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ISAPA 2015

A Welcome Message for the ISAPA 2015 Congress in Israel

By Yeshayahu "Shayke" Hutzler, Chairman of the Scientific Committee,

I am thrilled to welcome you in June to Israel for the ISAPA 2015 Congress. This is the 20th International Congress of the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA). This congress is organized by the Wingate Academic College, which has more than 40 years of experience in developing adapted teaching and educational physical activity programs.

For the purpose of the ISAPA event, collaborations with several institutions are taking place. Of noteworthy mention are the following:

1. The Israel National Insurance Institute (NIOI) will demonstrate eight special programs advancing physical activity for lifestyle and health enhancement in populations with disability. In addition, the chief medical officer of the NIOI has organized a unique minisymposium exploring the relationships of medical and exercise practices among athletes with disabilities.
2. The Israel National Paralympic Committee has extended an invitation to the chief medical officer of the International Paralympic Committee as well as additional experts who will contribute to knowledge and skills of young athlete recruitment and development.
3. Special Olympics Israel and Euro-Asia

will demonstrate practices and programs ensuring athletes' lifelong adherence as well as unified sport practices for facilitating social inclusion in an exercising society.

So far approximately 150 abstracts have been accepted. The complete scientific program is available until the end of April. We are currently building the program, which includes high-level invited keynote lectures delivered by the most renowned authorities in their particular knowledge domain, together with short oral presentations, poster presentations, workshops, and minisymposia.

On the three days after the congress (June 16-18) an international course referring to inclusion practices in physical education will be conducted. The course will be moderated by **Martin Block** and **Lauren Lieberman** and will provide new knowledge bases and practices. Registration is available on the website [LINK TO PAGE](#)

A unique and diverse social program is also planned, including cultural and experiential activities in some of Israel's major tourist attractions such as Tel Aviv, Herzliya, and the marine center of Michmoret.

We look forward to hosting all congress participants and providing a rich and diverse program for the benefit of all.

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More Information About ISAPA 2015: Come Join Us!

Opening Reception Venue

The opening reception will take place on June 11th at a unique venue, the accessible seashore promenade of Herzliya. Upon agreement between the ISAPA 2015 Symposium organizers of the Wingate Academic College and the municipality of Herzliya (a city located between Tel Aviv and Netanya) an opening event including a wheelchair dancing performance by the city's artistic group as well as additional activities will take place under the auspices of Mayor Moshe Fadlon. This promenade has a unique design enabling fully accessible cultural events as well as aquatic leisure benefits of the seashore within close proximity.



Special Olympics

A workshop will be organized for Special Olympics instructors and volunteers as well as other practitioners working with athletes who have intellectual disability, presenting new methods and programs. The workshop will be directed by Mariuz Damentko and Mirosław Krogulec Presenters of Special Olympics Europe.



Keynote Abstracts available online: Dr. Leitner

Dr. Leitner's Presentation on Neuropediatric comorbidity will follow Christopher Gillberg's ESSENCE concept and will focus on attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, tic disorder, developmental coordination disorder and autism spectrum disorder, as well as on intellectual disabilities, emphasizing the clinical aspects of identifying and prioritizing treatment of these conditions.



Invited Symposium: Perspectives on Inclusion of Participants with Disability in Sport

A unique symposium will explore a variety of perspectives devoted to the inclusion of sport participants with disability. The human rights and law professor Neta Ziv will address a critical perspective of the Athletic Body and Disabled People, followed by comments presented by Eli Wolff on the participation of athletes with disability in collegiate and interscholastic sports and a description of the English Sport Development Program by Ken Black



Secure Your Accommodation

All abstract submitters are requested to book their accommodation to ensure availability of their preferred accommodation. June is the height of the tourist season in Netanya. There is a limited number of rooms available in the Wingate campus hostel and a number of hotels which offer special rates for congress participants in the city of Netanya ([Congress hotels](#)). Shuttle service will be provided to and from congress hotels during the days of the congress.

Sailing with a Disability

A unique workshop will demonstrate the activity at the Michmoret marine center (about 20 km north of the Wingate Institute), in which children and youth with autism are exposed to boating, including rowing and sailing activities. Specific skill acquisition and self-confidence developed during this environmentally rich activity will be discussed with workshop participants who will accompany the young people's activity in the sea.



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PRELIMINARY CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

IFAPA Executives 2015

At the general assembly during ISAPA at the Wingate Institute Israel, June 11 to 15, 2015, we will elect a secretary and treasurer. Please submit nominations to IFAPA past president Yeshayahu “Shayke” Hutzler, chair of the graduate school, Zinman College for Physical Education & Sport Sciences at the Wingate Institute, 42902 Israel or via e-mail at shayke@wincol.ac.il. All nominations must be received by May 29, 2015, and should include a 150-word biography.

Nomination and Voting Procedures

To allow all IFAPA members to vote for executive positions, even those who are unable to attend the general assembly, in Israel, we will provide the slate of potential officers to all members via e-mail. Then members can vote via e-mail and have their voices counted at the general assembly, even if they are unable to attend. This means that there will be no nominations from

the floor at the general assembly in 2015 for executive positions (secretary and treasurer). However, a live vote will still be conducted for those members, particularly new members, who were unable to vote before attending the assembly.

REGIONAL REPORT: ASIA

2014 ISBNPA Annual Meeting in San Diego, USA

By Cindy Sit, ASAPE Vice-President

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) was held at San Diego, USA, May 21 to 24, 2014. A total of 800 delegates from all over the world, including Hong Kong, participated in this meeting. **Stephen Wong** from the Chinese University of Hong Kong chaired the symposium titled “Physical Activity in an Ultra-Dense Environment: What Factors Matter?” which aimed to address the environmental issues of physical activity for under-researched population living in an ultradense geographical

location such as Hong Kong. There were three presentations covering multilevel and multivariate investigations into the determinants of physical activity among Hong Kong Chinese. One of the speakers, **Cindy Sit**, discussed the important role of contextual characteristics in promoting active behavior of children with disabilities in special school environments. This symposium was fruitful, highlighting the need for geographical specificity in studying environmental correlates of physical activity for Asian populations, including those with disabilities.

Call for Papers



PALAESTRA is a quarterly scholarly journal focused on adapted sport, physical education, and recreational therapy. *PALAESTRA* is now accepting manuscripts that focus on applied research, exemplary programs, practical applications, and resources for educators and practitioners. Manuscripts will go through a double blind review process.

The focus of *PALAESTRA* is broad and includes practical applications for teaching, coaching, and leading; implications and applications of scientific research for training and teaching; administration, supervision, and management; professional preparation and in-service education; innovative ideas and practices; assessment and classifications; relationships of basic sciences to methods and activities for individuals with disabilities; sports medicine and athletic training applied to individuals with disabilities; equipment and supplies used in these programs; and professional issues and trends.

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REGIONAL REPORT: EUROPE

Interdisciplinary Approach of Inclusive Education: Outcomes of the International Project in Latvia

By Aija Klavina, Chief of the Board, Latvian Disabled Children and Youth Sport Federation, Project coordinator, EUFAPA president-elect



Latvian Presidency
of the Council of the
European Union

The presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) rotates among the EU member states every six months, and the country holding the presidency drives forward the council's work. Latvia is holding position of the presidency of the Council of the EU from January 1, 2015, to June 30, 2015. Presidency is an opportunity for each member state to influence the EU agenda and guide the EU actions.

Latvian Disabled Children and Youth Sport Federation (LDCYSF) received a grant from the Latvia's state for the project Today's Education for Development of Future Society that was implemented in Latvia's presidency of the Council of the EU. The project introduces national and international education professionals and society to innovative trends of inclusive education to improve availability of sources at the state, society, and private sector in order to implement inclusive education policies. The four international seminars were organized across Latvia (April 8-9) followed by the international scientific conference in Riga (April 10). The project was done in collaboration with Riga's Teacher Training and Education Management Academy (RTTEMA) and many local partners providing inclusive education programs.

More than 600 participants from 16 countries met in project events. The term *inclusive education* is

viewed as interdisciplinary, ensuring inclusive lifelong learning for all and improving the quality of education. Following are the four topics selected for seminars:

1. Innovative and interdisciplinary life-long education to ensure sustainable society development.
2. Interdisciplinary support model for improving physical and mental health of school age children.
3. The role of municipality and state in ensuring current needs in the school environment
4. Inclusive education in promoting social equality.

Each seminar included experts' presentations representing broad range of disciplines that was followed by the group discussions focusing on interdisciplinary, competency-based approach to increase curricula relevance and address diversity. A total of 17 invited experts representing 16 different organizations, institutions and higher education settings from 13 countries contributed quality and professional expertise of project events:

Finland: **Aija Saari**, Finnish Sports Association of Persons with Disabilities

United Kingdom: Tim Prendergrast, Youth Sport Trust

Poland: **Marta Agnieszka Bielawska**, Academy of Special Education in Warsaw
Ukraine: **Natalia Kharchenko, Mahdalyna Lyla**, State Higher Educational Establishment Pereyaslav-Khmelnytskyi State Pedagogical University named after Hryhoriy Skovoroda

Lithuania: **Diana Reklaitiene, Jurate Pozeriene**, Lithuanian Sport University
Ireland: **Kate Feeney** from the CARA Adapted Physical Activity Centre and **Susan Marron** from St. Patrick's College, Dublin

Sweden: **Lena Hammar**, National Agency for Special Needs Education and Schools
Denmark: **Per Skoglund**, European Agency for Special Needs & Inclusive Education
Spain: **Javier Perez Tejero**, Centre for Inclusive Sport Studies (CEDI)
Germany: **Theo Hartogh**, University of Vechta

Latvia: **Daina Voita, Zenta Anspoka, Juris Porozovs**, RTTEMA

Italy: **Alexandra Di Stefano**, Università degli Studi "G. d'Annunzio" Chieti –Pescara
Hungary: **Kristof Szabo** Hungarian Paralympic Committee

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The topics of presentations illustrated clearly interdisciplinary approach of inclusive education encouraging professionals from different areas and disciplines meet and work together collaboratively. Participation of everyone is a key strategy offering possibility to take into account interests, needs and perspectives of each participant of inclusive education. For example, **Per Skoglund** (project advisor European Agency for Special Needs & Inclusive Education and R&D-leader at Swedish National Agency for Special Needs Education & Schools) presented the work of the European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education from organizational history signifying some current key

projects and examples of functioning inclusive processes. He emphasized crucial aspects of increased inclusiveness in relation to raising the achievement of all learners, ways to increase the capability of school systems and schools to include all learners and importance of a systemic perspective on inclusion as increased quality of schools.

Aija Saari (research manager, Finnish Sports Association of Persons with Disabilities) highlighted negative attitudes and lack of knowledge of sports personnel as the major hindrances to sports participation of persons with disabilities. She discussed different learning environments,

for example, formal (e.g., seminars, workshops) and non-formal situations, such as events and meetings. She presented the Finnish experience of junior games and the disability sports fair as win-win examples of cooperation offering a promising platform to facilitate learning in real life situations for students and experienced professionals from various fields.

Theo Hartogh from the University of Vechta (Germany) presented lifelong education in music, a contribution to the quality of life of people irrespective of age.



Per Skoglund, European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education.



Aija Saari, Finnish Sports Association of Persons With Disabilities.



Theo Hartogh, University of Vechta (Germany).

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Kate Feeney from CARA Adapted Physical Activity Centre (Ireland) presented national standardized training that provides professionals with the opportunity to develop confidence and competence in working with people with disabilities along with knowledge and skills to design and deliver worthwhile inclusive lessons. Susan Marron from Ireland and Marta Agnieszka Bielawska from Poland shared experience from their countries in teaching preservice teachers to work in inclusive education. All presentations and other materials from the international seminars are available [here](#).

At the conclusion of the four seminars, the International Conference Theory for Practice in the Education of Contemporary Society was organized on April 10 in Riga at the Riga Teacher Training Education Management Academy, the partner of the LDCYSF in this project. The conference was dedicated to the Academia-200

and the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Minister of Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia Marite Seile and president of the Latvian Academy of Sciences Ojars Sparitis attended the opening session of the conference. A total of 104 oral presentations (25 of them on topics of inclusive education) were included in the nine parallel sessions:

1. Higher Education: a New Challenge in the Study Process
2. The Traditional and Innovative in the Preschool and School Pedagogical Process
3. The Child's Language in the Contemporary Changeable Society
4. Theory and Practice in the Development of Psychology and Art Pedagogy
5. Physical, Mental Health and Social Environment

6. Education Management: Theory and Management of Educational Organizations
7. Inclusive Education to Promote Equal Society
8. Entrepreneurship in Latvia and in the World: Challenges and Opportunities
9. Challenges and Solutions of Inclusive Education (special session on outcomes of the international seminars)

The outcome document of the project Resolution of the Inclusive Education is under review now. It will be submitted to the European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education as well as disseminated to other international bodies providing and promoting inclusive education. It will be accessible on the project web page indicated previously.

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Calendar of Events for 2014 and Beyond

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2015

International Conference on Sports Science

May 27-28, 2015, Montreal, Canada

www.waset.org/conference/2015/05/montreal/ICSS

International Symposium of Adapted Physical (ISAPA)

June 11-15, 2015, Netanya, Israel

www.isapa2015.wincol.ac.il

20th Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science

June 24-27, 2015, Malmö, Sweden

Sustainable Sport , www.ecss-congress.eu/2015/15

International Conference on Sport Medicine and Sport Science

June 25-26, 2015, Paris, France

www.waset.org/conference/2015/06/paris/ICSMSS

2015 AIESEP International Conference

July 8-11, 2015, Madrid, Spain

www.aiesep2015.com

14th European Congress of Sport Psychology

July 14-19, 2015, Bern, Switzerland

Sport Psychology: Theories and Applications for Performance, Health and Humanity

www.fepsac2015.ch

2016

17th European Society of Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery & Arthroscopy (ESSKA)

May 4-7, 2016, Barcelona, Spain

www.esska-congress.org/esska2016

21st Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science

July 6-9, 2016, Vienna, Austria

Crossing Borders through Sport Science

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