President’s Message

Adapted Physical Activity (APA):
Facing a New Decade

Dear Colleagues,

First of all please let me share with you IFAPA congratulations for the New Year 2011!

Many of you may have been wondering what the IFAPA Board is doing these days. I would like to share with you some activities performed by members of the Board and still in process on behalf of IFAPA.

• Preparation of the IFAPA Fellow program to be inaugurated during the ISAPA 2011 General Assembly.
• Performing agreements on networking and collaborative activities with international organizations including Special Olympics International, The Association for International Sports for All, and American College of Sports Medicine.
• Performing with the help of an expert panel an analysis of procedures for future expansion of IFAPA membership.
• Preparing a revised set of instructions for conducting an ISAPA and mentoring the ISAPA 2013 organizers in Turkey

In addition, during the last year I have actively assisted ISAPA 2011 organizers in New Zealand to complete the planning and preparations for our major biennial event, and I am happy to announce to you that nearly 250 abstracts have been submitted and are now under review of the International Scientific Committee.

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President’s Message, continued

The program seems diverse with a great deal of practice combined with a variety of scientific topics. Great emphasis has been given teacher education and recreation in an inclusive environment. Moreover, IFAPA has worked closely with many international organizations. For example, Cindy Sit represented IFAPA to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA) on December 2, 2010 in Macau, China.

From left to right: TAFISA President Kang-Too Lee, Korea; Cindy Sit, Hong Kong China; TAFISA Secretary General Wolfgang Baumann, Germany.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our IFAPA website that is providing a platform for interaction, APA news, and professional knowledge. The website provides a synopsis of its 2010 compared to 2009 performance. You are welcomed to share opinions with the Board about how to improve this service to IFAPA members.

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Paralympic Scientists Finalize Plans for VISTA 2011

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has opened the call for abstracts for next August’s VISTA 2011 Conference which will be held in Bonn, Germany.

Designed to promote and advance the mission, goals, objectives, and reputation of the IPC, the VISTA Conference provides a platform for sport scientists to meet with experts in the field of sport for athletes with a disability. VISTA 2011, the fifth edition of the conference, is set to be the premier gathering of scientists, coaches, athletes, officials, and administrators to exchange scientific knowledge and expertise and promote cross-disciplinary professional interaction in Paralympic Sport.

Due to a need for greater opportunities to discuss issues and exchange knowledge, the conference has become an important international event for elite sport for athletes with a disability. And with the theme “A Multidisciplinary Approach to Paralympic Success,” open communication on different topics is certain to bring about new and exciting discussions.

The VISTA Conference next year will build on the success of previous events held in Jasper (Canada, 1993), Cologne (Germany, 1999), Bollnas (Sweden, 2003), and Bonn (Germany, 2006). Taking place from 31 August to 3 September, VISTA 2011 will be the principal conference for the Paralympic community. Details on the conference, including registration and abstract submission procedures are available from the IPC Website at www.paralympic.org/events.

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Damentko on 2011 Special Olympics World Games

Dear IFAPA members, I wish you all Happy New Year 2011 from Special Olympics International!

Our Special Olympics World Games in Athens in July 2011 will be the biggest sport event in the world in 2011 with 10,500 participants, athletes and coaches, and 30,000 volunteers. It will be finished on 4th July late evening with all teams departure days of 5th and 6th. So, the earliest I would be able to join ISAPA New Zealand would be probably 8th. Therefore with big regret I need to resign from this travel to New Zealand.

My very best regards to all of you.

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Registration Now Open for ISAPA 2011

The Executive and Organizing Committees are excited to finally be in the year for ISAPA 2011. We have been delighted with the number, range, and quality of the submitted abstracts for the symposium and can ensure a quality program for you all to enjoy.

Registrations are now live on the symposium website www.ISAPA2011.com to ensure you get the best rates to attend the symposium please ensure you register before the 11th April, the end of the early bird registration period.

For our Asian delegates we now have another flight option into Christchurch City. Air Asia now flies directly into Christchurch International Airport. Air Asia provides some very cheap fares to get you directly to the symposium!! Air Asia also flies from London and Paris.

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Registration Now Open for ISAPA 2011, continued

Hopefully you are all well into planning your trip to New Zealand and we hope you take time to enjoy our beautiful country during your stay. I have listed below some useful websites with information about New Zealand, Christchurch, and some of the ski fields within one hour’s drive of the city.

http://www.christchurchnz.com/
http://www.tourism.net.nz/
http://www.destination.co.nz/canterbury/canterbury_ski_snowboard.asp
http://www.0800snow.co.nz/new_zealand_ski_regions/canterbury.asp

If you have any questions or queries please contact the symposium secretariat isapa2011@tcc.co.nz. We will be happy to help you. Thank you and we look forward to hosting you in July!

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Time to Nominate Award Recipients for ISAPA

Nominations for awards to be given in New Zealand, 2011 ISAPA are due ASAP: see Article 18 of bylaws at IFAPA website, http://www.ifapa.biz/imgs/uploads/PDF/IFAPA_By-Laws_2006.pdf. Please email nominations to Past President Claudine Sherrill (csherrill34@gmail.com) no later than Monday, February 28.

Nominations for all awards and honors must include (a) one-page summary of professional leadership, including full name and contact information of major administrator to be advised of the award, (b) letter of nomination from an IFAPA member, indicating that nominee is one of IFAPA’s most valued leaders, a current IFAPA member, and has promised (if selected) to attend awards ceremony.

Unlike previous ISAPAs, the awards and honors given at the New Zealand ISAPA will not necessarily be accompanied by cash awards or promises of reimbursement for travel and housing expenses. The emphasis, probably from this year forward depending on the economy, will be on the HONOR itself and the recognition of peers.

1. Elly D. Friedmann Award for Outstanding APA Contributions. This is IFAPA’s highest award; only one award is made at each ISAPA. Recipients must be members of IFAPA, agree to be present when award is given, and represent the BEST of the Best among our long standing members.

2. Young Professional Awards in APA (two are awarded at each ISAPA, one in the region where the ISAPA is being held and one representing the remaining IFAPA regions). Eligibility is restricted to professionals less than 40 years of age who demonstrate leadership, passionate enthusiasm, and inspiration in regard to APA.

3. G. Lawrence Rarick Memorial Lecturer Honor (one awarded each ISAPA) recognizes outstanding scholarship with international significance. The work of this scholar must have significant implications for APA research, but need not be primarily associated with the APA field (i.e., this honoree may or may not be a current IFAPA member). The recipient will give a one-hour presentation at the ISAPA and submit the manuscript for publication in the Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly.

Secretary Jane Taylor will be assisting with dissemination of your awards and honors nominations to selection committees. We look forward to your nominations ASAP, but not later than Monday, February 28, 2011.

Nomination of Officers Closes April 5

Officers will be elected electronically and announced at the New Zealand General Assembly: see Article 10 of bylaws, http://www.ifapa.biz/imgs/uploads/PDF/IFAPA_By-Laws_2006.pdf. Specifically, the bylaws call for nominations of the following to close no later than 3 months prior to the General Assembly. This would be Tuesday, April 5. The following officers will be voted on:

- Secretary, currently held by Jane Taylor
- Treasurer, currently held by Laurie Malone
- One Vice President, the election of which will be handled by President-Elect Claire Boursier.
Changes to Constitution

Article 25 of the Constitution states “Any resolution intended to modify IFAPA's constitution or dissolve IFAPA must originate from the Executive Committee (EC) or have support (in the form of a formal vote) of at least half of the full professional members of the Federation.”

Article 25 further states that the EC must provide all members of IFAPA with at least 3 months notice of the date of the General Assembly at which such business will take place. For ISAPA2011, this would be Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Such notice would be posted at IFAPA's website: www.IFAPA.biz

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ICSP Meetings (Cuba and Spain) and AIESEP World Congress

In conjunction with the annual statutory meetings of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) and the World Forum on Physical Education and 2nd Ibero (Spanish) American Summit on Physical Education and School Sports, the annual meeting of the International Committee of Sport Pedagogy (ICSP) took place in Havana, Cuba, on July 7, 2010. As this was a place and time that some delegates had not been able to attend, an additional meeting of this committee was held during AIESEP World Congress in La Coruña, Spain (October 26-29), which was equally successful.

Out of several important discussions during both of these meetings, three main points of the agenda are highlighted here:

1. Collaborative events and strategies of the five ICSSPE member associations (AIESEP, FIEP, IAPESGW, IFAPA, ISCPES) like their annual or biennial congresses (see dates at the end of this report) or the intention to provide time and space for exchange symposia or round table discussions during these events.

2. Specific tasks of the ICSP within the ICSSPE were outlined by ICSSPE President Margaret Talbot when speaking of global positioning of ICSSPE and Physical Education:
   - Quality Physical Education
   - Healthy Living Across the Lifespan
   - Ethics and Professionalization

Shortly after the second meeting in La Coruña, Spain, a draft of the ICSSPE international position statement was distributed among the members. You may find the final version on the ICSSPE webpage: http://www.icsspe.org/. ICSSPE vice president Walter Ho will further develop material on quality physical education as well as the discussion on “benchmarking” in this area. ICSSPE vice president Victor Matsudo claimed for more evidence-based knowledge regarding physical education, sport, and physical activity and asked to send him any available information on systematic reviews in this field.

3. The preparations and measures to take for the next big collaborative congress of IOC, IPC, FIMS, and ICSSPE – the International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport (IC-SEMIS2012), to be held 19-24 July, 2012, in Glasgow, Scotland (Sport … Inspiring a Learning Legacy http://www.icsemis2012.com ) were outlined by the present members of the International Coordinating Committee (ICC). The idea of submitting a joint symposium proposal by ICSP was developed spontaneously during the Cuba meetings because there was very little time until the deadline for invited symposia for ICSEMIS. Developed through the experiences during the World Forum in Cuba and an earlier ISCPES world congress in Kenya, Africa, Rosa Lopez de D’Amico and Walter Ho started to collect “global voices” regarding the perception of physical education /school sport from different places of the world. Thus this intention became the title for our collaborative ICSP symposium submission, which was accepted recently by the scientific committee. Speaking for IFAPA, the aim to collect and analyze these voices regarding inclusive or/and adapted physical education will be realized during ISAPA 2011 in Christchurch, New Zealand, in July of this year. The board members of IAPESGW will find alternative ways to pursue the data collection, and will focus on girl’s and women’s participation.

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ICSP Meetings and AIESEP World Congress, continued

Concerning the AIESEP world congress in La Coruna October 26 to 29, 2010, more than 450 scholars attended this scientific event with high quality presentations. The other AIESEP activities during this Spanish week were IOC President’s prize, Young Scholars Awards, Cagigal lecture, Best Posters Awards, General Assembly, and future scientific meetings.

I am looking forward to the many activities to be undertaken in New Year 2011. I hope to meet many of you in different places of the world in order to exchange knowledge and friendship continuously.

Dates of the upcoming events of the five ICSP member associations:

• FIEP: 6th FIEP European Congress, June 18-21, 2011, in Poreč, Croatia (www.hrks.hr/fiep2011)
• IAPESGW: 17th World Congress of the International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women, April 10 – 13, 2013 in Havana, Cuba (www.iapsgw.org)
• IFAPA: 18th International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity, July 4-8, 2011, in Christchurch, New Zealand (http://www.isapa2011.com)
• ISCPES: World Conference on Physical Education & Sport: “Challenges and Future Directions”, June 8-11, 2011, East China Normal University, Shanghai, People’s Republic of China (http://iscpes.gotoip1.com)

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Regional News

News From Asia

Letter from New ASAPE President

Dear IFAPA Members, Thanks to ASAPE members who selected me as the new ASAPE President. Having discussed with several board members and agreed by Chien-Yu Pan, Taiwan. I am here to inform you that she will work as Secretary General to assist the ASAPE organization. Thanks Chien-yu’s support to take this role for the ASAPE society. To facilitate the process in dealing with any issues that need to be decided, I will normally discuss and consult with the regional representative Tomoyasu Yasui, Japan; Secretary General Chien-Yu Pan, Taiwan; and IFAPA Newsletter Editor Cindy Sit, Hong Kong China before making any announcements. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their support, and we hope to establish a better communication among board members.

As mentioned before, my two immediate tasks as the president of ASAPE will be to continue to develop the ASAPE organization in the Asian region after the past president, Kyung-Sook Kim’s leadership, promote a better communication among the Asia countries, and establish a better communication with IFAPA organization. I have talked to several members and feel that we need to get more Asian countries involved in our ASAPE society. The next two things I would like to start are to (a) recruit a representative from five Asian countries and I would like to invite Board members to recommend at least one Professor or an APA specialist from each of the following countries (Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Philippine, and India). Please send the recommended professor’s name and his/her resume to Chien-yu Pan, and we will forward such information for board members’ review and comments; and (b) establish the 12th Organizing Committee of ASAPE symposium, and I will discuss with Chien-yu Pan, Cindy Sit and Amy Ha, Hong Kong China. We will let you know the specific dates and information once they are decided. We also plan to announce the conference website by August 2011 and hope the key Asian counties have their APA website link.

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FUNfitness in the Philippines

The Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program is a project designed to facilitate the required standard sports physical examination for registration of current and prospective Special Olympics athletes. FUNfitness is a component of this project that helps athletes to improve their health and fitness, leading to enhanced sports experience and improved well-being. In particular, FUNfitness is designed to assess and improve flexibility and functional strength and balance as well as to educate participants, families, and coaches about the importance of these components of fitness.

While FUNfitness is part of an international project funded by Special Olympics International, the implementation of FUNfitness in the Philippines has taken on a form that best suits local circumstances. A nationwide screening, FUNfitness is headed and primarily manned by local physical therapists. The scope of the project includes not only the screening of athletes, but also the training of volunteer physical therapists across the different regions of the country.

During FUNfitness screening, physical therapists assess flexibility, functional strength, balance and cardiovascular endurance of current and potential athletes. In addition, strategies to improve flexibility, functional strength and balance are provided. Athletes, families and coaches are also educated about the importance of fitness and its components. The athletes and coaches/parents also receive home instructions on exercises and referral to appropriate health professionals if needed.

Since this was first implemented in the Philippines in 2007, the initiative has trained more than 130 professional and student physical therapists, and has screened about 400 Special Olympics athletes. FUNfitness in the Philippines currently continues to provide a platform for ensuring the fitness of Special Olympics athletes in the country. Furthermore, it provides a venue for physical therapists to hone their technical skills in aiding individuals with disabilities towards participation in sports.

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EUSAPA Project Successfully Finished

In September 2010, EUSAPA project came to successful end. The main aims of the project European Standards in Adapted Physical Activities were to describe professional competencies in each of the three areas of adapted physical activities (adapted physical education, adapted sports and recreation, and adapted physical activities in rehabilitation) to identify the need for each APA area in all partner countries, to define academic standards (subject specific competencies and learning outcomes) in the three areas of APA, and to develop international academic framework to guarantee the quality of professional preparations in the fields of APA at European level. All project outcomes can be now found on website www.eusapa.eu.

There are multiple individuals who took part in the project, and all of them contributed to the outcomes of the project during the meetings, communication, or data collection. Many thanks to all project partners and representatives of the partner countries (listed below). Without you, EUSAPA would never be a successful project. On the top of this hard working group we had a project steering committee, which consisted of project leader Martin Kudláček and leaders for three areas of APA: (a) Adapted Physical Education – Aija Klavina; (b) APA in sports – Natalia Morgulec-Adamowicz; and (c) APA in the rehabilitation setting, where three excellent colleagues took on the task of leading during the project: Yves Vanlandewijck, Bartosz Molik and finally Joeri Verellen. Many thanks to all colleagues who took part in preparing and writing this book.

EUSAPA team during meeting in Riga (Latvia).

Project Partners

Czech Republic:
- Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic (coordinating institution) – Ondřej Ješina, Martin Kudláček, David Smék, Hana Válková

Belgium:
- Catholic University of Leuven – Joeri Verellen, Yves Vanlandewijck, Debbie van Biesen
- Hogeschool-Universiteit in Brusel – Karin Bultlauw

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European University Diploma in Adapted Physical Activity (EUDAPA)

In this diploma program, students of European universities have a possibility to learn adapted physical activity (APA) with the leadership of experienced and distinguished European teachers. Practically all of EUFAPA board members are teaching and they also send their students, so we can really define EUDAPA as EUFAPA effort as well.

The extent of the whole diploma is 60 ECTS. It consists 10 ECTS (minimum) studies of APA studies or APA-related studies at home university before completing the 30 ETCS intensive 3 months at Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences in Finland. After intensive program follows 20 ETC APA-related work practice in a foreign country with a report of this. A student can also participate only in the intensive program. These studies must be approved by the home university as a part of students’ degree program.

The intensive 3 months (February - April 2011) will take place mostly at Lahti area in Finland. Language is English. The theoretical weeks will be organized at Sport Institute of Finland at Vierumäki (30 km from Lahti) [http://www.vierumaki.fi/](http://www.vierumaki.fi/), where the Faculty of Physical Activity of Haaga-Helia is located. The practical projects will be organized at Pajulahti Sports Center (20 km from Lahti) [http://www.pajulahti.com/](http://www.pajulahti.com/), and the inclusive winter-sports week somewhere in the northern part of Finland.

The realization of the intensive program 2010 has contained 14 professors from 11 European (non-Finnish) countries and about the same number of teachers from 4 Finnish universities and APA-related associations and the Ministry of Education.

Contents

- theoretical and practical lectures from the leading apa-experts in Europe and in Finland
- some visits to Finnish institutions (e.g., rehab center, prison, psychiatric hospital)
- 4-5 practical projects, in which students will try to put into practice the theoretical things they have learned (for example, John Dewey: Learning by Doing).

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New Website for CARA APA Centre

Ireland would like to announce a recently redesigned (newly developed) CARA Adapted Physical Activity Ltd website (http://www.caraapacentre.ie). We hope you find this site useful in sourcing information on participation programs, training, events, useful resources/links, and latest news relevant to adapted physical activity throughout Ireland.

Please feel free to contact CARA with useful suggestions for this website or if you wish to include an article under any of the specific pages.

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News From the Middle East

National APA Workshop in Turkey

The second National APA Workshop was held on October 11-13, 2010 in Turkey in order to strengthen academically the professionals working in the APA field in our country, to ensure cooperation among themselves, to motivate them for research work, thereby contributing to the development of this field both as a profession and as a science by improving and diffusing the existing APA knowledge.

A total of 130 participants, including APA professionals from 22 schools of PE and sport, master and doctoral students, physical educators, people with disabilities, and delegates from NGOs joined the workshop. It was a great opportunity to have participants from different disciplines and research and service areas to build up and develop in-between cooperation.

The honorable guest and keynote speaker was Claudine Sherrill, Past President of IFAPA, who made an opening speech on Adapted Physical Activity (APA): Philosophy and Professional Education. The second keynote speaker of the NAPAW was Shayke Hutzler, President of IFAPA, who talked about the Rehabilitation Effects of Adapted Physical Activity in Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. Other invited speakers were Jyrki Vilhu from Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Finland; Martin Kudlacek, President of EUFAPA, Stefka Djobova and Veromira Velinova from National Sport Academy, Bulgaria. Speakers from Turkey included Serap İnal, Feryal Subaşi and Mehmet Ata Öztürk.

Claudine Sherrill

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National APA Workshop in Turkey, continued

During the workshop, issues were discussed among participants such as evolving PE teaching program, evolving models to bridge the gap between theory and practice, professional preparation for APA, and arrangements and adjustments in inclusive PE settings. Final report of the workshop was then sent to all schools of PE and sports, National Education ministry, and Youth and Sports General Directorate in Turkey. We are now planning to arrange a meeting with National Education Ministry and Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Administration for People with Disability to enforce the items that took place in the NAPAW final reports in 2009 and 2010. However, two NAPAWs will be achieved to its aim if the new application is approved and enforced in inclusive PE settings and in-service PE teaching training about APA.

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News From North America

NAFAPA Symposium 2010 in Riverside, California

Kudos, Kudos, Kudos to Program Chairs Terry Rizzo, California State University, San Bernardino and Hyun-Kyoung Oh, California State University, San Bernardino, for an outstanding symposium program in November. The theme “Issues in Adapted Physical Activity and Future Directions” was timely and well received by the over 300 attendees. The venues for the symposium were the national historic landmark Mission Inn Hotel and Spa, which has hosted many dignitaries, including United States Presidents and the Riverside Convention Center. The NAFAPA Symposium was held jointly with the 39th National Adapted Physical Education Conference (NAPEC), which is sponsored by the State Council on Adapted Physical Education of the California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Attendees traveled across the globe to attend the symposium in the summer-like November weather of California, such as Justin Muschamp (New Zealand) and Hea Ja Chun (South Korea) along with others from Canada and the United States. The symposium was a collaboration of over 80 posters, oral presentations, building sessions, and keynote sessions. The opening keynote session speaker was Dale Ulrich, University of Michigan, whose presentation title was “Assessment and Associated Issues.”

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The closing keynote session and luncheon was highlighted with a martial arts demonstration by Possibilities Unlimited International under the leadership of Sensei Kyoshi Marquez. “Assessing Physical Activity and Its Contexts For All” was the closing keynote presentation by Thom McKenzie, Professor Emeritus of San Diego State University. Accolades are bestowed upon the recipients of the following awards presented during the symposium and conference: Kyra Kane of the University of Regina was awarded “The Pat Austin Award” at the NAFAPA Pat Austin Luncheon, and NAPEC presented the Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year award to Barbara Lawrence, Los Angeles Unified School District and the Exemplary Program Award to Teri Hayden and Patrick Taillon of the Southern California Special Olympics. Academic highlights of the symposium were sessions that pertained to disabling conditions, pedagogical strategies, technology, assessment, and physical activity across the lifespan. The poster sessions focused on research in the areas of obesity, parental perceptions, inclusion, heart rate response, and a bibliometric study. The conference/symposium syllabus can be downloaded free of charge at www.napeconference.org/Documents/NAPEC2010/39thNAPEC_NAFAPAConferenceSyllabus.

Participants (from left to right): Edna de morals Garcez (mother/speaker on Capoeira, Brazil), Sarah Krasniuk (MSc student Canada, paper and poster on Wii fit), Aguinaldo Garcez (son/joint poster on rowing rehabilitation, Brazil)

Special thanks to Mary Krick and Hedy Zikratch-Tyson the NAPEC Co-Directors from the Riverside Unified School District for making us all feel welcome. During the NAFAPA symposium business meeting, Jeff McCubbin, President of NAFAPA, Oregon State University, announced the official unveiling and launch of the NAFAPA website, which was developed by John Foley, NAFAPA President-elect, SUNY Cortland. The website can be found at www.nafapa.org. Other business included reports from officers, increasing membership, budget issues, conference expenses and income, future symposium sites, and expansion of symposium programs. McCubbin conducted the election of officers: Aaron Moffett, California State University, Bernardino, was elected secretary and Dwan Bridges, California State University, Los Angeles, was elected IFAPA Representative. The 2012 NAFAPA Symposium will be held at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware, either late September or early October with Iva Obrusnikova as the conference director. At the end of the meeting, McCubbin passed the gavel of leadership to John Foley, the new president of NAFAPA.

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Healthy People 2020

In December 2010 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released our nation’s health objectives for the next ten years in Healthy People 2020 (http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx). HHS describes the revised and updated objectives as being part of “...an ambitious, yet achievable 10-year agenda for improving the Nation’s health.”

There are several objectives specific to people with disabilities (Disability and Secondary Conditions: http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/Objectives/TopicArea.aspx?id=17&TopicArea=Disability+and+Secondary+Conditions), many of which are consistent with the work APE/APA professionals are completing.

One of the new objectives states a need for an “Increase (in) the number of U.S. master of public health programs that offer graduate-level courses in disability and health.” I think this is important for professionals in APE/APA to consider as our graduate programs evolve, as HHS projects there will be an increase in job opportunities in public health areas, which will require graduates with training in disability and public health (not APE/APA).

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Upcoming 40th National APE Conference Update

The 40th National APE conference (NAPAC) will be in Long Beach at the Westin on November 17-19, 2011. We plan to have a great event to celebrate 40 years of the conference. One aspect that makes the conference great is the different and varied presentations provided to the audience by dynamic speakers. It can be very challenging to secure good presenters. We are inviting you submit a presentation. You will find the call for presenters information on the website below that is to be completed by March 30th and returned to Margaret Weimer.

Websites: http://napeconference.org/NAPEC40.htm
www.NAPEConference.org (click on the left sidebar or top menu)

We look forward to receiving your presentation proposal by March 30th. If you have any questions don’t hesitate to email me at blavay@csulb.edu or call 562/985-4077. Thanks for your willingness to share your ideas with the APE community. Please feel free to share this information with colleagues.

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News From Oceania

Introduction to Halberg Trust—New Zealand

More than 40 years ago Sir Murray Halberg set up the Halberg Trust, which honors sporting excellence with the Westpac Halberg Awards, but also has the twin aim of providing opportunities for young people with disabilities to participate in sport and active recreation to play alongside their nondisabled friends. The Halberg Trust aims to be able to continue to open doors and remove barriers for people with disabilities in sports clubs, facilities, schools, and the wider community.

The Halberg Trust is committed to ensuring we have a society whereby all New Zealanders are given an equal opportunity to be involved in sport and recreation. Below are some examples of the work we do at Halberg, please feel free to contact Jenny Gosney (jenny@halberg.co.nz) if you would like any more information. We look forward to hosting you at ISAPA 2011 in Christchurch.
SportAccess In Action

WORKING TOGETHER: From left, Andy Roche of the Halberg Trust, Michael Groom, of Howick Recreation Centre, Caroline Newton of Manukau Leisure Services, and Stacey Roche of the Halberg Trust.

A COMMUNITY facility has been given the highest recognition for its contribution to getting people with disabilities active. Howick Recreation Centre has been presented with a rare Gold SportAccess Award by the Halberg Trust for its efforts in providing an accessible facility, programmes, and services for people with disabilities. SportAccess is a Halberg Trust innovation that recognises clubs and recreation facilities that demonstrate a long-term commitment to promoting inclusion of people with disabilities. The staff of Howick Recreation Centre has the commitment and energy to make sure this is a place everyone can enjoy and feel welcome in. Because it’s more than physical access, it’s about having staff with the right attitude to make a facility fully inclusive! For more information regarding the SportAccess programme please go to www.halberg.co.nz.

News From Peter Downs in Australia

I thought I would drop you a line to let you know some new developments here at the Australian Sports Commission (ausport.gov.au). Following a number of reviews and a lot of planning, the ASC has finally re-structured in line with our new direction.

As part of this restructure, there will no longer be a Disability Sport Unit at the ASC. The inclusion of people with disability will remain a focus though through areas of Growth Participation and Workforce Development with greater emphasis on a more inclusive approach to targeted populations across all parts of the ASC. While I am supportive of this direction and excited about the opportunities to make our work, and sport generally, more inclusive of people with disability, there is a sadness that our Unit here will no longer be.

I am also moving on to a new area of work – dealing with Integrity issues across sport. I will have much less involvement in the disability sport space in the future – effectively ending my full-time involvement that has been so much a part of my life over the past 20 years. I am not quite sure what to say to all the people that have helped me over this time! I certainly do not have the words to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks. Your work, friendship, and support over a long period of time is what has kept me going and, together, I know we have made a difference to the lives of people with disability.

I will not be lost to this area completely and I will still influence (whether they like it or not!) the direction that ASC takes in this space. In any case, it remains my passion and lifelong commitment, regardless of whether it’s part of my employment. But, I can easily see that this could be seen as an end to an era, certainly of my working life, it is. It will be very strange for me not to have that signature block at the end of e-mails!

Thank you once more for your help, guidance, and support and keep up the great work. I’m sure our paths will cross in the future.

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Adaptive [Adapted] Tennis Festival for Schools—Wellington, New Zealand

The inaugural Adaptive Tennis Festival for children with disabilities was held in June 2010 at the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre and ran alongside the annual Halberg Trust Charity Tennis Tournament run at the same venue.

“This tournament aims to raise funds for children with disabilities so they can participate in sport in the Wellington area, so it was very fitting to have a children’s adaptive festival running at the same time,” says Marguerite Christophers, the Halberg Trust Sport Opportunity Adviser based at Sport Wellington.

The Adaptive Tennis Festival was run by Tennis Central in partnership with the Halberg Trust and Parafed Wellington. Thirty-two children with disabilities from 12 Wellington, Hutt Valley, and Porirua Schools participated in the Adaptive Tennis Festival, which was filled with fun tennis activities throughout the morning session. Activities were taken by experienced and highly motivated tennis coaches who all had previously attended an Inclusive Coaching No Exception Training Workshop run by the Halberg Trust.

This event was a huge boost for the confidence of these children and gave them a great sense of achievement in a fun, nonthreatening environment. One outcome of this festival has been the establishment of an Adaptive Tennis Group in the Hutt valley, which will provide tennis coaching on a consistent basis to young people with disabilities.

For more information on any of the programs partnered with the Halberg Trust please visit our website www.halberg.co.nz.

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News From South and Central America

In May, the Brazilian Society of Adapted Motor Activity (SOBAMA) in the General Assembly elected a new Board, with Joslei Viana de Souza as President (E-mail: sobamauesc@gmail.com).

In December, SOBAMA published the new edition of the JOURNAL ADAPTA, Special Edition “Files to FAFA & E-PROEFA” to access use the address: http://www.rc.unesp.br/ib/efisica/sobama/sobamaorg/inicio.htm

The Brazilian Paralympic Committee founded the “Brazilian Paralympic Academy,” based on three pillars: institutional relationship with academia, publications, and training of human resources. Coordinated by professors from universities in different parts of the country, the Academy is the link between those who produce scientific knowledge and Paralympic sport. It was organized by the Brazilian Paralympic Committee and the Brazilian Paralympic Academy in November, the I Brazilian Paralympic Congress, with the participation of professionals, students, and athletes. In 2011, the Second Congress will be held between 27-30 October, more information at: www.cpb.org.br.

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Calendar of Events for 2011 and Beyond

Please submit calendar information to Editor at least 3 months before the date of the event.

2011

Active Living Research Annual Conference
February 22-24, 2011, San Diego, USA
“Partnerships for Progress in Active Living: From Research to Action”
Contact Amanda Wilson awilson@projects.sdsu.edu

Adapted Physical Activity Council (APAC) of American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD)
March 29-April 2, 2011, San Diego, California, USA
http://www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/convention
Contact conv@aahperd.org

2nd European Conference on Education through Sport
April 7-8, 2011, Dunkerque, France
“Living together through Sport.”
http://www.iscaweb.org/english/events/2ndeuropeanconferenceoneducationthroughsport/
Contact Nathalie Rosell Nuguet: nrosellnuguet@apels.org

International Olympic Committee (IOC) World Conference on Prevention of Injury & Illness in Sport
April 7-9, 2011, Grimaldi Forum, Monaco
http://www.ioc-preventionconference.org

International Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Annual Conference
April 25-28, 2011, National Harbor, Maryland, USA (near Washington, DC)
http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ConventionExpo

USOC Paralympic Leadership Conference
April 29-May 2, 2011, Colorado Springs, Colorado
http://usparalympics.org/community-programs/usoc-paralympic-leadership-conference

Symposium SESC of Adapted Physical Activity
May 12-15, 2011, San Carlos, Brazil
http://www.sescsp.org.br
Contact simposio@scarlos.sescsp.org.br

International Society for Comparative Physical Education & Sport (ISCPES)
June 8-11, 2011, Shanghai, China
“Physical Education and Sport: Challenges and Future Directions”
http://www.iscpes.ecnu.edu.cn/
Contact Lynn Housner lhousner@mail.wvu.edu.

6th FIEP European Congress
June 18-21, 2011, Poreč, Croatia
http://www.hrks.hr/fiep2011

International Association of Physical Education in Higher Education (AIESEP)
June 22-26, 2011, Limerick, Ireland
http://www.aiesep2011.com
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International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity
July 4-8, 2011, Christchurch, New Zealand
“Theory to Practice: Translating Theory into Practice”
http://www.isapa2011.com. Contact isapa2011@tcc.co.nz

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10th Annual Conference on Chinese Scholars on Exercise Physiology and Fitness (SCSEPF)
July 15-18, 2011, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
“Accomplishment during the Last Decade in Exercise Physiology and Fitness”
http://www.tsepf.org.tw/download/10th%20SCSEPFancmt-01_information(SCSEPF).pdf
Contact tsepf.conference@gmail.com

World Summit: Athletic Care and Interdisciplinary Sports Medicine
July 28-30, 2011, Zeulenroda, Germany
http://www.sportsmedicine2011.org/
Contact info.freiburg@intercongress.de

VISTA 2011, Scientific Congress for Paralympics
August 31-September 3, Bonn, Germany
“A Multidisciplinary Approach to Paralympic Success”
http://www.paralympic.org/events

5th Asia-Pacific Conference on Exercise and Sports Science (APCESS)
November 2-5, 2011, Shanghai, China
“Better City Better Life, Through Active Healthy Lifestyles and Sports Science”
http://www.apcess2011sus.org
Contact apcess2011@apcess2011sus.org

40th National APE conference (NAPAC)
November 17-19, 2011, Long Beach, Westin
http://napaconference.org/NAPEC40.htm
Contact Margaret Weimer Margaret.Weimer@abcusd.k12.ca.us

2012

17th Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science Congress (ECSS)
July 4-7, 2012, Bruges, Belgium
http://www.ecss-congress.eu/2012/

International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport (ICSEMIS)
July 19-24, 2012, Glasgow, Scotland
“Inspiring a Learning Legacy”
http://www.icsemis2012.com

XXXII FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine
September 27-30, 2012, Rome, Italy
http://www.fimsroma2012.org/

21st Congress of the International Association for Disability and Oral Health (IADH)
October 17-20, 2012, Sydney, NSW, Australia
http://www.iadh2012.com/

Be Active 2012
October 31-November 3, Sydney, Australia
Contact acsms@sma.org.au

Southern District, USA, AAHPERD and APA Regional Conference
November 13-18, 2012, North Carolina, USA
http://www.ncaahperd.org
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2013

National Association of Physical Education and Sports: The Global Conference on Traditional Physical Culture
January 15-17, 2013, Amravati, India
Contact Suresh Harihar Deshpande hvpm_shdeshpande@yahoo.com

17th World Congress of the International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW)
April 10-13, 2013, Havana, Cuba
“Physical Education and Sport: Promoting Gender Equality”
http://www.iapesgw.org

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