## Observatory Newsletter Number three! Special Launch Edition!

# ) Launch Details

Dear colleagues,

## Today, and thanks to your collaboration, we are pleased to tell you that the Global Observatory for Physical

131 country cards

Activity will officially launch the first set of 131 country cards, a document with the project description and our new website on December 4th!

Project







Our new website

Please join us for the final countdown in the Observatory's website:

http://www.globalphysicalactivityobservatory.com

Lets celebrate this great achievement we accomplished together!

» 2) Country card statistics

#### contacts and I3I approved cards with up to date research, surveillance, and policy indicators. We have achieved



I) Updated Logo

✓ I3I ready

an outstanding global coverage of 67% of all countries in the world. 146 confirmed contacts

Regarding review of the cards, we now have 146 confirmed

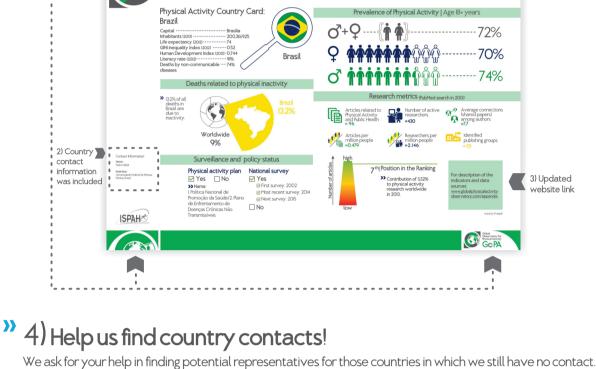
global coverage of



## Physical Activity Country Card

» 3) Updates in the country cards

The country cards and translations were updated with the following 3 changes:



#### Afghanistan Djibouti Madagascar Albania Malawi El Salvador

Do you know anyone who could be the country contact for:

Malaysia Togo Equatorial Guinea Mali Turkmenistan Eritrea Mauritania

Azerbaijan Bahrain **Belarus** Belize Burkina Faso Burundi Cambodia Central African Republic

Chad

Algeria

Andorra

Armenia

Channel Islands Comoros Congo, Dem. Rep. Congo, Rep. Cote d'Ivoire Cyprus

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- Gabon Gambia, The
- Georgia Guinea Guinea-Bissau
- Iran, Islamic Rep. Isle of Man Kazakhstan Korea, Dem. Rep. Kyrgyz Republic

Latvia

Lesotho

Liberia

Libya

Honduras

- Presenting country contacts 5) Presenting country contacts
- Monaco Montenegro Morocco

Niger

**Mauritius** 

Moldova

Pakistan **Philippines** San Marino Sao Tome and Principe

Sierra Leone

Senegal

- Somalia South Sudan Sudan Suriname
- Turks and Caicos Islands Uganda Ukraine Uzbekistan

Yemen, Rep.

Tajikistan

Timor-Leste

Zambia Zimbabwe

### Country contact Canada Is the President of the Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute which is a

We continue to introduce your colleagues around the world. We will be contacting you to send us your brief

#### Christine is currently the lead researcher of the Institute's population level data collection system, including population surveys which examine factors influencing participation, setting-based surveys

Christine Cameron

national research agency in Canada

responsible for monitoring physical activity

and sport participation levels. In this role,

exploring the capacity of key settings

(workplaces, municipalities, schools) to

support activity, and the large-scale

CANPLAY Study which includes pedometer

data for children and youth. Christine

Cameron has completed her Ph.D. from

Loughborough University, and has published research findings in academic journals and

in numerous reports used by federal, provincial and territorial governments for developing policy. She has served on several Boards, and currently serves on several research advisory and work groups pertaining to physical activity and sport. I-Min Lee



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Grenada

🍀 🚯 Cayman Islands

## implementing population-based surveys using the standardized WHO STEPS methodology as a starting point for establishing much needed risk factor

Glennis Andall-Bereton

Country contact Caribbean

Is an epidemiologist and public health

specialist with responsibility for non-

communicable diseases and injury

prevention and control at the Caribbean

Public Health Agency. She contributed to the development of a Minimum Data Set for

Non-communicable Diseases, as a means of

setting up routine NCD surveillance systems

for the Prevention and Control of NCDs. Has

been involved in training and supporting 23

countries in the Caribbean sub-region in

surveillance to support the planning and implementing of programs for the prevention and control of chronic diseases and injury. Also has been involved in providing technical assistance for the strengthening of programs for the prevention and control of cervical cancer in Ministries of Health in the



prominently include epidemiologic investigations on the health benefits of physical activity.

#### Epidemiologist and Team Leader in the Physical Activity and Health Branch of the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. He has worked since 1984 in the area of physical activity and health, including conducting research, developing and evaluating intervention programs for adults and children, and developing and advising on policy issues. He earned his doctorate in Epidemiology and Community Health Studies at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center School of Public Health, and a Master of Science in Public Health at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Kohl's other

on physical activity and health.

Bill Kohl

and monographs in the scientific literature and in 2012 co-authored the textbook Foundations of Physical Activity and Public Health. Adrian Bauman Adrian Bauman is a world-leading public health researcher who has for over 30 years, studied chronic disease prevention and the development and assessment of prevention research methods. He is co-Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Physical Activity, Nutrition and Obesity. Professor Bauman has worked extensively in the fields of physical activity, obesity, smoking and cardiovascular disease prevention as well as other areas relating to health promotion and prevention science. He is a leading authority on research relating to the health consequences of physical activity, and an expert in the consequences of prolonged sitting, including as a risk factor for CV disease and diabetes. He is a committed advocate for physical activity and health and for research translation into practice to achieve population-wide impact and health equity. Professor Bauman has made many major  $contributions \ to \ prevention \ science. He \ was \ instrumental \ in \ identifying \ the \ health \ benefits \ of \ moderate \ physical \ activity \ and \ reduced$ sitting time. His research also has demonstrated the need for cross-sectoral involvement from areas outside of health in physical activity promotion programs, including diverse sectors such as sports, transport and urban planning to achieve better outcomes. He has developed research methods for evaluating large community-wide public health campaigns, and has contributed to evaluating many public health social marketing and mass media campaigns. Professor Bauman also builds innovative research-policy linkages and conducts policy-relevant research. His international physical activity surveillance work is being used globally as part of WHO

She current serves as Principal Investigator of the Harvard Alumni Health Study and the Women's Health Study, both of which

Dr. Harold W. (Bill) Kohl, III is Professor of Epidemiology and Kinesiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston School of Public Health and the University of Texas, Austin. At the University of Texas School of Public Health, Dr. Kohl also serves as the  $Associate \, Regional \, Dean \, for \, International \, Health \, Affairs \, at \, the \, Austin \, Regional \, Campus. \,\, Prior \, to \, this \, appointment, \, he \, served \, as \, Lead \, L$ 

areas of specialization are Biostatistics and Health Promotion. His research interests include current focuses on physical activity, exercise, fitness and health as well as and sports medicine surveillance systems for musculoskeletal injuries. In his recent efforts, he has concentrated on national and international physical activity surveillance and epidemiology issues, as well as program development and evaluation studies for the promotion of school-based physical activity for children and adolescents. He initiated Active Texas 2020, a state physical activity plan for Texas. He has served as an elected Trustee and is a Fellow of the American

College of Sports Medicine and is a Fellow in the National Academy of Kinesiology. He is the founder and past-president of the International Society for Physical Activity and Health. He has served in an editorial capacity for several scientific journals and is currently Editor Emeritus of the Journal of Physical Activity and Health. He served as Chair of an Institute of Medicine committee at the National Academies of Science on physical activity and physical education in school-based settings and is currently Chair of the Science Board of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. He has published more than 180 papers, chapters



Health and Medical Sciences.

Kenneth Powell Kenneth E. Powell, MD, MPH, is a public health and epidemiologic consultant. He was an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 25 years and with the Georgia Department of Human Resources for nearly 8 years. The relationship tween physical activity and health has been an important theme during his career. He initiated the Centers for Disease Prevention's epidemiologic work in the area by leading a consolidation of the scientific literature and setting the public health research agenda. He served on the Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is a member of the Physical Activity Work Group for the Task Force for the Guide to Community Preventive Services. He has also served on committees for the Institute of Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, American College of Epidemiology, and American College of Sports Medicine. **Gregory Health** 

Gregory W. Heath is Guerry Professor of Health and Human Performance and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He also serves as Director of Research at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga. Dr. Heath was formally with the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where he spent over 20 years initially starting as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer. He has a background in physiology, nutrition, and epidemiology and holds both his masters and doctoral degrees from Loma Linda University School of Public Health in California. Dr. Heath has spent most of his professional career devoted to the understanding and promotion of physical activity and exercise for the enhancement of health as well as the prevention and management of chronic diseases. He is widely published in the preventive medicine and public health literature. Dr. Heath is a fellow in the American College of Sports

non-communicable disease surveillance. Professor Bauman holds numerous honorary appointments and visiting Professorships (in five countries). He is Foundation Fellow of the Australiasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine and an elected Fellow of the Academy of



# Medicine (ACSM) and the American Heart Association's Council on Epidemiology and Prevention. Greg is a native of Los Angeles, California and has been married to Janice Kellogg for 42 years. They have four grown children (one a

UTC alumnus!) and nine grandchildren who represent a diversity of racial/ethnic backgrounds. Greg and Janice are members of New City Fellowship in Chattanooga, TN. Greg is a regular transport walker/cyclist and has been an avid distance runner since he was 12 Michael Pratt Is the Senior Advisor for Global Health in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for  $Disease \ Control \ and \ Prevention \ (CDC). \ Previously he was the Chief of the Physical \ Activity \ and \ Health \ Branch \ at \ CDC, \ led \ CDC's \ World$ Health Organization Collaborating Center for Physical Activity and Health. He is the founder and director of the CDC International Courses on Physical Activity and Public Health. Dr. Pratt is an Adjunct Professor of Public Health at Emory University, and in the schools  $of medicine \ and \ government \ at \ the \ University \ of \ los \ Andes \ in \ Colombia. He \ completed \ both \ a \ Masters \ Degree \ in \ exercise \ physiology$ and his M.D. at the University of Washington in Seattle, and medical residency training at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota and CDC, and

earned a Masters Degree in Public Health at the University of Minnesota. He is board certified in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health and is a Fellow in the American College of Preventive Medicine and the American College of Sports Medicine. Dr. Pratt's research interests include increasing global public health capacity for chronic disease prevention, environmental and policy approaches to increasing participation in physical activity, the costs of inactivity and cost effectiveness of physical activity interventions, and physical activity counseling by health professionals. He has published over 100 scientific articles and spoken widely



## Pedro Hallal

on disease prevention and health promotion.

Pedro Hallal received his BA in Physical Education, and MSc and PhD in Epidemiology, from the Universidade Federal de Pelotas, Brazil He is currently an associate professor at the Universidade Federal de Pelotas, Brazil. His research focuses on physical activity and health, with five interrelated themes: (a) physical activity levels, trends and measurement; (b) determinants and correlates of  $physical\ activity; (a)\ physical\ activity; (d)\ physical\ activity interventions; (e)\ global\ action\ for\ physical\ activity interventions; (e)\ global\ action\ global\ action\ global\ activity interventions; (e)\ global\ action\ global\ activity interventions; (e)\ global\ activity interventio$ promotion. Pedro's work and research is based in Brazil.

Thank you very much! Lets celebrate and improve physical activity worldwide!



Best regards, Michel Proc



On Behalf of the Global Observatory for Physical Activity Steering Committee







