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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Introducing Martin Block as the new IFAPA President

By [Martin E. Block](#), IFAPA President

It is with great humility, anticipation, and excitement that I begin my tenure as president of the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA). I proudly take the reins from past president **Claire Boursier**, who will forever be known as the savior of the 2011 International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA). Recall that Christchurch, New Zealand, was scheduled to host ISAPA 2011, but unfortunately a devastating earthquake struck Christchurch in February, destroying much of the city and killing more than 180 New Zealanders. Claire somehow managed to organize and host ISAPA in Paris later that summer. All IFAPA members will forever be grateful to Claire.

Please allow me a minute to introduce myself to those who may not know me. I am a professor in the department of kinesiology in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, and I have been with the university since 1992. My main area of teaching and research is adapted physical education and motor development. Our graduate adapted physical education program trains master's and doctoral students, and over the years we have had graduate students from Africa, Europe, Asia, and South America as well as the United States. Before teaching at

the University of Virginia I worked for two years at Northern Illinois University, and before that I was an adapted physical education teacher at a special school near Washington, D.C. Most people know me from my writing about inclusion, most notably my textbook *A Teachers' Guide to Including Students with Disabilities in General Physical Education* (fourth edition due out this fall). My other area of professional work has been as a consultant with Special Olympics, Inc. From 1988 to 2003 I was the director of

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Martin Block with his family

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE MESSAGE

# Introducing Aurélie Pankowiak as the New Student Representative

By [Aurélie Pankowiak](#), IFAPA Student representative



Aurélie Pankowiak

It is with greatest pleasure that I have accepted the role of IFAPA student representative.

I express my deepest gratitude to past president **Claire Boursier**, new president **Martin Block**, and the IFAPA board members for giving me the chance to represent, help, and inform students worldwide with an interest in adapted physical activity and disability and Paralympic sports. Special thanks also to our past student representative, **Sean Healy**, for his contribution to the federation and his encouragement and support!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my project for the IFAPA in this newsletter. My name is **Aurélie Pankowiak**. Originally from Paris, I left my beautiful city five years ago to explore the rich diversity of our world and its people, with a particular interest in developing my knowledge and network in the field of APA and disability sport.

After completing my bachelor's degree in adapted physical activity at the University of

Paris Ouest, I graduated from the Erasmus Mundus master in adapted physical activity (EMMAPA) at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. This master program is now called IMAPA. For more information about the international master's program of adapted physical activity, go to [www.eufapa.eu/index.php/home/205-international-master-programme-of-adapted-physical-activity-on-the-eufapa.html](http://www.eufapa.eu/index.php/home/205-international-master-programme-of-adapted-physical-activity-on-the-eufapa.html).

After working for the Caribbean Sport and Development Agency in Trinidad and Tobago, I moved to Melbourne, Australia, in March 2015 to start my PhD at Victoria University. My research project, sponsored by the Australian Paralympic Committee, focuses on the development of an elite sport policy framework to help nations develop competitive Paralympic sport systems.

Through my studies and experiences I have developed a strong passion for the Paralympic movement. Today, I am committed to contributing to the development of opportunities for people with disabilities globally to participate in sport and develop active lifestyles. It is with this vision that I would like to contribute to IFAPA.

As a student representative, my main responsibility is to increase the communication and connection among students worldwide. I am also

interested in studying, working in, and getting more information about these fields:

- Adapted physical activity at large
- Adapted physical education
- Disability and Paralympic sport management

My first step is to map out the field of adapted physical activity in order to create a comprehensive database of university programs worldwide that offer opportunities to study the three areas. Please contact me if you are a student or coordinator of such a program.

I also continue Sean's work on social media by developing the content of our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/IFAPA.tips](http://www.facebook.com/IFAPA.tips).

I am thrilled to take on this role and I look forward to meeting and connecting with students and teachers all over the world who share the same passion.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or ideas, please contact me at [aurelie.pankowiak@live.vu.edu.au](mailto:aurelie.pankowiak@live.vu.edu.au).

I wish you all the best. Finally, don't forget: Less than a year until the Rio Paralympic Games!

## NO ARMS, NO LEGS, NO PROBLEM

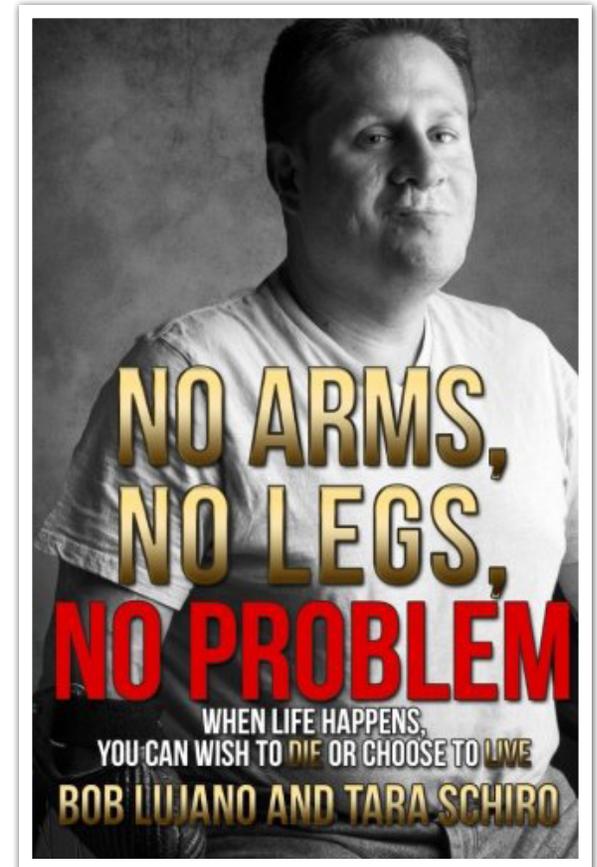
# When Life Happens, You Can Wish to Die or Choose to Live

By [Laurie Malone](#), Lakeshore Foundation, USA

A man cannot choose to be born. He can, however, choose to live. After he was raised in abuse, abandoned by his mom, and then struck with a strain of meningitis that required all four limbs to be amputated, nine-year-old **Bob Lujano** faced an incredible decision. In a coma clinging to life, Lujano, wrapped like a mummy, sat up. A visitor stood at the end of his bed and gave him the choice to live or go to heaven. To give up and choose heaven would be the easy way out and no one would blame him. To choose life meant living physically as a quad amputee and emotionally with the scars of rejection, abandonment, and abuse. Others would quit. He kept going. Staring ahead, Lujano gave an unthinkable answer: "I don't care what state my body is in. I want to live. I have things to do." His decision was granted. From that day on, he fought and pushed his way into "normal" schools and activities to live a substantive life of independence like everyone else. The *National Enquirer* called him a "gutsy kid...[who] beats the odds." Larry King said Lujano and his Murderball teammates

and costars were "inspirational" because they wouldn't trade their disability. Today, Bob does not consider himself to be disabled because he chooses life. Physically, he is able to live, work, drive, date, and cook just like the rest of us; independent without caretakers. Emotionally, he concentrates on gratitude and all the good that life has to offer. This broken family is restored; a legacy of abuse is redeemed to a legacy of championing and protection. In an age where image is everything and people are discounted for the way they look, Lujano crashes stereotypes and demands the reader to live life with everything they've got: perseverance, love, forgiveness, joy, and peace. This is no woe-is-me story; Lujano chooses gratitude in the fact that he gets to live and he encourages others to do the same. *No Arms, No Legs, No Problem* is the inspirational memoir of a quad amputee living life on his own terms.

[www.amazon.com/No-Arms-Legs-Problem-happens/dp/0986305308](http://www.amazon.com/No-Arms-Legs-Problem-happens/dp/0986305308)



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## International Master Programme of Adapted Physical Activity

**INTERUNIVERSITY PROGRAMME**

**KU Leuven – Palacky University Olomouc**

The International Master Programme of Adapted Physical Activity (IMAPA) is a 2 year Master programme in partnership between KU Leuven (Belgium), Palacky University Olomouc (Czech Republic) and a number of associate partner institutions, combining the expertise of more than 20 universities and organizations throughout Europe and the world. The programme offers students state-of-the-art research and teaching methodology in adapted physical activity (APA) and the social, pedagogical, and technical aspects of physical activity adapted to the needs of persons with a disability. IMAPA is a flexible programme, allowing students to custom design the content of their curriculum depending on the competences they wish to acquire. Students can follow the entire programme as KU Leuven students, or fit a number of selected courses within their home university programme, while remaining registered at their home university. IMAPA graduates will have the competences to work with persons with an impairment in career domains such as education, coaching, personal training, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medicine or other health care professions. The program also allows pursuing a research career by acquiring knowledge and expertise in adapted physical activity and a kinesiology related scientific discipline.

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## REGIONAL REPORT: AFRICA

## Charles Elected new Regional Representative



Ogu Okey Charles

Nigeria, where he has taught at undergraduate and postgraduate levels since 1991. He

**O**gu Okey Charles is a newly elected regional Africa representative of IFAPA. He is currently associate professor in the department of human kinetics and health education of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Anambra State,

earned his PhD in 2001 and his specialization is sport sociology including sociopsychology of sport and sport management. He has published more than 56 articles in referred journals and two textbooks. He has presented more than 28 research papers at both national and international conferences. He was a recipient of the International Full Scholarship to Citizens of Developing Countries at the 19th ISAPA and received research funding from the Association of African Universities (AAU) on Mobilizing Regional Capacity Initiatives (MRCI). He has

served as chair of the committee on review of curriculum on Physical and Health Education for Colleges of Education in Nigeria, and editor in chief of the *Journal of Health and Movement Behaviour (JOHAMB)*. He belongs to 11 professional bodies and is a consultant in social networking in sport and research. In collaboration with disability activists he has conducted research in APA among children with disabilities. In his leisure time, he enjoys reading, writing, research, traveling, collaborative research and participating in a variety of physical activities.

## REGIONAL REPORT: ASIA

## 14th Annual ASAPE will be in South Korea

*You-hwan Kim, General Secretary of 2016 ASAPE*

It is exciting to announce that the 14th ASAPE will be held July 29 to 31, 2016, in Yeungnam University, South Korea. The theme is “Hope for an Asian with disability: The answer is sport.” Abstract submission is due on March 31, 2016. For details, go to [www.asape2016.net](http://www.asape2016.net).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

## REGIONAL REPORT: ASIA

# Adapted Physical Activity and Education National Workshop in Kanazawa, Japan

By [Tomoyasu Yasui, Hokkaido](#), University of Education in Japan

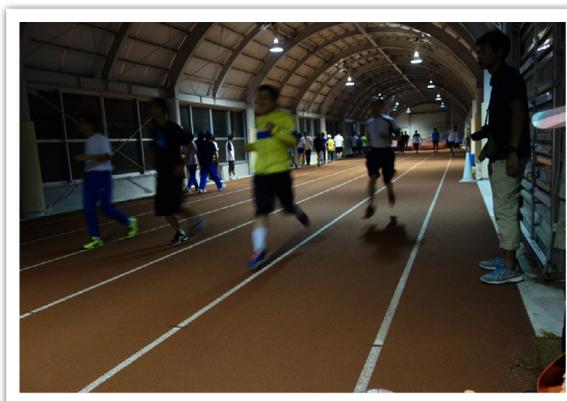
The Adapted Physical Activity and Education National Workshop was organized by JASAPE (Japanese Society for Adapted Physical Education and Exercise) September 11 to 13, 2015, in Kanazawa, Japan. A total of 50 participants took part in this workshop.

On day 1, the regional track and field Shumpu

Club (it means spring wind) was introduced. On day 2, participants were given an opportunity to play the new sports named hand / soccer, which were designed for persons with severe physical disabilities. All participants enjoyed the sports very much. On the final day, socially inclusive practice in Kanazawa was introduced

and participants discussed about the future development of such practice in Japan.

Overall, participants found the workshop interactive and inspiring, and they look forward to the next workshop in the near future.



The regional track and field Shumpu Club.



Introduction to hand / soccer for persons with severe physical disabilities.



Discussion about sports for people with severe physical disabilities at old traditional Japanese house in Kanazawa University.

## REGIONAL REPORT: EUROPE

# Finland hosts the Sixth Nordic Conference in APA and Disability Sports 2015

By [Kwok Ng](#), Europe Representative

It is known that throughout the world that the Nordic countries have a good welfare system based on values of equality and equity. This has put these countries on the map of desirables for APA. Yet, each country in the Nordic region has substantial differences that make it a necessity for neighboring countries to share and disseminate their work in a locally themed conference.

August 19 to 21, 2015, Finland hosted the Sixth Nordic Conference on APA and Disability Sports. For many Finns, the summer of 2015 will be remembered as the second coldest on record. For people who attended the conference, other memories of 2015 can be shared. For one thing, the weather was absolutely wonderful. There was sunshine until late at night. However, despite temperatures reaching 27 degrees Celsius (around 80 F), people had the coolness of the Nordic climate that kept things comfortable. This was aided by the scene for which the organisers had arranged, or perhaps it would be better to say that the organisers used the scene. The conference was held at one of Finland's sport institutes, Pajulahti. It is also the recognized National Paralympic Committee training center. The center is literally in the middle of nowhere, which makes it a great place to stay on site distraction free, do sports, eat, sleep, and relax. Perhaps this is something that all conferences strive to offer.

Two hundred people attended the conference over the three days with plentiful of activities to take part in. There were sessions for discussing scientific and implementation ideas, several keynote speakers, a cross-Nordic panel, a Special Olympics minisymposium, and a hot social program. The program was crammed with so many choices, yet in reflection, there was ample time for morning activities, coffee breaks, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening activities. It was also a good opportunity to introduce myself as the new regional representative for Europe in IFAPA.

The conference had representatives from 10 organizations, and this was an important part to the success. The conference was opened by **Pauli Rintala** and was followed by the first keynote presentation by representatives from the rehabilitation institute for spinal cord and brain injuries, Validia. The presenters, **Harri Ahtee** and **Markku Poikela**, talked about the rehabilitation process that includes trying out new sports and working with peers. It is important to have tailored sport courses for individuals, which is possible only through a system where they can borrow equipment to try out. It was a remarkable opening to the conference, which detailed how the panel discussion among representatives from Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden evolved. Each

presenter from the panel was asked to answer questions about APA administration in his or her country; despite the similarities in values of equality and equity, many countries have different systems. For example, in Denmark, there is no government organization for APA, whereas in Finland, there is a person who is employed to advise the government on issues related to APA. In Norway, the sport organizations are integrated into mainstream sport organization, and this includes Olympic, Paralympic, Special Olympics, and Deaflympics activities. In Sweden, a newly formed APA association has been formed with specific aims to work with APA for children and young people. It was interesting that, although each presentation was in English, the use of language to describe the target audience for APA was quite different, and this could be one area that would require more attention as the organizations attempt to work closer together.

The rest of the second day was divided into two main themes. There was a Special Olympics miniseminar for the afternoon, while other participants had the chance to attend another keynote presentation given by **Rita van Driel** from the NPC Netherlands, followed by practical demonstrations similar to those held the first evening. The social evening included a concert by Finnish band Rajaton (translated as "boundless")

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## REGIONAL REPORT: MIDDLE EAST

## Turkish Participants at the Annual World Congress for the Sociology of Sport in ParisSports 2015

By [Pinar Yaprak-Kemaloglu](#), Gazi University, Ankara, Turkey

The International Sociology of Sport Association (ISSA)'s annual World Congress for the Sociology of Sport (ISSA2015) was held in Paris, France, June 10 to 12, 2015. The ISSA 2015 was hosted by the University of Paris Descartes Sport Science Faculty with two themes: 50th anniversary of the organization and Congress theme "Sociological Lens and the Wellbeing of Sport."

**50th anniversary:** After the first meeting in 1964 in Geneva, Switzerland, ISSA was formally founded in 1965 in Warsaw, Poland. It was later named the International Committee for the Sociology of Sport (ICSS). During this congress, ISSA and its journal *International Review for the*

*Sociology of Sport* (IRSS) had presentations on their history and future development. There was a panel discussion titled "Trajectory and Challenges of the Sociology of Sport." **Fabien Ohl** (Switzerland) and **Elizabeth Pike** (UK) were co-chairs of the discussion, and the panel members were **Kari Fasting** (Norway), **Lawrence Wenner** (USA), **Tony Hwang** (Taiwan), and **Steven Jackson** (New Zealand). They shared their insights on the history of ISSA and IRSS, trends in sociology of sport research, diversity and sociology of sport in non-Western regions and organizations, and threats and opportunities for the sociology of sport.

**Congress theme:** During the congress there were 400 participants from more than 40 countries and more than 320 communications including several keynote speeches. A couple of years ago I had a chance to report and announce ISSA 2013 and ISSA 2015 in a local adapted physical activity bulletin called EBFAD, and this time we had four researchers from Turkey at this congress. A special panel discussion titled "Sport, Disability and Well-Being" included panel members **David**

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Sport, disability, and well-being panel members (from right): David Howe, Toni Bruce, Eric de Léséleuc, José Antonio Solves Almela, Otto Schantz, and Robert Sparks.

## REGIONAL REPORT: NORTH AMERICA

# North America Hosts Two International Competitions for Persons with Disability: Parapan Am Games (Toronto) and Special Olympics World Games (Los Angeles)

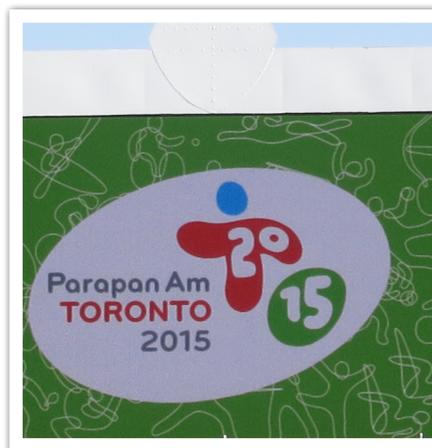
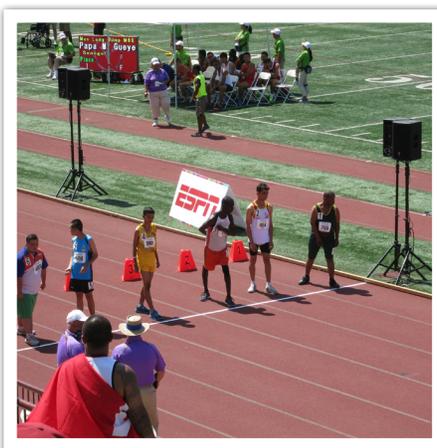
By [Meghann Lloyd](#), North American representative

Toronto, Canada, hosted the Para-Pan American Games this past August, in which 1,608 athletes from 28 countries from North, Central, and South America were represented in the largest Parapan Am Games ever. Athletes competed in 15 sports and were hugely successful. Brazil finished at the top of the medal standings followed by Canada. All of the events at the Parapan Am Games were qualifying events for

the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. The Games set the stage for future events in Canada.

Los Angeles hosted the largest-ever Special Olympics World Games with more than 6,000 athletes and 2,000 coaches from 165 countries. At venues throughout Los Angeles 25 events were held, and all events were free to spectators. Healthy athlete screenings were a centerpiece of the Games with record numbers of athletes

taking part in the screenings and benefiting from the services. The 30,000 volunteers from around the world were extraordinary and should be acknowledged for a job extremely well done. The atmosphere in Los Angeles during the Games was electric, and the event set a new standard for competition, fun, health, and camaraderie.



## REGIONAL REPORT: OCEANIC REGION

# Peter Downs is a new Oceanic Region representative of IFAPA.



Peter Down

It is a great pleasure and an honor to be Oceania Representative for IFAPA. I was Oceania representative and vice president of IFAPA many years ago, so I'm very happy to be involved more formally once

more. I came to Australia from the UK in 1992 shortly after completing my master's degree in adapted physical activity. Shortly after arriving I took up a position with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and became manager of the ASC's Disability Sport Unit for 17 years. I am one of the ASC's longest-serving staff and currently manage a national program called Play by the Rules, which is about safe, fair, and

inclusive sport. I am also cofounding director of the Inclusion Club, a nonprofit social enterprise established in Australia and the UK. The Inclusion Club shares good practice in inclusive sport and active recreation for people with disability at [www.theinclusionclub.com](http://www.theinclusionclub.com). I would like to hear from anyone involved in APA or inclusive sport from our region, so please get in touch at [peterdowns@theinclusionclub.com](mailto:peterdowns@theinclusionclub.com).

## Graduate Programs at Mississippi State University

Dr. Stamatis Agiovlasis of Mississippi State University is looking to recruit students who would like to pursue a PhD or MS in exercise science with a focus on people with disabilities. Specific areas of interest include (but are not limited to) physical activity assessment and determinants of physical activity in persons with disabilities.

Several graduate teaching assistantships are available and include tuition remission and a stipend.

The programs and the application process are described at the following sites:

For PhD: [www.kinesiology.msstate.edu/phd/exercisescience.php](http://www.kinesiology.msstate.edu/phd/exercisescience.php)

For MS: [www.kinesiology.msstate.edu/applied/science.php](http://www.kinesiology.msstate.edu/applied/science.php)

Please be aware that these programs can be

modified to include courses in disability from the department of kinesiology or other departments. New courses in disability were recently developed and will be incorporated into the programs soon.

Interested students should contact Dr. Agiovlasis at [sagiovlasis@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:sagiovlasis@colled.msstate.edu).

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the Motor Activities Training Program (MATP), a sport program for athletes with severe intellectual disabilities. I continue to consult with Special Olympics, most recently with the Young Athletes Program. I am very proud to say that I still coach in our local Special Olympics program in volleyball in the fall and tennis in the spring. For the past three years I have been the editor of the journal *Palaestra*, the forum for physical education, sport, and recreation for individuals with disabilities. *Palaestra* will publish select abstracts from the recent ISAPA in Israel, and I encourage all IFAPA members to consider submitting work to *Palaestra*. Finally, I have had some wonderful opportunities internationally, including teaching in the European master's program in adapted physical activity based at KU Leuven in Belgium and as a consultant for the Adapted Physical Activity Research Center at Beijing Sport University in China. Personally, I have a wonderful wife of 28 years who is a special education teacher in our community, and I have two beautiful daughters age 26 and 20.

Regarding IFAPA, I have three major goals I would like to accomplish in the next four years. First, I would like to improve communication among members by strengthening the web page and creating a listserv where I can quickly send e-mails to all members. Claire and I along with our IFAPA webmaster, **Yoann Chavaudra**, are working on updating the IFAPA web page at <http://ifapa-international.net>. The website is up and running, and we are continually adding information. One thing you will see immediately

on the home page is a link titled Subscribe to IFAPA. This link will take you to Human Kinetics, where you can become a member of IFAPA. As a reminder, IFAPA members have the option of receiving the journal *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly*. The web page has updated information about IFAPA including information about the new board members, past presidents, description of awards and previous award winners, and information about IFAPA fellows and a list of fellows. Soon we will be uploading **Greg Reid's** Rarick lecture he delivered at the 2013 ISAPA in Istanbul, which chronicles the history of IFAPA. We also have updated the definition of adapted physical activity and adapted physical education. Finally, we have added to resources a section on journal and textbooks related to adapted physical activity. Each journal and text listed is linked to the publisher where you can get more information and order each journal or textbook. Our goal for the fall, with help from our regional representatives, is to update the regional sections with information and contacts.

My second goal is to foster greater collaboration among members who are interested in collaborating on research and other projects. I hope to do this by creating a list of members, their research interests, and samples of their publications that can be posted on our IFAPA website. This would make it easy for everyone to see the research interests of other members and make contacts if interested in collaboration. For example, I have collaborated with several colleagues from around the world who do

research on inclusion in physical education. I feel lucky to have met and interacted with these great professionals, but it would have been nice if there were a mechanism for finding out who is doing similar research on inclusion. I am sure members would appreciate finding others who could collaborate on adapted physical activity topics. My hope is the creation of a list of IFAPA members and their research interests would facilitate collaboration.

My final goal is to develop IFAPA by encouraging new membership from untapped areas such as Africa, Central and South America, and Oceania (i.e., Australia, New Zealand). This goal of growth has been a theme of most past presidents, and I am under no delusion that this will be an easy task. However, with the help of IFAPA regional representatives I really hope we can find new APA colleagues from areas where we currently have limited representations. For example, I just met a doctoral student who is from India. As far as I know, IFAPA has no representatives from India, one of the largest countries in the world. This student was very interested in getting involved in IFAPA and getting her colleagues involved. Adding new members from underrepresented countries will only strengthen our organization, expand the reach of APA around the world, and create further opportunities for collaboration.

Again, I am thrilled to serve as president of IFAPA, and I look forward to interacting and meeting you at regional meetings and ISAPA. Following is my contact information, and I welcome suggestions to help move IFAPA forward.

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### Finland hosts the Sixth Nordic Conference in APA and Disability Sports 2015

with the Lahti symphony orchestra, who played the Beatles *Sargent Pepper* album in the Sibelius House. In the evening speech, special thanks were paid to **Kari Koivumäki** as he leaves office after working 40 years as a senior advisor at the Ministry of Education and Culture.

On the final day were two keynote speeches, one from an architect in accessible sport facilities, **Niina Kilpelä**, and the other by Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia sport director **Mariusz Damentko**. The closing remarks came from Kari Koivumäki's four points:

1. Finland had sunny weather.
2. Countries in the Nordic area had benefited from high standards of public education, good social security, and equality and equity—values beneficial for the advancement of APA.
3. The conference offered a good opportunity for cooperation among colleagues.
4. Statistics and strategies were shared among the Nordic countries, which would be important to the development of each APA state. There had yet to be the inclusion of Iceland to the Nordic APA conference, and this would be a beneficial addition in the future.

For further details, look us up through the following links:

Website: <http://bit.ly/NordicAPA2015>

Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1K2fjSA>

Twitter: #pajulahti #pajulahti2015 #nordicconference2015

Instagram: <http://bit.ly/1NBnJRi>

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### Turkish Participants at the Annual World Congress for the Sociology of Sport in ParisSports 2015

**Howe** (UK), **Toni Bruce** (New Zealand), **Eric de Léséleuc** (France), **José Antonio Solves Almela** (Spain), **Otto Schantz** (Germany), and **Robert Sparks** (Canada). Various issues such as history, public policy and sport institutions, discrimination, representation, and media in their respective countries were discussed. They also addressed issues including sparse or unequal media coverage of athletes with disabilities and the need for more sociological research.

There were some other sessions such as sport and disability, and presenters from various countries shed their light on the provision and delivery system of sport programs for individuals with disabilities in their own countries.

Overall I found this ISSA Congress fruitful and enjoyable. I hope the coming ISSA World Congresses can continue to attract more researchers to join us. As a final note, the ISSA 2016 will take place in Budapest, Hungary, June 8 to 12, 2016, with the theme "Sport, global development, and social change." I look forward to meeting you there.



From left: Ming-Sheng Tseng (Taiwan), Abdelhakim Cherif (Tunisia), Pinar Yaprak-Kemaloglu (Turkey), Martial Meziani (France), Yen-Ling Lin (Taiwan).

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# Calendar of Events for 2016 and Beyond

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

## 2016

5th Asia-Oceania Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (EVVNT)  
February 18 to 22, 2016, Philippines, Cebu  
Globalization of Evidence and Localization of Application in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine  
<http://aocprm2016.org>

17th European Society of Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy (ESSKA)  
May 4 to 7, 2016, Barcelona, Spain  
[www.esska-congress.org/esska2016](http://www.esska-congress.org/esska2016)

American College of Sports Medicine's 63rd Annual Meeting, 7th World Congress on Exercise is Medicine and World Congress on the Basic Science of Energy Balance (ACSM)  
May 31 to June 4, 2016, Boston, Massachusetts  
[www.acsmannualmeeting.org](http://www.acsmannualmeeting.org)

15th Annual Meeting of International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)  
June 8 to 11, 2016, Cape Town, South Africa  
<http://isbnpa2016.org>

International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education International Conference (AIESEP)  
June 9 to 12, 2016, Laramie, Wyoming, USA  
Blazing New Trails: Future Directions for Sport Pedagogy and Physical Activity  
<http://aiesep.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/AIESEP-2016-International-Conference-in-Laramie.pdf>

European Federation of Adapted Physical Activity, European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity 2016 (EUFAPA)  
June 15 to 17, 2016, Olomouc, Czech Republic  
<http://eucapa.upol.cz>

North American Society for the Psychology of Sports and Physical Activity 2016 Conference (NASPSPA)  
June 15 to 18, 2016, Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
<https://naspspa.com/2016-conference>

Disability Sport Conference 2016  
June 27 to 29, 2016, Coventry University Technology Park, UK  
[www.coventry.ac.uk/research/research-directories/research-events/2016/disability-sport-conference-2016](http://www.coventry.ac.uk/research/research-directories/research-events/2016/disability-sport-conference-2016)  
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21st Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science (ECSS)  
July 6 to 9, 2016, Vienna, Austria  
Crossing Borders through Sport Science  
[www.ecss-congress.eu/2016](http://www.ecss-congress.eu/2016)

14th Asian Society for Adapted Physical Education and Exercise (ASAPE)  
July 29 to 31, 2016, Gyeongsan-si, South Korea  
Hope for an Asian with Disability: The Answer Is Sport  
[www.asape2016.net](http://www.asape2016.net)  
E-mail: [2016asape@gmail.com](mailto:2016asape@gmail.com)

31st Annual Conference of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP)  
September 28 to October 1, 2016, Phoenix, Indiana  
[www.appliedsportpsych.org/annual-conference](http://www.appliedsportpsych.org/annual-conference)

Sixth International Society for Physical Activity and Health International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health (ISPAH)  
November 16 to 19, 2016, Bangkok, Thailand  
Active Living for ALL: Active People—Active Place—Active Policy  
E-mail: [secretariat@isaph2016.org](mailto:secretariat@isaph2016.org)

## 2017

14th World Congress of the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP)  
July 10 to 14, 2017, Seville, Spain  
Integrating Science and Practice through Multicultural Bridges  
[www.issp2017.com/issp](http://www.issp2017.com/issp)

32nd Annual Conference of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP)  
October 18 to 21, 2017, Orlando, Florida  
[www.appliedsportpsych.org/events/aasp-32nd-annual-conference](http://www.appliedsportpsych.org/events/aasp-32nd-annual-conference)

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