

ISBNPA Special Interest Group (SIG)

Socioeconomic inequalities in nutrition, physical activity and sedentary behaviours

Knowledge update July 2013

In this issue: Update from our first face-to-face meeting in Ghent; member list; request for help from members; news & resources

Remember that our ISBNPA Special Interest Group is on Twitter! Follow and use #ISBNPASIG so other members can follow/converse as well. Any tweets relating to SIG topics – new research, questions, challenges, debates, news – are very welcome!



SIG MEMBERS – we need your help!!
Please see our call for member input on page 2.

Face-to-face meeting, May 24th 2013

The Socioeconomic Inequalities SIG hosted its first face-to-face meeting among members at the 2013 ISBNPA conference in Ghent. Despite the short time available, the meeting was well-attended and evoked an enthusiastic discussion of the SIG and potential activities that could be considered to achieve the SIG aims of serving as a community to foster research and intellectual exchange among members.

SIG Convenors Kylie Ball & Frank van Lenthe provided a brief update on member activities to date, including quarterly communications, twitter updates, and a joint symposium at this year's Ghent conference. Membership stood at 193 at the time of the meeting, a fantastic achievement in a Society of several hundred members.

Suggestions for future SIG activities included:

- Circulate member names/contact details to all members (this is shortly forthcoming)
- Continue to disseminate quarterly communications to members; consider ways to share papers/links promoted in these among members (subject to copyright restrictions)
- Collate and disseminate information on members and topics/areas in which they work
- Explore opportunities for SIG pre-conference meetings; workshops; satellites (suggested topic SES measurement)

- Promote opportunities for joint symposia submission for ISBNPA meetings focused on socioeconomic inequalities
- Consider a SIG-aided keynote speaker at each ISBNPA conference
- Investigate forums for sharing/promoting existing studies – for example, for data mining
- Opportunities for cross-cultural/cross-country comparisons
- “Hot topics” or debate/opinion pieces eg in ISBNPA or SIG’s own newsletter – short piece written by a member to spark discussion
- “Profiling members” section within newsletter – brief snapshot of a member/team of members and the work they are undertaking in socioeconomic inequalities
- Explore opportunities for international/cross-national research and funding

ISBNPA is also in the process of establishing further SIGs, and the model which we have used has been drawn upon to inform these.

Member list

Members have requested a list of all SIG members, in the interests of facilitating member interaction and exchange. A list of current SIG members is attached with this update.



SIG Members: We need your help!!

The success of the SIG depends heavily on the input of its members. We would appreciate members to please consider/do one or more of the following:

- Send us 2-3 lines about who you are, where you work, and the work you do specifically related to the SIG topic of socioeconomic inequalities in nutrition, physical activity and sedentary behaviours. We can then circulate amongst members to provide a better sense of who we are and areas of interest and expertise.
- If you’re keen to write more about yourself and your team, please do so, and (optionally) send us a photo too, and we’ll ‘profile’ you in an upcoming newsletter
- Please forward to Kylie (kylie.ball@deakin.edu.au) any suggestions for pre-conference satellites/workshops, or symposia, and for keynote speakers relevant to the SIG
- Please volunteer to write a short ‘hot topic’ or opinion/debate piece relevant to the SIG – it doesn’t have to be long!
- Please keep other ideas coming! We are always keen to hear your views about how the SIG can better serve its members.

The following resources may be of interest to SIG members.

New guidance from WHO: Last week, WHO/Europe launched a policy summary and full report on promoting physical activity in socially disadvantaged groups. Check it out at

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/environment-and-health/sections/news/2013/07/new-guidance-on-promoting-physical-activity-in-socially-disadvantaged-groups>

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