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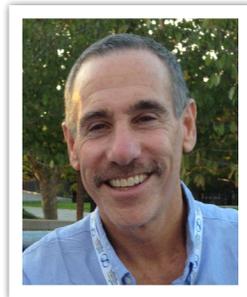
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IFAPA Looking Forward to Plans for 2017

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



Martin E. Block

Greetings, everyone, and Happy New Year! I hope you all had some holiday time this summer, and I hope you are having a productive school year or a fruitful year with your organization. The year 2016 was a time for regional conferences, and in Sep-

tember I was pleased to meet and interact with colleagues at the North American Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (NAFAPA) conference in Alberta, Canada. It was a wonderful, well-organized conference, and the presentations and conversations were thought provoking and stimulating. While I was unable to attend EUCAPA in the Czech Republic, the South American conference in Brazil, or the Asian APA conference in Korea this summer, I understand all of these conferences were expertly planned and well attended. Speaking of conferences, we now have a firm date for ISAPA 2017, which will be hosted by Korea: June 12-16, 2017. The website is up and running (<http://isapa.webvista7.kr/main/main.php>), and the call for abstracts has begun.

The specific site in Korea for the conference is still being negotiated, so visit the conference website in the next few months for updates.

IFAPA Business

IFAPA By-Laws

The IFAPA board of directors met at NAFAPA in September, and two large pieces of business were accomplished. First, the IFAPA by-laws were revised after several weeks of back-and-forth discussions prior to, during, and after the formal board meeting. The revised by-laws are now posted on the IFAPA website. Major changes to the by-laws include the following:

1. Having one vice president instead of three. Rationale for the change: We really did not have enough work for three vice presidents; plus we felt it made more sense to give more work back to the regional representatives.
2. Having one representative from each region rather than two. Rationale for the change: Our board of directors

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Representing IFAPA Around the Globe

By Maria Dinold, IFAPA Vice President, University of Vienna, Austria, maria.dinold@univie.ac.at

As the contact person with several international organizations, it seems important to represent IFAPA in international events and meetings. During the last year, I participated in some of them.

Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy 2016 (GoFPEP 2016) Ankara, Turkey May 25-29

www.globalpeforum2016.hacettepe.edu.tr/invitedDelegates-ppt.php

The 2016 Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy, titled “Technology, Networking and Best Practice in Physical Education and Health: Local to Global,” gathered 100 delegates of 49 countries/regions from 79 institutions around the world. The forum continued its tradition of excellence with an emphasis on “From Practice to Theory” and on a holistic approach to promoting health and wellness of children and community around the world.

Professor Giyasettin Demirhan from Hacettepe University (president of GoFPEP 2016) and Dr. Esin Esra, Dr. Yesim Bulca, and the other members of the organizing committee were excellent hosts for this three-day meeting, which aimed to network individuals and link communities with a shared focus and responsibility to transform the health and education field.

An innovative idea was to ask the delegates to prepare 15-minute webcam and PowerPoint presentations as an illustrative example of technology and community networking. You can watch presentations from 65 invited delegates at www.globalpeforum2016.hacettepe.edu.tr/invitedDelegates-ppt.php and 17 presentations by future leaders at www.globalpeforum2016.hacettepe.edu.tr/fl-ppt.php.

Other highlights were the visit to active schools and the active engagement in discussions on how physical education can be improved in order to be more inclusive and meaningful while using technology.

European Congress Adapted Physical Activity (EUCAPA 2016) Olomouc, Czech Republic June 14-18

www.eucapa.upol.cz/index.php

The European Congress Adapted Physical Activity conference (EUCAPA 2016) was organized by the faculty of physical culture of Palacky University–Olomouc.

Keynote speakers Aija Klavina (“Health and Social Indicators of Participation in Physical Activities for Children With Disabilities”), Mike J. McNamee (“Paralympism, Disability and Everyday Living”), and Yves Vanlandewijck (“A Paralympic Sport Unraveled: A 20-Year Scientific

Retrospective on the Belgian Wheelchair Rugby Squad”) touched on important themes of research in adapted physical activity.

The social program included a visit to the town of Olomouc, sport activities, as well as opening and closing evenings with a presentation of inclusive dance!

21st Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science (ECSS 2016) Vienna, Austria July 6-9

<http://ecss-congress.eu/2016/16>

The 21st Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science (ECSS 2016) was hosted by the Centre of Sport Science and University Sports of the University of Vienna.

This big event attracted about 2,700 participants. There was an invited symposium on the topic “Inclusive Physical Activity in Physical Education, Sport, and Rehabilitation.” It was my honor to serve as symposium chair for the following speakers:

- Sonja de Groot: “The Role of Rehabilitation to Enhance an Active Lifestyle and Sport Participation in People With a Disability”
- Aija Klavina: “Promoting Participation in Physical Activities for Children With Disabilities”
- Niina Kilpela: “Accessibility in Sports Facilities”

This event featured great keynotes and lectures as well as a fabulous opening ceremony! The

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Call for Volunteers - Volunteer Program

By [Maria Dinold](#), IFAPA Vice President

The ISAPA 2017 Volunteer Committee is currently recruiting volunteers. Volunteer applications will be accepted until Friday April 7, 2017. Only a limited number of volunteers can be accepted. We are looking for motivated volunteers for the following conference:

- Title : The 21st International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity 2017 (ISAPA 2017)
- Theme : Create a New Paradigm and Go Beyond APA
- Date : June 12 (Mon) - 16 (Fri), 2017
- Venue : Daegu Textile Complex (DTC), Daegu, Korea
- Special Conference : Paralympic Conference with Olympic Tour in PyeongChang

Student volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring the success of ISAPA2017. They are the people that help everyone from registration to local support. Being a student volunteer is an excellent opportunity to meet, interact and network with leading academic researchers and practitioners in the area of APA. This exclusive experience is available to students from all over the world who are enthusiastic and willing to contribute to make ISAPA2017 a unique experience for all attendees.

Would you like to feel part of the ISAPA2017 organization? Don't miss YOUR chance.

Responsibilities

- Approximately 32 or more hours of work during the conference week.
- Registration duties (including setting up, preparing conference bags, and helping attendees register).
- Technical assistance to speakers and attendees.
- Provide directions to various locations at the conference center
- Checking IDs at various halls including dining halls.
- Other such similar tasks.
- Student volunteers are responsible for their traveling and lodging expenses during the conference days.
- Volunteers must plan to arrive at the conference by the afternoon of June 11st at the latest. If you require a special exception to your arrival/departure times, please contact us; only a small number of exceptions can be made.
- There will be an SV orientation on the afternoon of June 11st. Volunteers must plan to attend the orientation and meet with the Student Volunteer Chairs prior to their assignments.



Benefits

- Free access to sessions
- Free ISAPA2017 T-Shirt.
- A Symposium certificate confirming hours volunteered
- Tickets for lunches for the whole stay at the venue, as well as for the welcome reception
- An opportunity to meet and talk to leading researchers about your research
- Opportunities to network with researchers, students
- Olympic Tour in PyeongChang

Important Dates

- Application Due Date (Including Reference Letters): April 7, 2017
- Notification Date: April 14, 2017
- Visas and Funding Options
- Visa Support Letters: If you need a visa support letter to apply for a visa, please visit the Visa Information page (<http://isapa2017.com/registration/03.php>).

If you have any further questions or clarifications please contact Dr. Sok-Rok Song (disportare@hanmail.net)

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REGIONAL REPORT: ASIA

International Symposium of the Asian Society for Adapted Physical Education and Exercise

By Sok-Rok Song , Executive Committee, Organizing Committee of ASAPE 2016

The 14th International Symposium of the Asian Society for Adapted Physical Education and Exercise was held July 29-July 31 at Yeungnam University in Gyeongsan City, Korea. About 400 participants from 11 countries attended this symposium. Three special guests were invited: Surendra Bahadur Shah (Nepal), Gilda L. Uy (Philippines), and Oyunbat Nasanbat (Mongolia), thereby expanding ASAPE country members from 8 to 11. The vice president of each key country was also invited to present the current situation of APA during the symposium.

During the board meeting, Ki-Yong Park was reelected as the president of ASAPE for another two years, and the general secretary selected was Sok-Rok Song, who is also involved in the preparation of ISAPA 2017 in Daegu, South Korea.

We look forward to seeing you in Daegu in 2017! Additionally, we are now preparing for the Paralympic conference, which is ahead of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, and all IFAPA members are welcome. Details will be announced in due course.



Call for Nominations: 2017 IFAPA Awards

IFAPA is proud to announce a call for nominations for two prestigious awards. Since 1991, IFAPA has given the Elly D. Friedmann Professional Contribution Award and beginning in 1993, IFAPA has given the Young Professional Award in Adapted Physical Activity. Please see the eligibility criteria and lists of previous winners below.

The 2017 awards will be presented at the 21st International Symposium for Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA) in Korea, June 12-16, 2017. Please submit nominations no later than April 1, 2017, to IFAPA president Martin Block, University of Virginia, via e-mail: meb7u@virginia.edu. The nomination packet should include the nominee's CV and a one-page (300- to 400-word) letter of support that includes a biographical sketch of the individual, highlighting major accomplishments in the field of APA.

The Elly D. Friedmann Professional Contribution Award

The Elly D. Friedmann Professional Contribution Award was established in 1989 by Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper, Free University–Berlin, in memory of her close friend and colleague, Dr. Elly D. Friedmann, founder and director of the State Teachers College of Physical Education at Beer-Sheva, Israel, and pioneer in APA. This award recognizes longstanding leadership in the field of APA.

Previous Recipients

- 1991 Claudine Sherrill, United States
- 1993 Ernst J. Kiphard, Germany
- 1995 Inge Morisbak, Norway
- 1997 Julian U. Stein, United States
- 1999 Atara Sherman, Israel
- 2001 Kurt-Alphons Jochheim, Germany
- 2003 Kyonsuke Yabe, Japan
Yang Ja Hong, Korea
- 2005 Josef Lev, Israel
- 2007 Herman Van Coppenolle, Belgium
- 2009 Hana Valkova, Czech Republic
- 2011 Hideo Nakata, Japan
- 2013 Karen DePauw, United States
- 2015 Greg Reid, Canada

The Young Professional Award in Adapted Physical Activity

This award recognizes the development of “passionate enthusiasm and inspiration” in young adapted physical activity professionals. It was initiated by Dr. Claudine Sherrill, with the help of Dr. Karen DePauw and Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper, in 1993. The goal of the award is to encourage, recognize, and support young professionals interested in APA. Eligibility for the Young Professional Award is restricted to professionals less than 40 years of age. One Young Professional Award is made by IFAPA and a second one is

made by the local organizing committee of the symposium.

Previous Recipients

- 1993 Harold von Selzam, Germany
Kazumi Tsukagoshi, Japan
- 1995 Pilvikki Heikinaro-Johansson, Finland
Heidi Anne Peterson, Norway
- 1997 Lauren Lieberman, United States
Pascale Poirier, Canada
- 1999 Deena Scoretz, Canada
Anna Fillat, Spain
- 2001 Andrea Scherney, Austria
Christoph Lienert, United States/Germany
- 2003 Lisa Silliman-French, United States
Kwang-Jin Oh, South Korea
- 2005 Peter Van de Vliet, Belgium
Stefano Frassinelli, Italy
- 2007 Simon Driver, United States
Jose Angelo Barela, Brazil
- 2009 Cindy Sit, Hong Kong
- 2011 Aija Klavina, Latvia
Steffi de Jong, Netherlands
Pierre Bataille, France
- 2013 Bartosz Molik, Poland
Mehmet Ata Öztürk, Turkey
Aysen Cevik, Turkey
- 2015 Meghann Lloyd, Canada
Sharon Barak, Israel

REGIONAL REPORT: EUROPE

Highlights of European Activities held this Summer

By Kwok Ng, Europe Representative, kwok.ng@jyu.fi

In addition to the events and projects covered in this European report (EUCAPA, ETSW, and SEDY), other highlights from the European region include the ECSS invited session on Inclusive Physical Activity in Physical Education, Sport, and Rehabilitation; the first graduates of the APA rehabilitation program in Latvia; and the launch of UFIT in Spain.

EUCAPA a Great Success

EUCAPA was held in Olomouc, Czech Republic, for its second time. (The last time was in 2006.) With the theme of “APA Road,” the conference on June 15-17, 2016, consisted of three keynote speeches, 139 workshops, and oral and poster presentations, with over 180 participants from all around the world. The event was hosted by the University of Palacky’s Adapted Physical Activity Centre in the Faculty of Physical Culture and was supported by the European Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (EUFAPA) as its official biennial conference. The opening keynote by Aija Klavina, titled “Health and Social Indicators of Participation in Physical Activities for Children With Disabilities,” set the scene for expanding the scientific field beyond inclusion pedagogy by detailing a study on physical activity and its indicators of physical and social health. The second keynote was by Mike J. McNamee and was titled “Paralympism, Disability and Every-

day Living.” This gave the EUCAPA audience the opportunity to think about the concepts of disability through the lens of elite sport. The keynote on the final day was from Yves Vandewijck, titled “A Paralympic Sport Unraveled: A 20-Year Scientific Retrospective on the Belgian Wheelchair Rugby Squad.” It was a detailed overview of the history of wheelchair rugby in Belgium and the science in the sport, highlighting the need to invest more in research into parasports in general.

The conference had a perfect blend of science, activities, and socializing activities in a beautiful city. This was thanks to a number of young volunteers who made the event happen. Some of them had the opportunity to take part in the scientific conference for the first time, and some others had common grounds through the European University Diploma in Adapted Physical Activity (EUDAPA) program. In addition to the scientific program, there were preconference sessions on aqua therapy as well as a Special Olympics sport festival. Furthermore, the EUCAPA board met and approved the hosts for the next EUCAPA, to be held July 3-5, 2018, at the University of Worcester, United Kingdom. More information about the 2018 conference will follow.

The book of abstracts for the 2016 conference is available from the EUFAPA website: http://eufapa.upol.cz/images/stories/files/book_of_abstracts_eucapa2016.pdf

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IFAPA board members from Europe at the opening ceremony table



Representatives of the EUCAPA 2018 showcasing the future of EUCAPA

REGIONAL REPORT: MIDDLE EAST

Sign Language and Deaf Studies Course at Gazi University in Ankara, Turkey

By Pinar YAPRAK KEMALOĞLU, Organizer of the Sign Language and Deaf Studies Course, Gazi University Sport Management Department

The Sign Language and Deaf Studies course took place at the Recreation Department of the Gazi University School of Physical Education and Sport, December 8-29, 2015. The course was organized with a short period of planning and accordingly required a limited number of participants. Participation was free of charge with the support of the host institution and volunteer contributions of the organizing team and some of the leading and active scholars and researchers in the field in Turkey. A total of 95 people enrolled, and attendees were given a participation certificate at the end of the program.

The program consisted of eight sessions, starting with the opening ceremony and first session on December 8 and continuing every Tuesday in December. The first week was the "Introduction to the Deaf Studies and Sign Language Fields" and "Related Theories and Concepts." The program continued with topics

such as "The History of Sign Language and the Deaf," "Neurobiological Aspects of Language, Sign Language and Deafhood," and "Social Institutions Related to Deaf People" in the second week. In the third week, we focused on "Sign Language," "Turkish Sign Language," and specific interpretations on sociolinguistic data. Discussions of "Deaf-Hearing Interactions," "Technologies for the Deaf People," "Deaf Community, Culture and Sign Language Heritage," and "Pedagogical Considerations" were carried out in the last week. Finally, an open panel session took place: contributors of all sessions and participants had a chance to ask questions about the topics of this interdisciplinary course.

By introducing the issues mentioned in an interactive course, our program aimed to inform participants of sociocultural and occupational developments. We believe that there is a need to organize a similar course in future.



Closing of the Sign Language and Deaf Studies Course at Gazi University, School of Physical Education and Sport and Recreation Department, Ankara, Turkey

REGIONAL REPORT: OCEANIC REGION

Webinars Show Models of Best Practice

By Peter Downs, Oceania Representative, peterdowns@theinclusionclub.com

In the past six months, the Inclusion Club joined forces with IFAPA to deliver two international webinars highlighting the links between research and best practice. In April, Okey Charles Ogu from Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Anambra, Nigeria, talked about the challenges people with disabilities face in trying to access sport and recreation programs. He discussed the policy frameworks that underpin Nigeria's approach to inclusion. He also took an honest and practical view on what is needed to increase the opportunities people with disabilities have to get involved in sport.

More recently Jeff Walkley, Lois Hewitt, and David Brock from Belgravia Leisure in Australia outlined their national approach to inclusion through the network of facilities and inclusion coordinators across the country. The webinar, entitled "Creating Connections for All: Belgravia Leisure's Approach to Including All in Leisure, Sport, Aquatics and Recreation," was attended by 41 participants from 10 countries. The webinar presented their national approach and highlighted their work at a local level through case studies.

You can view the recording of these webinars here: <http://theinclusionclub.com/webinars>

Doctoral Assistantships at the University of Michigan

The School of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan has two doctoral research assistantships for a student with experience in adapted physical activity or pediatric physical therapy.

Doctoral students must be admitted to the doctoral program in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan (<http://kines.umich.edu/graduate-admissions>). Starting dates are flexible between fall 2016, winter 2017, and fall 2017. Major focuses of our research are motor development, physical activity, and health promotion interventions involving infants and children with Down syndrome or autism spectrum disorders. One of our newer tenured faculty, Leah

Robinson, also studies high-risk preschoolers and health promotion through physical activity and motor skill development (www.kines.umich.edu/research/cmah).

The training assistantship includes a 12-month stipend (renewed annually based on successful academic performance over four years), student health insurance, and a tuition waiver. Funding to participate in noncredit workshops needed to acquire unique research skills is also available. Doctoral trainees are required to apply for new faculty positions in adapted physical activity, motor development, or physical therapy upon completion of their training. Eligibility requires

the applicant to be a U.S. citizen or possess a green card. Currently, one additional doctoral assistantship is available for a non-U.S. citizen.

For more information, please contact Dr. Dale A. Ulrich:

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Tenure-Track Position Opening

California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), Department of Kinesiology

Recruitment Number: 2411
Position: Assistant/Associate Professor of PETE: Adapted Physical Education & Elementary Physical Education
Effective Date: August 21, 2017 (Fall Semester)
Salary Range: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Minimum Qualifications: Ph.D. with a specialization in physical education teacher education (PETE), pedagogy, adapted physical education (APE), kinesiology, or a closely related field from an accredited institution. Degree at time of application or official notification of completion of doctoral degree by August 1, 2017. The candidate must demonstrate potential or proficiency in college teaching (APE & Elementary PE) as supported by teaching evaluations, if available; provide potential or evidence of scholarly achievement, and demonstrate effective interpersonal and communication skills. Demonstrated commitment to working successfully with a diverse student population.

Desired/Preferred Qualifications: Teaching experience in PETE, adapted physical education/elementary physical education school settings; focused scholarly agenda with evidence of professional leadership and ability to secure grants and other funding.

Duties:

- Teach a variety of courses within the Adapted and Elementary Physical Education program at the undergraduate, graduate and teaching credential level.
- Collaborate closely with the KIN APE Added Authorization (APEAA) teaching credential program coordinator, the Single Subject PE Credential coordinator and affiliate with the College of Education credential program.
- Effectively supervise PETE and APE fieldwork students and student teachers.
- May administer the existing on-campus physical activity programs for children with disabilities (i.e., ASAPP, Camp Nugget) which includes applying for internal and/or external funding to help support these programs.
- Advise undergraduate and graduate PETE; APE, K-12 concentration students as well as APE credential candidates and

serve on department, college, and university committees.

- Serve as the expert in the use of specific equipment, computer hardware, software, and technologies typically found in a PETE program of study.
- Establish and maintain a funded scholarly research program that involves students pursuing B.S. teaching credential and M.S. degrees.
- Collaborate with the Kinesiology faculty in scholarly and creative activities, serve on Masters' thesis, projects, comprehensive examination committees, participate in service to the department, college, university, and profession or community.
- Actively participate in professional societies and provide leadership in advancing the goals of PETE: K-12 and APE on local, regional, and national levels.

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People of California, to maintain the excellence of the University, and to offer our students a rich variety of expertise, perspectives, and ways of knowing and learning.

Required Documentation:

- A student success statement about your teaching or other experiences, successes, and challenges in working with a diverse student population (approximately one page, single-spaced).
- Letter of application addressing the minimum and desired/preferred qualifications.
- CV (including current e-mail address).
- Three current letters of recommendation.
- Copy of transcript from institution awarding highest degree.
- Evidence of professional activity, research and publications such as copies of journal articles, conference presentations or other publications.
- Evidence of teaching effectiveness such as student evaluations, peer evaluations or performance reviews.
- Finalists will also be required to submit a signed SC-1 form, three current letters of recommendation (if not already submitted) and an official transcript.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

Applications, required documentation, and/or requests for information should be addressed to:

Dr. Barry Lavay, Search Committee Chair—PETE
Department of Kinesiology
1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840-4901
Phone: 562/985-4077
E-mail: blavay@csulb.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Review of applications to begin Nov. 1, 2016

Position opened until filled (or recruitment canceled)

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was getting quite large, and we felt that one representative for each region was adequate to formally serve on the board.

3. Requiring IFAPA membership for presenters at ISAPA. Rationale for the change: We believe that only members should be allowed to present at our symposiums. This is similar to other international organizations.
4. Providing two options for membership (with and without APAQ). Rationale for the change: Some members prefer not to receive Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly, so we made a new membership option with a reduced fee that does not include the journal subscription.
5. Removing some positions from the formal board and making these positions nonvoting board liaisons. Rationale for the change: Newsletter chair, APAQ editor, ISAPA chair, and disability liaison are all important liaisons to the board, but we did not feel they needed to be voting members of the board.

Selection of ISAPA 2019 Host

The second important piece of business at our board meeting was selecting a site to host ISAPA 2019. I had received inquiries about hosting ISAPA 2019 from Australia, United Arab Emirates, and Ireland, but unfortunately there was only one formal bid received by the deadline to

submit proposals. We are excited to announce that for the first time since 1991, ISAPA will be hosted in the United States, specifically at my university—the University of Virginia and our Curry School of Education. The dates have been set: June 14-18, 2019. Charlottesville is a relatively small town with a population of 50,000. The surrounding Albemarle County adds an additional 100,000 residents. We are located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains surrounded by vineyards, farmland, and beautiful mountain vistas. Charlottesville/Albemarle County is home to the University of Virginia, founded in 1819 by our third U.S. president, Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson's home (Monticello, www.monticello.org), and the home of our fifth president, James Monroe (Highland, www.highland.org) are both located in Albemarle County and open to the public for tours. Three other former U.S. presidents—including our first president, George Washington (www.mountvernon.org)—have estates or museums within two hours of Charlottesville.

Charlottesville has a regional airport (served by United, American, and Delta Airlines), a train station, and a bus terminal that has connections across the United States. We are two hours by car to Washington, D.C.; six hours by car to New York City; and three hours by car to Virginia Beach and the Atlantic Ocean. More information about ISAPA 2019 will be forthcoming in the next several months.

IFAPA Website

The IFAPA website has been updated and can be found at <http://ifapa.net>. Kwok Ng from Finland and one of our European regional representatives to the ISAPA board have taken the lead in monitoring and updating the website. Some highlights of the updated site include the following:

1. Pages titled “What Is ISAPA?” and “What Is APA?,” which feature our mission statement, by-laws, definitions of APA and APE, and a list of awards and past award winners
2. A “Regions” section with updated information from each regional representative; for the first time in many years, information about our Oceania region has been included
3. A “Resource” section, which include links to the Inclusion Club; a list of APA jobs; and a list of resources, including APA-related books and journals (with Internet links for each) and select APA videos
4. A list of past ISAPAs as well as information on ISAPA 2017
5. An application form for joining ISAPA

Focus for 2017

My goals for 2017 (with help from the IFAPA board) include continued promotion of IFAPA, increased exposure of IFAPA around the world, and continued recruitment of new members, with particular emphasis on student members. Our regional representatives—through their contacts and conferences in their regions—will

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Projects Funded by Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sports

More photos are available online: www.facebook.com/FTKUP/photos/a.1024061704352374.1073741935.163059210452632/1024357580989453/?type=1&theater

Multi-Sport Championships, Researchers' Seminars, and Sports Fair for ETSW

The European Transplant Sports Week (ETSW) was held July 10-17, 2016, at Vantaa, Finland. The ETSW, the largest sports event ever held in Finland, was organised by the Finnish Sports Association for Persons with Disabilities (VAU). It consisted of two international sports championships (the largest transplant games in the world in 2016), a youth camp, workshops and a symposium, as well as Sport for All events. Each event had specific target audiences: The games were for the athletes and teams, the youth camp for young transplant recipients, the workshops and symposium for researchers and professionals in the medical field, and the Sport for All events for the public.

The theme was "Two Championships, One Event." For the first time in Europe, the European Heart and Lung Transplant Federation coordinated its games with the European Transplant and Dialysis Sports Federation. Multiple sport competitions took place around the city, with age categories from under 5 to over 70. The youth camp included over 70 young families from around Europe who took part in various

activities to encourage physical activity participation and provide a safe environment for such experiences. The workshops and symposium were held over five days, with over 100 professionals from a variety of backgrounds. One of the keynotes was former IFAPA vice president David Howe, who offered advice to the emerging transplant sports organizations based on the experiences of the growth of the parasport movement. The Sports for All Event and the ETSW mascot encouraged the public to become more aware of transplant sports. Over 1,500 organ donation cards were signed during the week, and access to the participating sports clubs encouraged more membership. To assist with the successful running of the event, over 500 volunteers were involved and trained in working in transplant sport environments.

The ETSW was cofunded by the European Union's Erasmus+ program to promote social inclusion and equal opportunities in not-for-profit European sports events.

For more information about the event, visit the website:

<http://www.vantaa2016.fi/en/etsw16>

More photos and videos are available online:

www.facebook.com/etsw16
www.youtube.com/channel/UCqM545P7dvaiOnvU-LJlI8w

PAPAI Pilot Programs in Full Speed in Finland

The Personal Adapted Physical Activity Instructor (PAPAI) was created by the Finnish Sports Association of Persons with Disabilities (VAU) as part of the Sport Empowers Disabled Youth (SEDY) project (2015-2017). The Finnish pilot program has two main goals: first, to provide a physical hobby to the participants, and second, to increase the amount of physical activity of children and young people with disabilities.

Since September 2016, almost 300 Finnish children and youth with various special needs aged 6-23 years have had opportunities to try out hobbies with the help of their own PAPAI. The PAPAI's are mostly students within the fields of physical education, rehabilitation, and social work from 18 universities and institutes in 15 localities or cities.

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Projects Funded by Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sports

The pilot studies are currently being evaluated quantitatively by attendance and satisfaction surveys as well as qualitatively by selected participant interviews. Rollout of smaller-scale PAPAI projects to test the applicability of the model at the European level is taking place with other SEDY partners in the Netherlands, Great Britain, Portugal, and Lithuania.

The SEDY project is coordinated by the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences and has received funding from the Erasmus+ program.

Information in English about the Finnish PAPAI program is available at this site:

www.vammaisurheilu.fi/ajankohtaista/valtti/in-english

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For more details about the SEDY project, visit the following website:

www.hva.nl/kc-bsv/projecten/content/projecten-kracht-van-sport/sedy-project.html



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lead our efforts in these areas. IFAPA Student Representative Aurelie Pankowiak is leading efforts to increase student membership, which includes updating the IFAPA Facebook page. Please feel free to e-mail any of our IFAPA board members or me if you have suggestions for increasing our membership. Finally, I will be traveling to several places in 2017 to represent and promote IFAPA, including visits to Beijing Sport University in March, ISAPA in Korea in June, and the 12th European Conference of the Fédération Internationale d'Éducation\QQ Note special characters. XQQ\ Physique (FIEP) in Luxembourg in September. I hope to see many of you in Korea this summer!

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Call for Volunteers - Volunteer Program

Orientation

A general orientation will be held on Sunday June 11 and all volunteers are requested to attend this session. The local where this session will take place will be sent to the approved volunteers. Please note that volunteers are expected to make their own reservations for accommodation, transport.

Application

To apply as a volunteer please send an application form to **isapa2017@gmail.com**, with Volunteer Application as the Subject line. It should contain your contact information, along with a short description of your credentials for being considered to be a volunteer at ISAPA2017 and your preference for activities during the Symposium.

We expect to receive more applications than we need, so early application is encouraged. However, we will make a waiting list, so do not be discouraged if you apply close to or after the deadline.

The Organizing Committee for the 2017 International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity

The screenshot shows the ISAPA 2017 website. At the top, it displays the event title "ISAPA 2017" with the subtitle "21st International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity" and the dates "June 12(Mon) - 16(Fri), 2017" and location "Daegu, South Korea". A navigation menu includes "ISAPA 2017", "Programs", "Call for Abstracts", "Registration", "Accommodation & Tour", and "Useful Information". Below the menu is a large image of a conference hall with the text "ISAPA 2017" overlaid. A breadcrumb trail reads "ISAPA 2017 > General Information". The main heading is "General Information".

Title | The 21st International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity 2017 (ISAPA 2017)
Date | June 12 (Mon) - 16 (Fri), 2017
Venue | Daegu, Korea
Language | English

The Organizing Committee for the 2017 International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity
 More detailed information will be available soon.

Important Dates

Subject	Contents	Date
Abstract	Abstract Submission Opens	5 October 2016
	Abstract Submission Deadline	20 January 2017
	Abstract Acceptance Notification	22 February 2017
Registration	Early Registration Opens	21 October 2016
	Early Registration Deadline	10 March 2017

* Date may be subject to change.

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Representing IFAPA Around the Globe

opening ceremony was arranged by various stage acts—among them the inclusive “Ich bin O.K.” dance company.

International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport (ICSEMIS 2016)

Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil
August 31-September 4

www.icsemis2016.org

ICSEMIS 2016 was, like the Olympic and the Paralympic Games, held for the first time in South America. About 1,700 participants joined this cross-disciplinary meeting.

Under the motto “Saying Yes to Diversity in Sport,” the cooperation partners IPC, FIMS, ICSSPE, and the Universidade Federal de Sao Paulo described ICSEMIS as a multidisciplinary professional conference aiming to bring together experts from all over the world in professional and academic sectors linked to sports science and education, providing an important interaction and a unique opportunity for exchange of information.

IFAPA was represented by the symposium “Adapted Physical Activity and Inclusion: Global Perspectives and Commitments to Inclusion.” Speakers were as follows:

- Maria Dinold (Austria): “Development and General as well as Specific Aspects of Inclusion in Physical Education and Sport”
- Neiza Fumes (Brazil): “Inclusion and/or Universalization in (Youth) Sport in South

America”

- Ken Black (United Kingdom): “‘Joining the Dots’: Bridging the Gap Between Elite Disability Sport and Inclusive Physical Activity”

In order to call attention to just two more examples of interesting symposia contributions, I would like to mention the invited symposium “Olympic and Paralympic Legacy,” chaired by **David Legg**, Mount Royal University, Canada, with the following speakers: **Michael Kruger**, University of Muenster, Germany; Laura Misener, Western University, Canada; and **David Howe**, Loughborough University, United Kingdom.

Another highlight for me was the memorial symposium held in memory of Margaret Talbot, chaired by Gudrun Doll-Tepper. The panel consisted of Tansin Benn, United Kingdom; Jorid Hovden, Norway; Pablo Scharagrodsky, Argentina; and Richard Bailey, Germany. The title of the symposium was “Girls, Women and Physical Activity: Religion, Culture, Tradition and National Policies Around the World.”

Margaret Talbot was an honorary life member, and past President of IAPESGW. She will always be a special person for us in Association. Margaret was a lifelong advocate and activist for equity in sport, physical activity and physical education. She was President of ICSSPE from 2009 until her death in 2014. She held many key positions for sport advocacy both in the UK and internationally, and coordinated many key projects, most recently working with Nike and other partners on the excellent resource ‘Designed to Move’,

and making a significant contribution to UNESCO’s revision of the Charter for Physical Education’, published in November 2015. And the ‘UNESCO Quality Physical Education Guidance’ published January 2015. She was a professor and a visionary leader whose influence resonates around the world.

(quoted from IASPESGW news update by Tansin Benn)

ICSSPE News: Uri Schaefer Elected President

On the eve of the third ICSEMIS and the Paralympic Games, the 26th ICSSPE general assembly elected Uri Schaefer president of the organization. Uri Schaefer is a former head of the sport administration of the Israeli Ministry of Culture and Sport, as well as former director of the Wingate Institute. He held the office provisionally since the death of President Margaret Talbot.

In addition, Darlene Kluka, Barry University, United States, and Maria Dinold, University of Vienna, Austria, were elected as vice presidents. Wolfgang Baumann was also confirmed for a second term as vice president.

In the course of the assembly, delegates approved a series of motions, which included the budget for the upcoming two years as well as changes in the organization’s statutes. Part of these changes reflected the strategy revision process that was initiated by the president’s committee and supported by the members unanimously.

Furthermore, the delegates appointed former ICSSPE president Gudrun Doll-Tepper as honorary president of the organization, acknowledging the exceptional contribution she made during her presidency from 1997 to 2008 and, subsequently, for the development of ICSSPE.

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Calendar of Events for 2017 and Beyond

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2017

64th Annual Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)

May 30-June 3, 2017
Denver, Colorado, United States
Basic Science of Exercise and the Brain
www.acsmannualmeeting.org

2017 Conference of the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSA)

June 4-7, 2017
San Diego, California, United States
<http://naspspa.com>

16th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)

June 7-10, 2017
Victoria, Canada
www.isbnpa.org/index.php?r=annualMeeting/index

21st International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA)

June 12-16, 2017
Daegu, Korea
<http://isapa2017.com/main/main.php>

14th World Congress of the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP)

July 10-14, 2017
Seville, Spain
Integrating Science and Practice Through Multicultural Bridges
www.issp2017.com

32nd Annual Conference of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP)

October 18-21, 2017
Orlando, Florida, United States
www.appliedsportpsych.org/events/aasp-32nd-annual-conference

19th International Conference on Psychology and Public Health (ICPPH)

November 9-10, 2017
San Francisco, California, United States
www.waset.org/conference/2017/11/san-francisco/ICPPH/home

15th European Congress of Sport Psychology (FEPSAC)

November 28-29, 2017
Nottingham, United Kingdom
www.basesconference.co.uk/page-2017.html

2018

65th Annual Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)

May 29-June 2, 2018
Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States
www.acsmannualmeeting.org/plan-your-stay/future-meetings

17th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)

June 3-6, 2018
Hong Kong
www.isbnpa.org/index.php?r=annualMeeting/index&year=2018

2018 Conference of the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSA)

June 21-23, 2018
Denver, Colorado, United States
<http://naspspa.com>

33rd Annual Conference of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP)

October 3-6, 2018
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
www.appliedsportpsych.org/events/aasp-33rd-annual-conference

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