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Dear Natasha,

Welcome to the World Obesity Federation newsletter. After a successful International Conference on Obesity in Kuala Lumpur last month we are already looking forward to upcoming events. Read on for information on our SCOPE School event this October and for more details on ICO 2016 in Canada.

/ ICO 2014

The 12th International Congress on Obesity took place from the 17th -20th March, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The congress was a great success and with delegates representing over 50 different countries.

ICO2014 featured excellent scientific sessions, a lively debate session and a wealth of networking opportunities throughout the congress.

World Obesity thanks all of the speakers, delegates and sponsors involved who made the event such a success. If you did attend, we would love to hear your feedback so that we can work to make ICO 2016 a bigger and better success.

The survey takes less than 5 minutes. Click here to submit your valuable feedback.

Not able to attend ICO2014? Don't worry, keep an eye on our website for information on our 13th International Congress on Obesity taking place in Vancouver from the 1-4th May 2016.

/ SCOPE School London

Breaking news! Details for our next SCOPE School London are now online.

Our SCOPE School London event will take place from the 27-28th October 2014.

Visit our website to view the programme, speakers and registration details.
Registration is now open!

/ World Obesity Welcomes New President

Last month Professor Philip James stood down as President of the World Obesity Federation to make way for Walmir Coutinho.

Prof. James has served as President for the last 5 years, implementing the name change of the Federation, and a strengthened focus on the development of new regional groupings, as well as supporting Council in approving the decision to increase the frequency to every two years instead of every four and implementing a scheduled regional rotation for the International Congress. Prof James has been involved with the organisation for many years prior to being elected as President, his efforts and support have been invaluable and we are most grateful for all his hard work - no doubt we will continue to turn to him for advice in future!

Professor Walmir Coutinho, who has been President elect for the last 4 years, is now President of the Federation.

Prof. Coutinho is Full Professor of Endocrinology at the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he serves currently as Vice-Director of Post-Graduation Medical School. We welcome Walmir in his new role and have no doubt he'll continue to be an invaluable advisor for the organisation and a great source of guidance. Read his full bio on our website.

We also welcome Ian Caterson as the President Elect. In his vision statement for his tenure as President Elect and President of World Obesity he identifies high-level aim of expanding World Obesity's activities to the benefit of its member organisations and developing itself further as a scientific society and a provider of education and management training for health professionals as well as continuing the excellent advocacy work that is currently undertaken. Prof Caterson envisions that World Obesity needs to continue to develop policy, prevention and public health, dissemination of scientific knowledge about obesity, education training and management, international involvement and recognition and the provision of services to its national organisations and members.

/ Obesity Data Portal

This month we have updates on adult data in Brazil, England, Jordan, Malawi, Scotland, Sweden, Tajikistan & the USA. Updates are available on Children in Brazil, Poland & Scotland. To view these updates and explore the other resources that are now available please visit our obesity data portal page.

/ ICO 2016 Save the Date

Save the Date! The 13th Congress on Obesity will take place in Vancouver, Canada from 1st-4th May 2016.

/ Clinical Obesity seeks Associate Editor

Clinical Obesity is one of World Obesity's publications that is rapidly attracting an increasing number of submissions. We invite applications from enthusiastic clinicians who would like to join the Editorial Board as Associate Editors.

If your application is successful you will be responsible for overseeing the refereeing process.
of submitted papers that will be allocated to you by one of the Editors-in-Chief. You will need to learn how to use Scholar One to invite and assign referees, evaluate their reports and advise on acceptance, revision or rejection of papers. You will also be expected to encourage and attract submissions to the journal.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the thrill of nurturing and guiding scientific publication. You all need to have sufficient time to commit to the process so that submissions move rapidly and smoothly through the referring process - perhaps 1 hour/day 3-4 days each week.

We would particularly like to invite those with an obstetric/gynaecology, psychiatry/psychology, paediatric/adolescent background to apply. Please send a 1 page CV and personal statement to eneeds@worldobesity.org

/Journals

Clinical Obesity...

A message from Professor Nick Finer, Editor-in-Chief...

Clinical Obesity is the journal of choice for clinical researchers and practitioners. It is an international peer-reviewed journal publishing high quality translational and clinical research papers and reviews focusing on obesity and its co-morbidities.

Participate today! Submit your paper via our online peer-review system here.

View the latest Clinical Obesity issue here.

Obesity Reviews...

The April edition of Obesity Reviews contains the following 6 papers.

- G. Jenkin et al: A systematic review of persuasive marketing techniques on television to promote food to children
- M. Lagisz et al: Transgenerational effects of caloric restriction on appetite: a meta-analysis
- S. B. Heymsfield et al: Weight loss composition is one-fourth fat-free mass: a critical review and critique of this widely cited rule
- T. Pecht et al: Peripheral blood leucocyte subclasses as potential biomarkers of adipose tissue inflammation and obesity subphenotypes in humans
- A. A. Mamun et al: Gestational weight gain in relation to offspring obesity over the life course: a systematic review and bias-adjusted meta-analysis
- P. A. Butterworth et al: The association between body composition and foot structure and function: a systematic review be SCOPE and CPD accredited.

Readers are also recommended to visit the website on the Wiley Online Library to see published manuscripts and manuscripts in early view that will appear in the next few months.

Here you can now view the new Anywhere Article format in HTML which provides enhanced and easier access to references and figures in a left hand column and within article navigation.

View the latest Obesity Reviews issue here.

Pediatric Obesity...

Pediatric Obesity is a leading publication which presents the latest research on obesity during childhood and adolescence. The journal publishes findings which are currently the subject of intense interest to the scientific community, and are of increasing concern to health policy-makers and the public.

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Submit your best work to the leading journal in the field, via our online peer-review system here today.

Follow Pediatric Obesity's Editor (@michaelgoran) on Twitter!

**International Journal of Obesity**

The International Journal of Obesity (IJO) provides a multi-disciplinary forum for basic, clinical and applied studies focusing on obesity and related disorders, including a quarterly pediatric highlights issue.

With an Impact Factor of 5.221, IJO is the leading obesity journal in the field.

Author benefits at a glance include:

- Quick and easy online submission
- Online supplementary material allows you to add greater depth to your article
- Fast editorial turnaround
- Accepted Article Preview online and citable within 72 hours of acceptance
- Open Access option: option to make your article freely available immediately upon publication
- Increased article visibility through inclusion in the Table of Contents e-alert received by over 55,000 recipients, selected press releases, and promotion alongside related content from other NPG journals

View the latest International Journal of Obesity issue here.

/ Obesity in the News

/ USA: advertising partly to blame for obesity in the South Bronx area
A new report from the South Bronx City Health Department says advertising may be partly to blame for obesity in the region, with 8% of advertising signs for sugary drinks but only 4% for fresh produce and 1% for healthy snacks. 1 out of every 5 food establishments in the area is a fast food restaurant, with 20% not selling any fresh vegetables. An Urban Health plan in the area is helping to convert stores into healthier places to shop.

/ Western Australia: Majority support a soft drinks tax
More than three-quarters of West Australians support a tax on soft drink, according to a survey commissioned by anti-obesity campaign LiveLighter. The poll of 1000 people found 78 per cent favoured a soft-drink tax and the use of the revenue to reduce the cost of healthy foods.

/ US: Bill to stop food stamps being used to buy junk food
A draft Bill is expected to be introduced in the US Congress designed to limit the use of food stamps for purchasing food of poor nutritional quality. Thirteen state legislatures have already considered such legislation.

/ UN - SCN: Agriculture for nutrition
The latest edition of the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition's News Bulletin features a series of papers on the theme "Changing Food Systems for Better Nutrition" looking at the food supply chain and suggesting where interventions could lead to improvements in nutrition security.

/ Other Events

**UPCP 2014 - Up Close and Personalized** The 3rd International Congress on Personalized Medicine Prague, Czech Republic 26-29th June 2014
Website: [http://2014.upcp.org](http://2014.upcp.org)
Email: secretariat@upcp.com
IFSO 2014 - Registration for IFSO is now open
19th World Congress Of International Federation For The Surgery Of Obesity & Metabolic Disorders
26 - 30 August 2014, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Contact: ifsoinfo@mci-group.com
Abstracts closing imminently

The College of Contemporary Health (CCH): massive open online course (MOOC)
Living & Working with Obesity: a free 4-week online course designed to help participants gain a greater understanding of the causes, consequences and challenges that we all face in our current obesogenic environment, so that we can take more effective steps towards solutions.

Using an innovative, easy to use digital platform, CCH is challenging the way we tackle the complexity of living and working with obesity.

Sign up now - registrations for the CCH MOOC are open until Monday 21st April.

ECO2014
21st European Congress on Obesity
Sofia, Bulgaria from 28 - 31 May 2014

The ECO provides an excellent platform for scientific exchange, debate and dissemination between research and health professionals working in obesity. The ECO2014 Scientific Programme will feature traditional plenary and review sessions, and will be highlighted by workshops, case studies, meet the expert and training sessions. The programme will focus on critical themes that are relevant to the region and to the fast changing European landscape. ECO2014 will offer obesity practitioners with practical tools and will prepare researchers for the Horizon 2020 funding environment.

Why Should YOU Attend?

- Increase your knowledge via the scientific programme
- Collect ‘take home’ tools and information from workshop sessions
- Gain exposure by submitting an abstract of your work
- Increase your connections through networking opportunities
- Develop and join research collaborations

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