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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

The year 2011 started with some disastrous events causing great confusion and uncertainty about mankind's superiority. Nature has repeatedly shown how within seconds, lifelong human efforts and lives were blown away. These events have also influenced our plans to celebrate ISAPA 2011 in Christchurch, where the terrible earthquake destroyed most of the city. As you will see in some of the following reports, the ISAPA 2011 Organizing Committee regretfully had to cancel their event.

IFAPA Board had to be very quick in its decision making and welcomed the proposal of our President Elect **Claire Boursier**, also Deputy-Director of INS HEA (National Higher Education Institute on Disability and Adapted Education) of France, to host ISAPA 2011 at the same time as planned for New Zealand, but in Paris instead. Within two weeks, Claire was able to set up a fully operating Organizing Committee, a website, propose lodging and conferencing venues, and her operation is rolling forward in full power. I would like to officially thank Claire for this remarkable endeavor and wish her and us great success for our upcoming biennial symposium.

As you will notice from the following report, during this event IFAPA will, for the first time, confer Fellow status on some of its scholars, who were carefully selected by a nomination committee composed of Past Presidents. I would like to officially thank our Vice President **Glenn Roswal** for proposing and promoting the Fellow procedure and our Past President **Greg Reid** for the great job of chairing this committee, another sign of maturity for our organization. Finally, I would like to thank two persons who have done a tremendous job during the past four years in keeping our Board work updated and focused, our officiating Past President **Claudine Sherrill**, and our indefatigable Secretary, **Jane Taylor**.

Let us wish full recovery to our colleagues in New Zealand, Japan, and all other parts of the world where nature and human hostility still trouble our quality of life and require an even greater deal of adaptation than APA.

Best wishes for ISAPA 2011.

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Claire Boursier

ISAPA Conference Is Now to be Held in Paris, France

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA) is a vehicle to raise awareness and provide an outstanding setting for professionals to interact with world leaders and international colleagues in adapted physical activity. ISAPA 2011 was planned to be held in New Zealand. Because of the earthquake that damaged the city of Christchurch and being aware of the tremendous work the NZ organizing committee has done for more than 4 years, it was decided to relocate the ISAPA elsewhere in the world. Thanks to the strong support from the IFAPA board members, the board of directors of the French National Higher Institute for Training and Research for the Education of Young Disabled Persons and Adapted Teaching Institute (INS HEA - www.inshea.fr), the Sports Sciences Department of the University Paris West and the organizing committee of New Zealand, it was decided to relocate the ISAPA 2011 in Paris.



The Université Paris Ouest Nanterre la Défense is located West of downtown Paris, about ten minutes from the Champs Elysées by rapid rail service.

We wish to keep the program as close as it was planned and all efforts will be made to welcome all participants from New Zealand, Oceania, and Asia who planned to attend the Symposium in NZ. And we hope to attract many other persons from other parts of the world. We work hand in hand with the members of the NZ organizing committee and hope that ISAPA 2011 in Paris will give you all the opportunity to make an international contribution to adapted physical activity.

A Note from the Halberg Trust

It is with considerable regret that the Halberg Trust has made a decision not to proceed with hosting ISAPA 2011 in New Zealand. This has been a very difficult decision. It means that years of effort, energy, and commitment do not yield the great symposium that so many had worked so hard to achieve.

New Zealand is a small country and the earthquake in Christchurch will affect many aspects of our economy and society. This meant that it was no longer prudent for us as a charitable organisation to continue with hosting ISAPA.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the IFAPA Board, the Scientific Committee, and our staff member **Jenny Gosney**, for their support and efforts. We would also like to acknowledge and thank those of you who submitted abstracts.

If you have paid registration fees you will be fully refunded.

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I have the pleasure to inform you that a new website has been implemented for ISAPA 2011: <http://isapa2011.inshea.fr>. Should you have any questions, please contact us: isapa2011.paris@inshea.fr.

We hope that you will join ISAPA 2011, on behalf of all partners, I send you my best greetings.

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ISAPA 2011 Volunteers

It is our pleasure to announce that we will have an international volunteer program at ISAPA 2011. As an International ISAPA 2011 volunteer, you will arrive to Paris, France on July 1, 2011 and you will depart from Paris on July 9, 2011. You have to find your own funding to pay for the travel costs to get to and from Paris. The ISAPA Organizing Committee will take care of your accommodation with full board from June 30, 2011 to June 8, 2011. Before ISAPA begins on July 4 you will get education and information so that you will be prepared to fulfill the different tasks you will be assigned to. You will also be given a chance to visit nice parts of Paris. We think and believe that this will be a very unique experience. This International Volunteer Program will be open for 20 university students from all over the world.

Purpose

This program has two purposes: Initially, it will give students from different countries an opportunity to work together with the ISAPA 2011 Organizing Committee and at the same time experience ISAPA 2011 without any cost for accommodation, meals, or registration. Secondly, students with different cultural backgrounds and different language skills will be a great resource for the ISAPA 2011 Organizing Committee in the efforts to make ISAPA 2011 a great success. With this international volunteer group in cooperation with the ISAPA Organizers including Scientific and Organizing Committee, we are convinced that all ISAPA participants will feel very welcome and get great service during their whole stay at ISAPA 2011 in Paris, France.

Eligibility

To apply for the ISAPA 2011 International Volunteer Program and be selected you have to send these items:

1. Proof of student certificate (undergraduate, master and PhD students; PDF format)
2. Recommendation letter from his/her professor (PDF format, max. 500 words)
3. Motivation letter (indicate why you shall be part of the program, your university studies and APA experience; PDF format, max. 500 words)
4. Different language skills (As the official language of the symposium is English you should be able to communicate and make yourself understood in English. A second language is a big plus)
5. Proof of IFAPA student membership (for the ones who have not registered yet, follow the link www.ifapa.biz)
6. Never have been involved in such volunteering program during the previous ISAPA symposiums
7. Contact details including email and eventual cell phone number

Send your application via e-mail to: ferhatesatbeyoglu@hotmail.com. The deadline for applications for ISAPA2011 volunteer program selection is April 30, 2011. Please direct any questions to IFAPA student representative Ferhat Esatbeyoglu.



Paris, with the Eiffel Tower in the foreground and the business district of La Défense in the background

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ICSSPE Applications by Members From Developing Countries Due May 30, 2011

Dear Members of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education,

The Local Organizing Committee for the 2012 International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport (ICSEMIS) is announcing that scholarships for young researchers from developing countries will be available in the event that will be held July 19-24, 2012, in Glasgow, Scotland.

It is foreseen to allocate nine scholarships, each worth GBP 1,500, to ICSSPE members from developing countries. The scholarship does not require a scientific presentation of any kind at the Convention.

Applications should be sent to czinkler@icsspe.org before June 1, 2011 and should include a letter of interest, an academic resume, as well as a letter of support.

The ICSSPE President's Committee together with the Regional Coordinators will select the recipients for the scholarships by June 30, 2011 and consider, among others, the following criteria:

- Regional diversity of selection
- Gender balance
- Overall balance of scientific disciplines

A final confirmation will be sent by the Local Organizing Committee later this year. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

With best wishes,

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Research Applications for London 2012 Paralympic Games Due August 31, 2011

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is committed to furthering research in the areas of interest of the Paralympic Movement. This includes, but is not limited to, research in Paralympic Sport, Disability Sport Classification, Sport Counseling, Assistive Technology, Athletic Identity, Marketing and Branding, Development and Public Awareness.

To this end, the IPC launches a Call for Research Applications for projects to be conducted at the occasion of the London 2012 Paralympic Games (August 29 –September 9 2012). Applications need to be received **before September 1, 2011** to be considered by the IPC.

Details on the application procedure, timelines, the IPC Research Application Form, as well as examples of previously approved research projects can be found on the IPC website – sports science – research. Please note that application **must** be completed with the Ethical Consent as received from the Principal Investigator Institute.

All Research approved by IPC shall comply with internationally recognized ethical standards and research practices.

The IPC currently does not provide funding for research projects. Funding must be secured by the research applicants through their institution or third-party grant application. More detailed information can be obtained from **Peter Van de Vliet**, Medical & Scientific Director International Paralympic Committee.

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Toni Piispanen Successful in IPC World Athletics

EUFAPA Vice President **Toni Piispanen** performed well in the IPC World Athletics Championships in New Zealand, gaining two medals in the 100m and 200m wheelchair racing. Competitions were held in Christchurch in January 2011 just three weeks before the devastating earthquake. "Thoughts have been in New Zealand and it's really sad to think of the fate of people in this city," says Piispanen. Unfortunate but very understandable thing was also the ISAPA 2011 cancellation of this city. But it is great that IFAPA has been active and took the challenge to hold Congress in Paris.

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The Fifth Conference in the SIGN Conference Series: Gazi University in Ankara, Turkey, October 21-23, 2011

After the great success of SIGN4 in New Delhi, India, the SIGN conference continues to broaden its international scope. SIGN5 will take place at Gazi University's Central Campus, using the historical Mimar Kemalettin Conference Hall as its main venue. The conference is co-organized by Gazi University and the iSLanDS Institute. In addition to the conference days on October 21-23, there will be several days of pre-conference workshops, particularly for introducing participants to International Sign, one of the main conference languages. **Prof. Yusuf Kemalöglu** has pointed out that organizing this conference is an important step for Gazi University and for Turkey as a whole, as a conference of this kind has not taken place in Turkey before.

The aims of the SIGN5 conference are the following:

1. To broaden the international research base in sign language and deaf studies.
2. To bring together experienced researchers and promising junior in the areas of sign languages and deaf studies at an international level.
3. To encourage the potential for increasing transnational cooperation in research on sign languages and deaf studies.
4. To include a special regional focus on Turkey as part of the conference.
5. To provide full accessibility to the conference for deaf sign language users.

This website has up-to-date information about SIGN5 and is being updated regularly. http://www.uclan.ac.uk/schools/journalism_media_communication/islands/sign5.php

II International Camp Female Wheelchair Basketball: Toledo, Spain, June 26-July 1, 2011

The Second International camp of female wheelchair basketball for girls no older than 22 years old will be held in Toledo, Spain. Participants will stay in the Youth Hostel "San Servando," Castillo de San Servando. Training practices will be held in the sports center "Rafael del Pino." The number of registrations will be limited to 20 participants. Registrations will be received until May 15, 2011.

Camp cost: ABAFESR Members: 50,00 €; Non members: 70,00 €.

If you need more information, don't hesitate to contact us at abafesr@yahoo.es

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Regional News

ASIA

Malta Sponsors SOI Workshop for Families, Athletes, Coaches



On Saturday, February 26, 2011, Special Olympics Malta organized a workshop and graffiti session for its families, athletes, and coaches. This workshop was led by **Tali Kornhauser**, Vice-Chair, Special Olympics Israel. Tali who herself is a parent of an athlete with Intellectual disability led a remarkable session addressing fears and frustrations for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. This session was held at Guardian Angel, Secondary Resource Centre, Hamrun. This activity was organised by the Family Support Network led by **Albert Gruppetta** in collaboration with the Education Section co-ordinated by **Marica Gatt**.

The workshop allowed parents and coaches alike to feel, perceive, and understand how persons with intellectual disability (ID) experience fear, frustration and tension in daily life. Through the use of art and role play, Tali led the audience through the path of performing under cognitive restrictions and undergo frustration occurrences, similar to those experienced by persons with ID in their daily life. Through this workshop, participants were encouraged to reflect on current practices and develop strategies for improved support and education of persons with ID.

The workshop was inaugurated by The Parliamentary Secretary for Youth and Sport, **Clyde Puli**, who was also presented with a memento for the occasion. The workshop was well attended by a large number of families and coaches as well as new families who were interested to join the Special Olympics program.

After the workshop, around forty athletes competing in the upcoming Special Olympics World Games participated in a graffiti session. This art activity was facilitated by Tali, who is also a very talented artist. The athletes decorated a 5 metre banner with *Special Olympics Malta* printed on it. This banner will be taken to Athens and used to support the Maltese Athletes.

Special Olympics Malta which forms part of the Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia region currently services around 400 children and adults with intellectual disabilities. SO Malta offers training in seven different disciplines, voluntarily all year round and on a daily basis. The Family Support Network plays a crucial role in the running of the family programme in Malta and provides social, humanitarian support and information. Special Olympics Malta is in the process of launching a number of innovative non-sport and sport programmes. All the directors, consultants and coaches provide a voluntary service to an ever growing movement. Further information regarding SO Malta can be obtained by visiting Special Olympics Malta Facebook Page.



Marica Gatt, Special Olympics Malta

From Left to right: Marica Gatt (Intellectual Disabilities Consultant, SO Malta), Tali Kornhauser (Vice-Chair SO Israel), Anna Calleja (National Director SO Malta)

EUROPE

Finland Holds 2011 EUFAPA Board Meeting

On February 20, 2011 the EUFAPA board gathered for the meeting at Vierumaki (Finland). Toni Piispanen (Vice-president of EUFAPA, Secretary of the Scientific Committee, EUCAPA 2010) presented the overview on organization of EUCAPA 2010. The board discussed and accepted the EUCAPA guidelines developed after EUCAPA 2010. Ursula Barrett (Ireland) informed about process of preparing EUCAPA 2012 “Putting Practice Based Research into Action” in Killarney (Ireland) on May, 2012. The conference will follow four main strands: (a) physical education, (b) physical activity, (c) rehabilitation, and (d) sport. EUCAPA 2012 will involve and extensive cultural program, which will introduce delegates to the diversity of Irish folk and sports culture. During EUCAPA 2012, the traditional AWARDS will be presented on three nominations: (a) APA professional award, (b) APA national award, and (c) APA young investigator.

More information on EUCAPA 2012 will be available soon on this web site <http://www.eucapa2012.eu/>. **Martin Kudlacek** (President elected, EUFAPA) informed about publication of the main outcome of EUSAPA project (European Standards in Adapted Physical Activities) on line. The book is available at <http://www.eufapa.eu> Also, Martin provided updated information on EUJAPA (European Journal on Adapted Physical Activity). The abstracts of articles will be available in German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian. Two new associate editors (**Jose Pedro Ferreira** and **Aija Klavina**) will join the current board of editors of EUJAPA. To improve communication with national APA organizations across Europe, the list of national organizations and contact persons will be made. The EUFAPA board has decided to develop professional collaboration with relative organizations across the world to facilitate information exchange and promote APA approach in organizations for persons with disabilities.

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*First row (from left to right):
Toni Piispanen, EUFAPA Vice-president; Ursula Barrett, representative of EUCAPA 2012.
Second row (from left to right):
Maria Dinold, EUFAPA past president; Aija Klavina, EUFAPA secretary.*

Come to EUCAPA 2012 Ireland

The Institute of Technology Tralee in conjunction with the CARA National Adapted Physical Activity Centre and The Irish Sports Council will host EUCAPA 2012 May 6th-8th, 2012 at the Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry. The focus of the conference will be the presentation of research and case studies that can inform day to day practice in relation to the inclusion and empowerment of people with disabilities. Interventions, programs, and projects across Europe that facilitate people with disabilities to participate in physical education, physical activity, and sport need to be analyzed and highlighted. Knowledge gained from successful research and case studies can guide future service delivery in the area of APA. Previous National Adapted Physical Activity conferences in Ireland have attempted to merge the academic and service delivery sectors. This format has accelerated the awareness of APA and increased the number of people with disabilities regularly participating in adapted physical activity and the quality of that experience.

Initial research in Ireland has shown that people with vision, hearing or mental health impairments have lower participation rates than other disability groups. The organising committee would particularly welcome investigations which address these areas. Of particular interest also are projects that are initiated, led and presented by people with disabilities. It is our hope that the conference will leave behind a tangible legacy that will ultimately benefit all APA services and people with disabilities in Ireland.

The conference will follow four main strands.

1. Physical Education
2. Physical Activity
3. Rehabilitation
4. Sport

Abstracts can be submitted up to December 15, 2011. Guidelines for submissions are available on the conference website: www.eucapa2012.eu.

Four of the five keynote speakers for the 2012 conference have been confirmed:

- **Dr. Donna Goodwin:** University of Alberta. Current research explores the notion of disability as a social construction and the resulting impact of societal attitudes on participating in physical activity as it applies to persons with disabilities. Methodological issues unique to capturing the experiences of persons with disabilities in physical activity settings as well as research into professional practice.
- **Mary Davis:** Regional President and Managing Director of Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia. She is the former CEO of Special Olympics Ireland and prior to that she served as Chief Executive Officer for the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games.
- **Dr. David Careless:** Leeds Metropolitan University. Senior Research Fellow, Carnegie Research Institute. Much of his work explores the processes by which mental health, psychological well-being, and identity are developed, challenged, or recovered in physical activity and sport related contexts.
- **Dr. Vicky Tolfrey:** Director of the Peter Harrison Centre for Disability Sport at Loughborough University in the United Kingdom. Research interests include disability sport, wheelchair propulsion kinematics, elite sports performance physiology, exercise testing and interpretation, training and performance.

EUCAPA 2012 will involve an extensive cultural program, which will introduce delegates to the diversity of Irish folk and sports culture. Full accessibility for all delegates is a priority for the conference and all associated events. We look forward to extending you a Céad Míle Fáilte (Hundred thousand welcomes) on your arrival. For more information and regular programme updates check out www.eucapa2012.eu.

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European Committee Established for Disability Volleyball

In the European Year of Volunteering 2011, European Committee Volleyball for Disabled (ECVD) development team was found. This team consists of 4 young, enthusiastic and dynamic members from different parts of Europe who are working for promotion of volleyball for people with a disability.

Members were chosen to this group mostly by their own initiative in sitting volleyball and their personal passion to work for disabled volleyball. **Ivan Cosic** (Croatia), **Zoe Kosmoglou** (Greece) and **Ferhat Esatbeyolu** (Turkey) were invited to be members of the Liaison project. Each of them has a background that gives a great basis to liaison work. Ivan Cosic has been a player of Croatian national sitting volleyball team, is now playing for Great Britain and has been very active in various ways in disabled volleyball in Croatia. Ivan took part in Training on the job –program 2009. Zoe Kosmoglou has been a coach of a club team in Greece and also an assistant coach of the Greece men national sitting volleyball team. Ferhat Esatbeyolu took part in Training on the job –program 2009. He has a volleyball player and coach background. He is a student representative of International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity. All liaisons own great and valuable network in the field of disabled sport.



From left to right: Ivan Cosic (Croatia), Zoe Kosmoglou (Greece), Suvi Aho (Finland), Ferhat Esatbeyolu (Turkey)

The mission of the ECVD Development Team is to raise awareness and show easiness to come along into the sport. The mission will be achieved by networking and cooperating with countries, individuals, and sports clubs, nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations that are willing to be active on all level and forms of volleyball for individual with a disability.

The ECVD Development Team will exchange innovative ideas in sense of developing and offering sport opportunities for all. The team combines fieldwork with scientific research and reveals regularly results and benefits of volleyball for people with a disability.



Get involved with volleyball. Get involved with us!

In 2011 ECVD sends special thanks to all its partners who are working various ways for volleyball for the people with a disability. For more information, visit us at www.ecvd.eu, or contact us mail@ecvd.eu.

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MIDDLE EAST

Turkish Government Supports Dilara Özer in Visiting Scholars Program

The Council of Higher Education, which administers and governs all universities in Turkey, within the context of Title 39 of Law 2547, supports and encourages all academics to participate in scientific activities in order to gain experience abroad. According to this law, academics with doctoral or advanced degrees can go to any university or center abroad to join in education, training, and research projects for a period up to 3 months. With this opportunity, our IFAPA Board Member for the Middle East, **Dilara Özer**, is now studying APA teacher education curriculum development and evaluation, including observations and interactions in the community, as well as the organization and conduct of practice.



Dilara Özer

TWU offers many opportunities to gain unique experiences about APA teacher education curricula such as [Undergraduate Teacher Certification with specialization in APE](#), [Graduate Master's Degree in APE](#), [Doctor of Philosophy in APA](#), International APA courses, and Disability Sport Services. The APA Graduate Program at TWU offers individualized opportunities to study with **Dr. Claudine Sherrill**, pioneer of APA and **Dr. Lisa Silliman-French**, **Dr. Ron French**, and **Dr. Ronald Davis**, all outstanding professionals known throughout the world. Although **Claudine Sherrill**, Professor Emeritus, retired from TWU in 2005, she still seems to work there, thanks to her contributions and history. The Adapted Physical Education Program she created 30 years ago to bridge university and community, as well as theory and practice, is named "The Star Lab" in her honor, and continues its work.

Dr Özer states, "It is especially important for me, a Turkish woman, working and living in a male-dominant university and society, to be at TWU. Founded for the education of women in 1906, TWU has always had many women faculty. Today, although coeducational, TWU is led by a woman, **Dr. Ann Stuart**, Chancellor and President. TWU is the largest public university primarily for women in the USA. As evidenced throughout the campus, there are many female role models, female professors whose work contributes to the development of the university." Several years ago an alumnae group raised funds to have created on campus a beautiful sculpture of a woman with outstretched arms reaching for the heavens. This sculpture was meant to express feelings about their TWU mentors by saying, "She gave us wings that enabled us to fly."

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*"She Gave Us Wings"
Texas Woman's University*

NORTH AMERICA

AAHPERD National Convention and Exposition

The 126th AAHPERD National Convention and Exposition was held on March 29-April 2, 2010, in San Diego, California, one of the most beautiful cities of the world, to promote and support leadership, research, education, and best practices in the professions that support creative, healthy, and active lifestyles. Although it is called a National Convention, it was possible to meet many participants from all over the world. The convention, with over 5,000 participants, was comprised of invited speakers, oral and poster presentations, workshops, meetings of various professional organizations, as well as receptions hosted by some universities and professional organizations. The annual convention was truly a demonstration of many products and services related to health, physical education, recreation, and dance for persons of all ages by over 200 exhibitors marketing their products in a huge hall of booths that attracted hundreds of professionals. This atmosphere enabled potential buyers to have fun while learning about new products and services, as well as to really understand their needs and offer solid solutions to their workplace challenges. The convention facilitated networking with other professionals, which was refreshing in terms of sharing existing skills and learning new ones, and staying up to date on the latest research.

The **Adapted Physical Activity Council (APAC)**, with 36 sessions, included business meetings, workshops, lectures, and all forms of presentations on every day of the convention. The number of the APA presenters and participants were highly recognized among professionals in the broad spectrum of sports sciences. One of the most remarkable activities was the **Claudine Sherrill Awards Breakfast** organized by APAC, whose aim is to advocate, promote, and encourage programs, policies, standards, training, and research in physical activity for special populations. The Awards Ceremony followed after eating and introductions by **Michelle Grenier**, Chair of APAC, **Claudine Sherrill**, the founder of the breakfast, and **Dilara Özer**, guest from Turkey. The



From left to right: Janet Wessel, Dilara Özer, Claudine Sherrill

APE Teacher of the Year (Grades K-12) was presented to **Robert Sinibaldi** by **Michelle Grenier**; the Outstanding Undergraduate Student award to **Matt Mescall**, of SUNY of Brockport by **Lauren Lieberman**; the Outstanding Masters Student award to **Andrea Vasil** of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania by **Robert Arnhold**; the Outstanding Doctoral Student award to **Phil Esposito** of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor by **Dale Ulrich**; the Outstanding University Professor award to **Ron Davis** of Texas Woman's University by **Katie Stanton-Nichols**, and the **Julian U. Stein Lifetime Achievement Award** (the highest APAC award given) to **Janet A. Wessel**, retired from Michigan State University, by **Claudine Sherrill**.

As a first-time participant in an AAHPERD Conference, I was particularly impressed by the Claudine Sherrill Breakfast, which seemed to be a gathering of families from all over the USA. Although the event began at 7:00 a.m. and cost \$45, almost 100 persons were there, greeting and hugging each other. It was possible to see many APA leaders from all over the world at the breakfast: young APA leaders on the one side, APA pioneers on the other side. This nice combination reminded us of a living library. It was especially worthwhile to see the friendship of **Janet A. Wessel** (age 91), **Julian U. Stein** (age 86), and **Claudine Sherrill** (age 77). As colleagues, they are excellent role models for young APA leaders. After the Award ceremony, guests competed with each other to take photos of them and other award recipients Dr. Wessel, creator of the well-known "I CAN" assessment and curricular systems, showed us that it will be possible to be healthy, productive, and dynamic at the age of 91. Our deepest appreciation to you, **Dr. Wessel**, for empowering us to believe in ourselves and what we can do. Yes, WE CAN!

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Goalball Nationals to Be at SUNY Brockport in June

The United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA) named the State University of New York, Brockport to host the 2011 Goalball National Championship Tournament on June 16-18, 2011. According to organizer, **Lauren Lieberman**, more than 125 elite athletes who are blind or visually impaired from 20 to 22 men and women teams across the United States will compete in this championship. The object of goalball is to roll a large ball with bells inside across the opponents' goal line. This game is very challenging, fast paced, and competitive. Goalball is an official Paralympics sport and many of the athletes will aspire to become a competitor in the next Paralympics Event. **Lieberman**, who is also the chair of the Goalball National Championship Tournament Committee, may be contacted for more information at llieberm@brockport.edu.

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National Consortium Annual Conference Will Convene in July

The National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities (NCPERID) national conference will convene from July 14-16, 2011. The first day of the conference is designated as "Go to the Hill" to meet with Congress members (or staffers) on the Education Committee. The conference organizers have invited several distinguished speakers to address the attendees, such as **Louise Tripoli** of OSEP; **Phoebe Gillespie** of NASDE; **Wayne Steedman** a Disability Rights Lawyer; **Jenni Newburg** of Special Olympics, Inc. Educational Programs; **Laura Kaloi** of NLDA for Reauthorization of ESEA; and **Scott Geist** of PGPS, **Jane Harkaway** of MCPS, and **Ginny Popiolek** of HCPS, for Fitness and Athletics Equity for Students with Disabilities Act. This conference organizes peer-reviewed, competitively selected presentations under three primary categories: poster presentations, free communication presentations, and emerging scholars' symposium. The conference hotel is the Crowne Plaza in Herndon, VA, and the conference site will be at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Headquarters in Reston, VA. Interested participants and/or speakers may obtain conference information at www.ncperid.org. All presentation proposals for the NCPERID National Conference must be submitted electronically by April 15, 2011 at www.ncperid.org/annual.htm. Presenters will be notified of their acceptance by May 1, 2011. If you have any questions regarding the proposal process, please feel free to email **Suzanna Rocco Dillon** at sdillon@wayne.edu.

ACSM and Specialty Certification

The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) is pleased to announce a collaboration with the National Center on Physical Activity and Disability (NCPAD) to offer a specialty certification. This certification is an industry-first for professionals working in the health and fitness field, specifically to assist in fully including individuals with disabilities into various exercise environments, including health club, outdoor and home-based settings.

There are 50 million people (approximately 20%) in the United States that have reported some type of disability. ACSM professionals have the potential to make a significant contribution by earning the specialty certification to safely and effectively assist in the inclusion of people with disabilities into various exercise settings. The role of this certified professional would be to assess the needs of a person or a program and follow these basic steps to ensure that all people are given the same opportunity to participate in physical activity.

- Ensure that the physical environment meets accessibility requirements.
- Ensure that all programs and services that are offered to the general population are also offered to people with disabilities, making every attempt to integrate programs instead of offering "special" programs.
- Ensure that written materials and other means of communication are accessible.
- Ensure that policies and procedures do not discriminate against people with disabilities or limit their participation.
- Recommend necessary adaptive equipment to allow people with disabilities to participate fully, including accessible fitness, sports, or recreation equipment.
- Provide necessary staff training on how to use adaptive equipment and how to adapt activities for different kinds of disabilities.

For more information, please contact the ACSM National Office by e-mailing certification@acsm.org.

OCEANA (NZ, Australia, Pacific Islands)

Sports Mentoring to Promote Inclusion in Otago

Sport Otago's Adaptive Sport Mentoring (ASM) program has been designed to promote the inclusion of young people of all abilities within the local sport, recreation, and leisure community and coordinates links to providers in the Otago region. Sport, recreation, and leisure providers are supported by the Sport Otago's Halberg Sport Opportunity Adviser to modify and adapt their specific sport, recreation, or leisure pursuit to allow young people of all abilities to participate. The program (introduced in 2010) offers an opportunity for young people with disabilities to "have a go" at an activity of their choice. Participants are "buddied" up with 3rd and 4th year students from the University of Otago's School of Physical Education as part of their study toward their "Practice and Applied Theory" paper. The individualized support that the Physical Education (PE) students provide through the ASM program not only gives the young person being mentored the confidence to approach a new club/sport/leisure pursuit but builds a framework which parents and caregivers can continue with at the end of the 10 week program.

Bridget Meyer, Halberg Sport Opportunity Adviser, said, "The collaborative energy that is required to ensure the program runs successfully comes from a number of sources including PE students, regional sports organizations (RSOs), clubs, schools, and of course, the individuals and their families. The PE students are the main influence on the success of the program and more often than not, they go over and beyond the call of duty. From the first intake of the program, most are still heavily involved in one form or another. A basketball team formed for the winter season by one of the students will now continue into the spring social competition. The unconditional commitment that all of the students enrolled in the program have shown toward each of the participants has made a huge impact on these young peoples lives. In meeting with the PE students on a weekly basis, I know they too are getting an awful lot out of the program as well. It has given a higher level of awareness into other people's lives especially when there are daily challenges to be faced." Once the 10 weeks is over, the relationship between the individual and the RSO is established enough for the PE students to dilute themselves from the process and the ongoing commitment to be continued by the individuals themselves with the support of their families. "Often in this line of work it is very much trial and error as to whether something is sustainable or not. I believe the Adaptive Sport Mentoring program has struck a chord in a number of different areas. The guidance and support we are able to offer a family when introducing a new sport or club is something that is often absent. For many of the young people we work alongside, they would dearly love to try something new but just don't quite know how to go about it. Being able to instill the confidence in the young person to give something a go as well as working alongside the sport is something that I believe is extremely valuable in creating an inclusive society. . . . I think we are definitely onto something quite special here."



Halberg Trust Sports Ability Tournament 2010

On October 28th 2010 the Halberg Trust and Saint Kentigern School teamed up to host the inaugural Halberg Trust Sports Ability Tournament. Students from seven schools attended the tournament with the participation of 130 students. The children involved all come from the greater Auckland area and it was an opportunity for the students to represent their school and meet other disabled students. There were three games on offer from the modified games Sports Ability programme; Polybat, Table Cricket and Boccia. Saint Kentigern School provided a fantastic new gymnasium to host the tournament and the Year 8 students from Saint Kentigern School were the volunteers responsible for marshalling, scoring and judging and acting as ambassadors to the visiting schools. Prior to the tournament the Saint Kentigern students received No Exception Training to develop an understanding of adapting sport for disabled people. School principal Geoff Burgess commented "The sight of our boys engaged in this tournament was a moving experience. Many boys commented afterwards they had had their eyes opened to the challenges of disabled people". This event achieved the goal of strengthening the ties between Halberg Trust, Saint Kentigern School and the disabled community.

Mataatua Sports Days

Mataatua Sports, an Iwi based sport organization in Whakatane, considered how they might work their Sports Awards a little differently this year. Wanting to recognize sporting excellence within the descendants of the Mataatua Waka and engage more participation within all the Iwi of Mataatua, they came up with the Mataatua Iwi Challenge. People who affiliated to Mataatua Waka registered and competed under their Hapu (tribe/clan) and points were gained for participation and placing, etc. Over 20 sports were offered over a 10-week period, held mostly on Saturday and Sunday. This meant whole families played and supported one another. Many tried new sports with the support of those family members. To ensure that all the family could participate, Hapu and Iwi were included. Mataatua Sports engaged the Regional Sport Opportunity Adviser to work with the different event organizers to include some adaptive sports.

As this was the first year for the challenge, four adaptive sports were offered: athletics, polybat, Waka Ama, and wheelchair basketball. Different Hapu were given different events to organize and each event was held in various locations within the Mataatua region (Tauranga to East Coast, including Taneatua and Ruatoki). This meant the SOA worked with different people in different areas to promote different sports. On the day of competition, up to 300 people were exposed to all four adapted sports. The SOA met regularly with the overall planning committee and ran some training (practical) sessions for the organizing committees and any teams interested in learning the rules of the game, i.e., wheelchair basketball, before the day of competition.

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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Waka Ama

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Camp Abilities in Costa Rica (Central America)

Camp Abilities which is a developmental sports program for individuals who are visually impaired, blind, or deaf-blind was held in Turrialba, Costa Rica from March 16-20, 2011. The mission of this program is to empower individuals with sensory impairments to be physically active to enhance their overall health and well-being. The 20 participants of the one-week program engaged in activities such as aquatics, goal ball, beep baseball, dancing, track events, and sports. The camp is organized to provide a 1-1 instructional ratio for each participant. The counselors were trained students recruited from the following institutions: State University New York, Brockport; University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez; and the University of Costa Rica, Turrialba. According to founder, **Lauren Lieberman** of State University New York, Brockport, this camp experience increases awareness both personally for the participants and for their families to merge a link between physical activity and psychological, social, and economic factors. The Camp Abilities model has expanded both nationally and internationally serving over 1,500 individuals who have visual impairments. For additional information, please contact **Lauren Lieberman** at llieberm@brockport.edu.



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Calendar of Events for 2011 and Beyond

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2011

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>

Contact Deborah.Tannehill@ul.ie

International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity

July 4-8, 2011, Paris

"Theory to Practice: Translating Theory into Practice"

<http://isapa2011.inshea.fr/>. Contact isapa2011.paris@inshea.fr

The National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities (NCPERID) National Conference

July 14-16, 2011, Herndon, VA

<http://www.ncperid.org>. Contact Suzanna Rocco Dillon sdillon@wayne.edu

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](http://www.tsepf.org.tw/download/10th%20SCSEPFancmt-01_information(SCSEPF).pdf)

Contact tsepf.conference@gmail.com

Nordic Conference 2011 – Adapted Physical Activity (APA)

August 17-19, 2011, Vingstedcentret, Denmark

Movement-Participation-Community.

http://www.handivid.dk/subpages/ldraet/Nordisk_konference2011english.html

VISTA 2011, Scientific Congress for Paralympics

August 31-September 3, Bonn, Germany

"A Multidisciplinary Approach to Paralympic Success"

<http://www.paralympic.org/events>

"Sport as a Mediator between Cultures"

September 13-17, Wingate Institute, Israel

An international development and peace conference under the leadership of the Ministry of Culture and Sport, Israel, and the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany. Jointly implemented by ICSSPE, Wingate Institute and Zinman College, in cooperation with the Ministry of Regional Cooperation, Israel, and the Federal Institute of Sport Science, Germany.

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2nd International Conference on “Theory and practice in adapted physical activity”

October 26, 2011, Warsaw

<http://www.eufapa.upol.cz/index.php/home/124-the-2nd-international-conference-on-theory-and-practice-in-adapted-physical-activityq.html>

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

22nd TAFISA World Congress

November 10-14, 2011, Antalya, Turkey

“Sport for All: Building Bridges.” <http://www.tafisaworldcongress2011.org>

Contact contact@tafisaworldcongress2011.org

40th National APE conference (NAPAC)

November 17-19, 2011, Long Beach, Westin

<http://napeconference.org/NAPEC40.htm>

Contact Margaret Weimer Margaret.Weimer@abcusd.k12.ca.us Regards

2012

EUCAPA 2012 and 4th IRISH National Adapted Physical Activity Conference

May 6-8, 2012, Ireland

<http://www.eucapa2012.eu>

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

<http://sma.org.au/conference/future-conferences/be-active-2012/>

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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