from September 4th to October 27th, 2017.

Click HERE for more information and to submit your symposia.

Other calls for ISBNPA 2018 in Hong Kong are still open in September.

Make sure you submit your workshop HERE (or copy the following link https://goo.gl/forms/jGRD8ASs921SWyU02) or for the satellite meeting click HERE for more information and to download the satellite meeting expression of interest form.

ISBNPA/ISPAH/WHO joint webinar on the Global Action Plan on PA
The Global Action Plan on PA (GAPPA) is a WHO initiative to promote PA worldwide for adoption in May 2018. GAPPA lays out the rationale and opportunities for multi-sectoral actions for progress on a key risk factor for NCDs.

This initiative is endorsed by several societies, supporting the development, dissemination, and implementation of the plan. As part of their endorsement, ISBNPA and ISPAH are co-organizing a webinar (September 5, 9 pm, UK time)

Fiona Bull will present the plan. Charlie Foster (ISPAH President) and Jo Salmon (ISBNPA Past-President) will lead the discussion.

Register HERE:
https://www.isbnpa.org/index.php?r=article/view&id=74

(Registrations were open for ISBNPA members for two weeks. Now they are open to the ISBNPA community, but limited to 500 participants)
ISBNPA funding for LMIC early and mid-career researchers: ISBNPA 2019 in Prague

ISBNPA is excited to announce a new initiative to provide funding for early (5 years post-PhD) and mid-career (5-15 years post-PhD) researchers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

This funding can be used to conduct formative or pilot research (or to complete an existing study), and present the study findings at the 2019 ISBNPA Annual Meeting in Prague.

Applicants should be living and working in, and funded by an institution or organisation in a LMIC; or may be living and working in a high-income country but funded by an institution or organisation in a LMIC. To apply go HERE (or copy the link https://www.isbnpa.org/index.php?r=article/view&id=76). You can find also there more information.

If questions remain contact Dr Catherine Draper: catherine.draper@uct.ac.za

Funding application deadline: 16 October 2017

The LMIC scholarships for ISBNPA 2018 in Hong Kong will open in January 2018, with the same format as last year (see https://www.isbnpa.org/index.php?r=article/view&id=53 to prepare your application - stay tuned, it will only open in January 2018).

Video from our colleagues in Hong Kong