Dear Natasha,

Welcome to the World Obesity Federation's February newsletter. This month we update you on not one but two Hot Topic events coming up in 2015; ask for your input on our obesity maps and data portal; bring you the latest news from our Policy & Prevention team and bring you our regular update on our journals, including this month's FREE articles....

/ Top stories

Don't forget that you can access the latest research on obesity through our journals (see journals update below).

Remember to check out our early view articles online before they're published. This month, we've chosen 3 article available from Pediatric Obesity:

1. Prevention and treatment of pediatric obesity using mobile and wireless technologies: a systematic review
   T. Turner et al

2. Sleep and nighttime energy consumption in early childhood: a population-based cohort study
   L. McDonald et al

3. Fasting gut hormone levels change with modest weight loss in obese adolescents
   D. E. Jensen et al

/ Clinical Care

SCOPE School London 2015

The programme unites experts from across the world in addressing the assessment, treatment and prevention of obesity.

This year's programme will feature international speakers including Marion Fletcher, SCOPE fellows including Rachel Batterham and will cover a range of topics from 'Combining calorie restriction with Exercise' to Combining treatment modalities in children'.

This is the must attend event for all healthcare professionals working with obese and overweight patients.

Applying for a scholarship application? Don't forget that the deadline is Monday 2nd March. View the details online here.

/ Policy & Prevention

World Innovation Summit for Health, Doha

Policy & Prevention Co-chair Shiriki Kumanyika and Policy & Advocacy Researcher Hannah
Brinsden lead a policy briefing at the Summit, asking the question “what can you do to tackle the junk food problem in your country?” The session was attended by a range of academics, clinicians and government representatives. It stimulated vast discussion, with participants keen to share their own experiences of innovative policies and interventions from their own countries which are being used to help reduce obesity and improve the healthiness of food.

Cultural differences, the need for a strong civil society, the power of marketing and the need for cross-sector actions based on a range of interventions were raised as key considerations moving forward. The workshop was a follow up to a report published at the end of 2013, available here.

For more information, visit the WISH website here.

Lancet publishes second Obesity Series

Medical journal The Lancet has published the second Obesity Series, a collection of papers on current issues which has been edited by World Obesity’s Policy and Prevention co-chair, Professor Boyd Swinburn. The papers focus on national and international policies for obesity prevention to meet the WHO targets for no increase in obesity and diabetes prevalence from 2010 levels by 2025. More details here.

World Obesity comments on consultations

The World Obesity Policy & Prevention team, with the help of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Network (STAN), responded to two consultations recently:

World Obesity Federation makes statement to WHO’s Executive Board
Along with several other non-governmental organisations we called for better monitoring of upstream indicators of obesogenic environments, and to initiate a member state consultation on developing a framework convention to protect and promote healthy diets and healthful, sustainable food supplies.

World Obesity Federation comments on proposed indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals
The consultation was based on a draft Indicators and Monitoring Framework, put forward by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). The draft document is available here.

// Data Portal

Obesity Prevalence Data

A big ‘Thank you’ to those who have already completed the feedback form. Your responses so far have been very useful and we are already working to implement your suggestions.

To those that have not yet had the opportunity to respond please let us know what you think so we can work to improve the resource. This will just take a few minutes, and will help us to help you!

For those that are unfamiliar with this work, we are currently updating and upgrading the prevalence maps and data portal. We want to make these resources as useful as possible. We welcome your suggestions for additions and improvements to the current maps and portal.

Complete the survey now!

Updates

This month we have an update available for adults in Lithuania and in Children from Austria & China.

You can view these updates, tables, charts and maps in our data portal here.

// Events

Hot Topic: Dietary Sugars, Obesity & Metabolic Disease Risk

Call for abstracts: The Scientific Committee are inviting submissions of abstracts for poster presentations.

The event will include interactive poster sessions and selected oral presentations. Abstract submission guidelines are available online here:

Abstract submission deadline: Monday 17th March

Travel bursaries and registration scholarships also available!
Hot Topic: Obesity & Pregnancy

The rise of obesity in developed countries, including amongst women of reproductive age, means that discussing obesity's impact on pregnancy could not be more important.

This two-day event balances basic science, translational research and clinical practice.

The event will include poster sessions and oral presentations, with a competition for the best poster/oral presentation.

To be involved submit your abstract today! View the submission guidelines online here.

Abstract submission deadline Friday 31st July 2015

Registration will open in the coming months. View the registration rates, scientific programme and exhibition and sponsorship prospectus online here.

ICO 2016: Save the Date!

Further details on the scientific programme will be announced in the coming months. In the meantime view the International Scientific Committee (ISC), scientific tracks and programme overview online here.

ICO 2018

We are looking for a host nation in Latin America for ICO 2018. For further information and to apply, please visit our website.

Stock Conferences

Would you like to suggest an idea for a Stock Conference?

These small conferences bring together a select group of specialists, including a number of junior researchers, to discuss an obesity-related topic. For further information, please click here

Exhibition and Sponsorship Opportunities

There are exhibition and sponsorship opportunities for all of our events. Click on the links above to access the sponsorship and exhibition prospectuses.

Alternatively you can e-mail our World Obesity Events Manager, Natasha Joyner to discuss the different options that would be best suited to your organisation.

/Journals

Clinical Obesity...

The current edition contains a mix of reviews and original articles.

Read this issue's FREE articles now:

1. Poor mental health in severely obese patients is not explained by the presence of comorbidities; R Somerville et al

2. Exploring the concept of eating dyscontrol in severely obese patients candidate to bariatric surgery; A. Calderone et al

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

View the latest Clinical Obesity issue here.

Obesity Reviews...

This month's Editor's Picks:
1. In
dfluence of food companies brand mascots and entertainment companies cartoon media characters on children's diet and health: a systematic review and research needs
V. I. Kraak & M. Story (FREE)

2. Macrophage recruitment in obese adipose tissue
Y. Bai & Q. Sun


View the latest Obesity Reviews issue here.

Pediatric Obesity...
Pediatric Obesity is a leading publication presenting the latest research on obesity during childhood and adolescence.

Read this issue’s FREE articles now:
1. Early influences on child satiety-responsiveness: the role of weaning style; A. Brown et al
2. Extremely obese children respond better than extremely obese adolescents to lifestyle interventions; C. Knop et al

View the complete latest Pediatric Obesity issue and submit your work here.

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.

What's trending this month...
1. A break in the obesity epidemic? Explained by biases or misinterpretation of the data?; T L S Visscher et al
2. A nonsense loss-of-function mutation in PCSK1 contributes to dominantly inherited human obesity; J Philippe et al
3. The impact of adiposity on adipose tissue-resident lymphocyte activation in humans; R L Travers et al

View the latest International Journal of Obesity issue here.

Don't forget, as a World Obesity member you can receive the International Journal of Obesity at a heavily discounted rate.

/ Other News and events

Obesity Week 2015

Obesity Week will be taking place November 2-7, 2015 in Los Angeles.

Don’t miss the third year of the annual scientific and educational conference bringing together the world's obesity experts. Physicians, surgeons, scientists, clinicians, integrated health professionals and policymakers, both national and international, will gather for this comprehensive agenda under one roof.

Don’t forget to pop over to the World Obesity stand to say hello!

Nutrition in Britain: Time to get serious

13 March 2015, London

This meeting will launch the report "Nutrient Profiling: Changing the food of Britain". The report makes the case for nutrient profiling as a practical tool for promoting better and healthier food across many sectors of the economy.