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New Opportunities with UNESCO and IFAPA

by *Claire Boursier*, IFAPA president, INS HEA, Paris, France



Claire Boursier

This year has been very busy for most of us. I am sorry about not being able to send a message in April.

A few glances from the past few months:

Martin Kudláček and I took part in the European Physical Education Association (EUPEA) at UNESCO headquarters in Paris on April 4, 2014. The theme was Quality Physical Education (QPE)—What Is It About? This meeting gathered 74 people from 15 European countries, Brazil, and Tunisia and members of the social and human science sector of UNESCO. The main objective of this seminar was to reflect how to adapt to changing educational and social demands while ensuring QPE at each level of schooling, including higher education, is implemented. We raised questions about students with disabilities. Several assessments at a global level have been conducted in regular schools, but none of them are related to QPE in both the regular (inclusive) education and special education school system.

All participants agreed on the necessity to develop research on this issue. We should, with the support of UNESCO, implement a global survey on QPE for students with special needs or QAPE (quality adapted physical education). I would like to implement a committee with colleagues from all regions to work on this issue. All colleagues interested are invited to contact me. Furthermore, a Memorandum of Understanding



(MOU) has been signed between IFAPA and the International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW). Following are the objectives of this MOU:

- To create a stronger and more powerful voice for girls and women, including persons with disability
- To increase the profile of physical activity of girls and women and adapted physical activity
- To establish a stronger platform for IAPESGW and IFAPA activities and programs

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- To be more innovative and productive for the benefit of member organizations
- To increase our political power in sport through a common voice and potentially joint programs
- To support the sport political activities of both parties in dealings with other governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and to search for synergy between the two organizations and to explore and utilise the resources of their networks

What is more, UNESCO has opened other chairs and job opportunities in APA for researchers and PhD students. I wish to thank **Catherine Carty**, UNESCO chair project manager on Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities, Their Families, and Communities Through Physical Education, Sport, Recreation and Fitness, from the department of health and leisure studies at the Institute of Technology Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland. She has shared many job opportunities over the past two months:

Here are new positions:

- Postgraduate scholarship program ,which is due to commence in September 2014
- Part-time chairholder

To apply:

www.ittralee.ie/en/InformationAbout/Research/ResearchCentres/UNESCOChairInInclusive-PhysicalEducationSportFitnessandRecreation

These new opportunities are relevant to IFAPA because they meet our values and objectives. I hope we continue our cooperation with UNESCO in the future.

Finally, our new website has been launched: www.ifapa.international.

This new website needs to be live and updated. Feel free to send me all news or articles you wish to share with us. It will be officially presented during our next board meeting in September before the European Congress on APA in Madrid, Spain.



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of People with Disabilities, their Families
and Communities, Through Physical Education,
Sport, Recreation and Fitness"

IFAPA NEWS

Connecting with Other Organizations and Professionals

By [Maria Dinold](#), IFAPA vice president, University of Vienna, Austria

As one of the vice presidents of IFAPA, I attended several conferences and meetings in April to June 2014. All these activities foster our link and cooperation with other universities and organizations in a global context:

1. April 12, 2014: Leisure Activity and Teaching: Understanding the Learning and Needs of Different Students. Invited one-day seminar at the University of Macau, China.
2. May 15-17, 2014: Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2014 (GoFPEP 2014): Physical Education and Health: Promoting Global Best Practice. North-West University, South Africa
3. May 22-25, 2014: 7th International Scientific Conference on Kinesiology: Fundamental and Applied Kinesiology: Steps Forward. Opatija, Croatia.
4. June 12-15, 2014: Sixth World Conference on Women and Sport: Lead the Change—Be the Change. Helsinki, Finland.
5. June 9-12, 2014: Statutory ICSSPE Meetings. Helsinki, Finland.
6. Memorandum of Understanding signed with International Association for Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW).
7. Leisure Activity and Teaching: Understanding the Learning and Needs of Different Students, Macau



Walter Ho from the University of Macau, China, organized a one-day seminar targeting (mostly) leisure-time teachers and trainers focusing on inclusive physical education. These were the main presentations:

- Inclusive Education and Impact for Macau School Leisure Activities ([Walter Ho](#), Macau)
- Current State and Challenges of Inclusive Physical Education in Europe ([Martin Kudláček](#), Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic)
- Knowing the Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder ([Fung Ying Chan](#), Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China)
- Social Cohesion Through Sport and Recreation Activities ([Branislav Antala](#), Comenius University in Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia)
- Inclusive Dance Pedagogy ([Maria Dinold](#), University of Vienna, Austria)

- Functional Physical Fitness Assessment for Students with Special Needs ([Hank Jwo](#), National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan)



Cindy Sit (middle), our newsletter editor, was a nice tourist guide for Martin and Maria in Hong Kong after the seminar.

1. Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2014 (GoFPEP 2014), South Africa

www.globalpeforum2014.co.za/index.html

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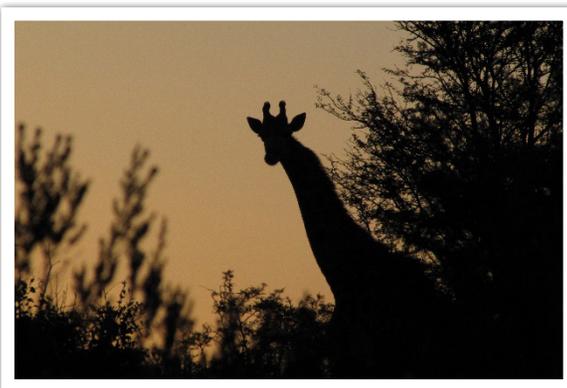
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Hans De Ridder of the North West University, Potchefstroom Campus, South Africa, was president and organizer of the Third Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy (after the first in Grundy Center, Iowa, USA, in 2010, and the second in Schloss Velen, Germany, in 2012). The event brought together scientists and professionals in physical education and provided an opportunity to exchange opinions and experiences about good practice in physical education. The program structure of this forum was appealing: It included a few keynote lectures, half-day school visits, 80 poster presentations, and 8 discussion groups.

The afternoon and evening closing ceremonies in the African bush (game drive and barbecue included) made this global meeting an unforgettable event, which was endorsed by IFAPA along with many other organizations.



1. Seventh International Scientific Conference on Kinesiology: Fundamental and Applied Kinesiology: Steps Forward, Opatija, Croatia
<http://kinesiology2014.kif.hr>

Of 11 topics in this conference, one was adapted physical activity and kinesitherapy. **Maria Dinold** was invited as a keynote lecturer. She presented two papers: “The Impact of Dance and Creative Activities on the Quality of Life of Individuals With Disabilities” and “What Works in Inclusive Physical Education?” This conference had a great variety of presentations in the field of sport science. Many students and scientists, the majority from Europe, attended.

2. Sixth World Conference on Women and Sport: Lead the Change—Be the Change, Finland

www.iwg-gti.org/
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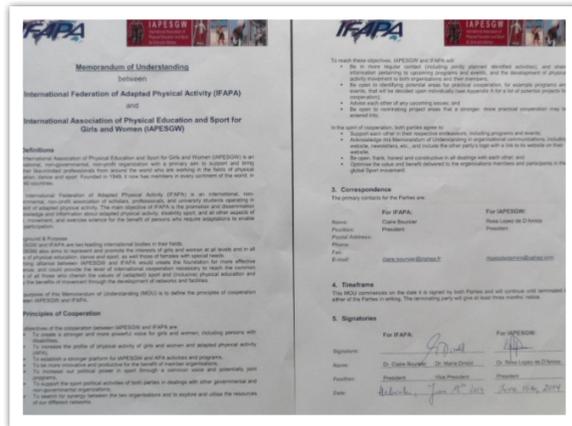
This conference, organized by the International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG), united more than 800 mostly female participants from more than 100 countries.

Many international organizations served as strategic partners, such as IPC, SOI, IAPESGW, WSI, and UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace.

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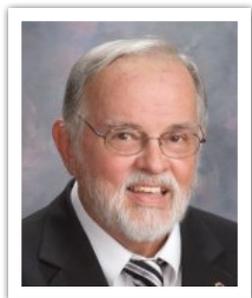


We foresee more cooperative work between IFAPA and other organizations in the coming years.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In Memory of Dr. David P. Beaver

By Julian U. Stein



Dr. Sue Barnd

Although **Dr. Beaver** taught and coached at both secondary and collegiate levels, his greatest and most significant contributions were in adapted physical education, recreation, and sport for individuals with disabilities visual impairments in particular. **Jim Neppi**, vice president of USABA and many times an international competitor in goal ball and several field events, said, "Dr. Beaver is by far the best goal ball coach for whom I have ever played."

Indicative of his foresight and leadership was establishing *Palaestra: Forum of Sport, Physical Education, and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities*. This professional periodical was developed to meet the void of available professional materials, especially for practitioners dealing with these areas. *Palaestra* continues to grow both nationally and internationally after more than a quarter century and is recognized as a leading professional periodical in adapted physical education and activity, special sport programs, therapeutic recreation and recreation for special populations, and related areas involving individuals with disabilities. This growth and these contributions are due to the vision and efforts of David Beaver. As editor in chief, he

established both professional and business relationships with groups such as the United States Olympic Committee on Sports for the Disabled (Paralympics), American Amputee Foundation, Adapted Physical Activity Council of AAHPERD, National Consortium for Physical Education for Individuals with Disabilities (NCPEID), and the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH).

Dr. Beaver saw the need in the Midwest for a workshop and in-service program focusing on adapted physical education, sports involving athletes with disabilities, and recreation for special populations. To fill this void, he planned, organized, and administered the Achieving a Balance in Adapted Physical Education Conference. Positive responses and exhaustive feedback about this one-day workshop resulted in subsequent programs expanded into a two-day conference.

Another Illinois need noted by David Beaver was in-service training in adapted physical education for general physical education teachers in various special education cooperatives. This need was documented through a statewide survey, and results were submitted to the State Department of Education as part of a grant proposal. A three-year grant (Rural Adapted Physical Education Training Program) was awarded, resulting in development of an important cadre of adapted physical education resource teachers to assist general physical

education, special education, and elementary school classroom teachers through workshops and ongoing consultation throughout Illinois. David also was instrumental in the formation of the United States Association for Blind Athletes (USABA) and was responsible for much of its early growth and development. He served as vice president and chair of the Sport Development Committee, which, under his guidance and leadership, established sound foundations for both sport development and competition. He was responsible for three USABA National Games being held at his own Western Illinois University. These games were the epitome of organization and efficiency, establishing standards of excellence for those responsible for future games to attempt to emulate.

Because of his outstanding record and accomplishments, in a relatively short time with USABA, Dr. Beaver was elected to key positions in the International Blind Sport Association (IBSA), including co-chair of the Sports Technical Committee, during its formative years and was responsible for its early growth and development. In addition, he served as sport technician, representing the United States at the IBSA Ratifying Congress. These contributions at national and international levels were instrumental in insuring developmental and competitive opportunities in sport for blind and visually impaired persons around the world. Dr. Beaver was elected as one of two delegates

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to the Organizing Congress that formed IBSA. He was also elected to a four-year term on the Sports Technical Committee for the Disabled, serving as sport technician, representing the United States and North America.

David contributed in many ways to organizations and associations such as these:

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Consultant in physical education and recreation for those with disabilities; Information and Research Utilization Center, and to the Unit on Programs for the Handicapped; organized USABA display and dissemination center in IRUC's Drop-In Center

for the Handicapped during several AAHPERD National Conventions. At many conventions he made well-received presentations.

Illinois Coalition of School Professionals and University Programs in Adapted Physical Education. Treasurer, president, legislative liaison, consultant to Illinois Office of Education for adapted physical education; consultant in adapted physical education for the West Central Illinois Special Education Cooperative; presenter at numerous Illinois AHPERD state conventions and workshops throughout the state.

Adapted Physical Activity Council (AAHPERD). Task Force on Fitness testing for the Disabled;

presenter at programs at AAHPERD National Conventions; appointed to task force to study of inclusion of students with disabilities on Association and PCPFS tests.

None stand taller than those who bend to help individuals less fortunate than themselves. Dr. David P. Beaver's entire career exemplified leadership, professionalism, and altruism, and he helped countless individuals with disabilities attain the life worth living, so eloquently expressed by Helen Keller.

Source: *Palaestra*

EUCAPA 2014, Madrid

29 September to 2 October, 2014

Inclusion Into Action Applications From Research



Welcome to the European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity (EUCAPA) 2014, Madrid, Spain.

This will provide an unique opportunity for sport scientists and professionals from various disciplines in Europe and worldwide to come together and be inspired about new developments, research applications, and information related to sport science, sport medicine, physical education, health promotion, and physical and movement therapies in the context of adapted physical activity (APA). Moreover, EUCAPA 2104 aims to be the key APA forum for promoting fruitful and longstanding cooperation among professionals, experts, and institutions in Europe and worldwide. EUCAPA 2014 will be organized by the Centre for Inclusive Sport Studies (CEDI), located at the Faculty of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences (INEF) of the Technical University of Madrid and proudly supported by Sanitas Foundation. We are thankful to the European Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (EUFAPA) for choosing our proposal to organize such an important congress in Spain.

You are more than welcome to the warm and modern city of Madrid to enjoy EUCAPA 2014. See you in Madrid!

Prof. Dr. Javier Pérez-Tejero
CEDI director
Chairman of EUCAPA 2014 Organizing Committee

Important Dates

June 15 Notification for authors

June 30 Early bird registration
deadline

June Photography and video
contest announcement

September 15 Deadline for registration
for EUCAPA 2014

September 29 Congress dates
October 2



EUCAPA 2014 aims to develop a major contribution to our understanding of APA and adapted sports and its key role in the inclusion of people with disability in our society.

REGIONAL NEWS-MIDDLE EAST

Erasmus Intensive Programme at Gedik University, Turkey

By [Dilara Özer](#), Gedik University, Turkey,

Disability Sports and Health Game and Activity Modifications program was organized by the faculty of sport science at Gedik University on June 23, 2014. The aims of this program were to (1) provide year-round adaptive sport instruction to adults and children with physical and cognitive disabilities and (2) examine the health and performance benefits derived from regular physical activity and motives for and barriers to physical activity among this population. It was hoped that the findings would translate into real-world applications and promote physical health and well-being of persons with disabilities at all levels.

There were five partners from Turkey, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Italy, and Finland. Target groups of the program were students studying coaching, physical education, recreation, and physical therapy in schools of physical education and sports. A total of 24 students from the European universities and 9 from Gedik University attended this program. This program consisted of four modules over 20 days in 140 hours (of which 76 are about theory). The project was sponsored by Lifelong Learning Programme,



Istanbul Electricity, Tramway and Tunnel General Management (İETT), Pendik Municipality, and Tuzla Municipality with a sum up to €40,000.

This program enabled persons with disabilities to enjoy outdoor recreation with friends and family in a boundary-free environment and to provide access to equipment and instruction that might otherwise be unavailable in a full-day event. "Our project seeks to encourage persons with disabilities to view sport participation as a viable lifestyle choice. Sport can help reduce

the stigma and discrimination associated with disability because it can change community attitudes toward persons with disabilities by focusing on their skills, not their own disability. Through sport participation, persons without disabilities are able to interact with persons with disabilities in a positive context, thereby allowing them to understand more about the strengths and limitations of persons with disabilities," said **Dilara Özer**, coordinator of this project.

REGIONAL NEWS-MIDDLE EAST

Mifalot Education and Society Enterprises Promoting Peace

By Nadav Dagan, Program Supervisor, Mifalot Chinuch, Israel

Mifalot Chinuch was founded as Hapoel Tel Aviv Football Club's social responsibility project in 1997. Its vision is to fully use the potential and power of football in order to create a tolerant and supporting society through sport. Most activities of Mifalot are within socially marginalized populations, including ethnic minorities, persons with a variety of disabilities, victims of natural catastrophes, and conflict areas.

Mifalot cannot stand by and allow such a turbulent security condition and especially does not condone the extremists on both sides who add to the hostile situation between Israel and Gaza.

Mistrust, hate, and incitement are currently pushing aside the faith, love, and togetherness between the two sides. At this time, we are being put to the test of humanity, friendship, and the bridges we have built in the past. Just when many are closing their doors and avoiding dialogue and understanding, we at Mifalot wish to remain true to who we are.

With courage, determination, and sensitivity, Mifalot continues to give every child the chance for peace, because we want their childhood to be marked with love and tolerance toward another.

The Mifalot family will never give in to incitement or hatred. Our spirit will stay strong, faithful, and joyful for a better tomorrow and to become a better society for our children.



These days we are trying our best in the field to light up the darkness that surrounds us. Last week, about 20 Mifalot staff members, coaches, and volunteers participated in activities across the country with six housing programs from the Health Ministry in Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Beer Sheva. Most of the activities took place in shelters. The participants from boarding programs for persons with psychiatric disorders live at the 40-kilometer strip and face continuous alarms and therefore repeated stressful events every day.

In addition, the Mifalot staff organized a peace tournament in the northern city of Afula, where both Arabs and Jews from different Mifalot programs participated in the tournament. The tournament included a big warm-up for them

together, interactive games between teams, and a Ramadan feast at the end of the event. The tournament proved that despite the harsh situation, there is still common ground between the various sectors, and football proved to be one of them! Despite the current situation and the mixed feelings people had, the tournament was cheerful, fun, and sporty.

Mifalot is hoping for better days to come!

REGIONAL NEWS- NORTH AMERICA

Claudine Sherrill Awards Breakfast to Recognize National Award Winners sponsored by SHAPE America

By [Dwan Marie Bridges](#), North America Representative to IFAPA, California State University, Los Angeles

“No one was singing the St. Louis blues at the Claudine Sherrill Awards Breakfast.”

SHAPE America—Society of Health and Physical Educators (formerly known as the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, or AAHPERD)—conference attendees gathered for the Claudine Sherrill Awards Breakfast, which was held at Rooster’s Restaurant on April 3, 2014. The breakfast was sponsored by professor emerita **Claudine Sherrill**, who served on the Texas Woman’s University kinesiology faculty for more than 40 years and as a past president of IFAPA. **Luis Columna**, former chair of the Adapted Physical Activity Council (APAC), served as moderator for the event.

This year the Claudine Sherrill Awards Breakfast recognized the Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year (APE TOY) winners from three district associations. These individuals were also candidates for the National APE TOY award.

Michael Doyle, Central District APE TOY

Doyle is an educator for the Wayzata Public Schools and has been an APE professional for over 7 years. He has served the Minnesota AHPERD board of directors in the capacity of president-elect. He was recently a coauthor for an article in the *Journal of Physical Education*,

Recreation and Dance titled “Office of Civil Rights Dear Colleague Guidance Letter.” He has a passion for technology that includes audio and video recordings and displays as well as the Polar GoFit App for physical activity monitoring, which allows his students to receive real-time feedback on their heart rates and target physical activity zones.

Christine Luntzer, Southern District APE TOY

Luntzer has more than 6 years of service in the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools. She serves as the APE chair-elect of the Virginia AHPERD and is a certified adapted physical educator (CAPE). She has been instrumental in increasing communication between fellow APE teachers in Virginia by developing the quarterly luncheons and social media networking (e.g., Facebook, list serves).

Deborah Marcus, Eastern District APE TOY

Ms. Marcus has more than 13 years of experience as an APE professional at Marley Glen School of the Arundel County Public Schools. She is a certified adapted physical educator (CAPE) and the current APE chair for the Maryland AHPERD. Her outstanding ability to differentiate instruction

can be seen during her classes with the use of Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), audio and music cues, and modified activities that challenge and meet the unique needs of her students.

Accolades were given to the recipients of the following awards presented during the breakfast:

Undergraduate Award

Amanda Zygarlicke

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Ms. Zygarlicke is currently completing her physical education teacher education (PETE) degree and certificate in APE under the guidance of Dr. Kristi Roth. Dr. Roth stated, “Amanda exposes the dedication a quality adapted physical educator needs . . . she has been steadfast in her determination to become a physical educator who impacts the lives of not just her students but her community.”

Doctoral Student Award

E. Andrew Pitchford

University of Michigan

Mr. Pitchford is currently completing his doctorate under the guidance of Dr. Dale Ulrich. As a

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doctoral student, he has been quite prolific in his work by publishing 4 articles and 6 research abstracts in addition to 10 research presentations. Andrew has been a student representative for NAFAPA and the Michigan Special Olympics.

Julian Stein Lifetime Leadership Award

David Beaver

Professor Emeritus, Western Illinois University

Dr. Beaver (d. July 20, 2014) embodied all that is service and commitment to the APE profession. Perhaps best known for establishing *Palaestra*, Dr. Beaver also planned a significant conference (Achieving a Balance), coordinated grants (Rural

Adapted Physical Education Training Program), and was instrumental in the formation of the United States Association for Blind Athletes. As Dr. Stein said, "None stand taller than Dr. David P. Beaver, whose entire professional career exemplified all criteria for the Julien Stein Lifetime Achievement Award and enabled so many individuals with disabilities to attain the life worth living so eloquently expressed by Helen Keller."

Program Recognition Award

Adapted Physical Activity Motor Clinic, WSU

The Adapted Physical Activity Motor Clinic at WSU has for the past 13 years provided service

to the community of people with disabilities in a five-county area. Associated with WSU's Introduction to Adapted Physical Activity course, the clinic offers community-based programming for children and young adults in both the gymnasium and aquatic setting. The clinic heralded by its community partners is a true example of team effort including adapted physical education, special education, and communication science professionals. SHAPE America commends the work and also celebrates the program for its achievements.

REGIONAL NEWS- SOUTH AMERICA

Inclusive Workshops offered at the Symposium of Adapated Physical Activites in Brazil

By [Marli Nabeiro](#), South America Representative to IFAPA

The 17th Symposium of Adapted Physical Activities–SESC in São Carlos-SP/Brazil, organized by **Paulo Henrique Verardi**, was held May 14 to 17, 2014. There were seven short courses on programming with national and international (Australia, Italy, and Turkey) teachers, workshops, as well as research reports and conversations with athletes with disabilities.

The event had the presence of **Peter Downs** (Australia), with the course Inclusive and Adapted Sports for People with Disabilities, bringing structures for inclusion from the sport, as well as practical activities with preparation of adaptations of activities for people with disabilities.

Dilara Özer (Turkey), president of the Association of Adapted Physical Activity in Turkey, offered the course Body Practices for People with Disabilities, with introduction of the Sherbone developmental movement method (SDM). It was an interesting course, providing participants with many kinds of body experiences.

During this event, **Marli Nabeiro**, president of the Association of Adapted Motor Activity (SOBAMA), with the presence of members, proposed to organize the IX Brazilian Congress of Adapted Motor Activity (CBAMA) October 23 to 25, 2014, with the theme 20 years of SOBAMA: Prospects and Challenges in Adapted Motor Activity. We wish you can take part in this congress.



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Calendar of Events for 2014 and Beyond

Please submit calendar information to editor at least three months before the date of the event.

2014

13th Asian Society of Adapted Physical Education and Exercise (ASAPE) Symposium

August 1-3, 2014, Fuzhou, Fujian Province, People's Republic of China

www.fjnutky.cn/asape2014/index.html

European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity (EUCAPA)

September 29-October 2, 2014, Madrid, Spain
Inclusion into Action: Applications from Research

www.eucapa2014.eu

Contact info@eucapa2014.eu

North American Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (NAFAPA) 2014 Symposium

October 16-18, 2014, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Generating New Scientific Knowledge in Adapted Physical Activity to Benefit Individuals with Disabilities

www.sites.google.com/site/nafapaorg/conference

IX CBAMA-Brazilian Congress of Adapted Motor Activity-SOBAMA

October 23-25, 2014, São Paulo, Brazil
20 years of SOBAMA: Prospects and Challenges in Adapted Motor Activity

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

14th European Congress of Sport Psychology

July 14-19, 2015, Bern, Switzerland
Sport Psychology: Theories and Applications for Performance, Health and Humanity

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