



Observatory Newsletter # 6

GoPA! in 2016

Dear colleagues,

» We want to update you on the Observatory progress and define next steps to our work.

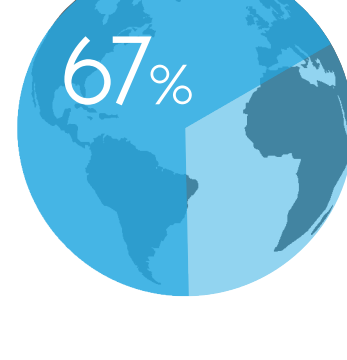
» 1) Country card statistics

137 ready!



Regarding review of the cards, we now have 146 confirmed contacts and 137 approved cards with up to date research, surveillance, and policy indicators. We have achieved an outstanding global coverage of 67% of all countries in the world.

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146 confirmed contacts

» 2) Abstract submission for the GoPA! Country Card poster session is close! 6th ISPAH International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health



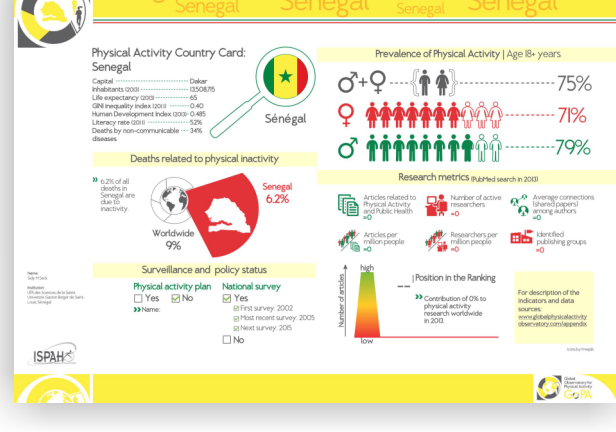
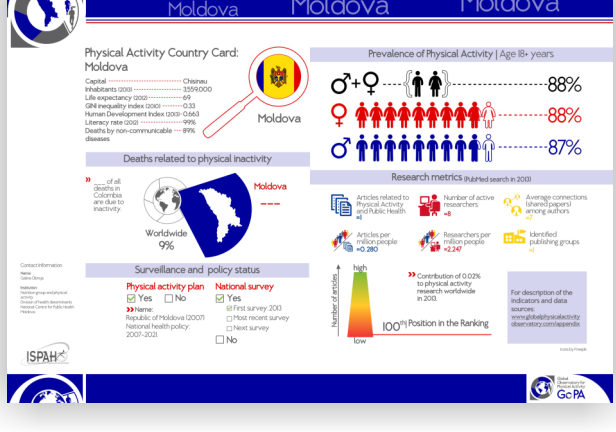
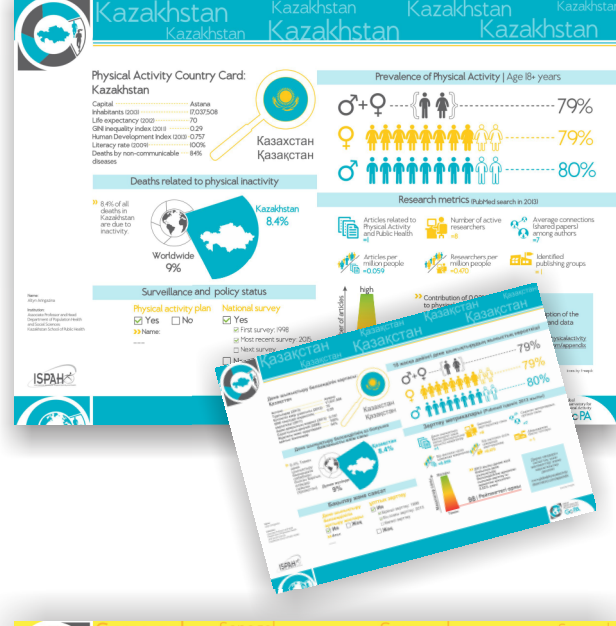
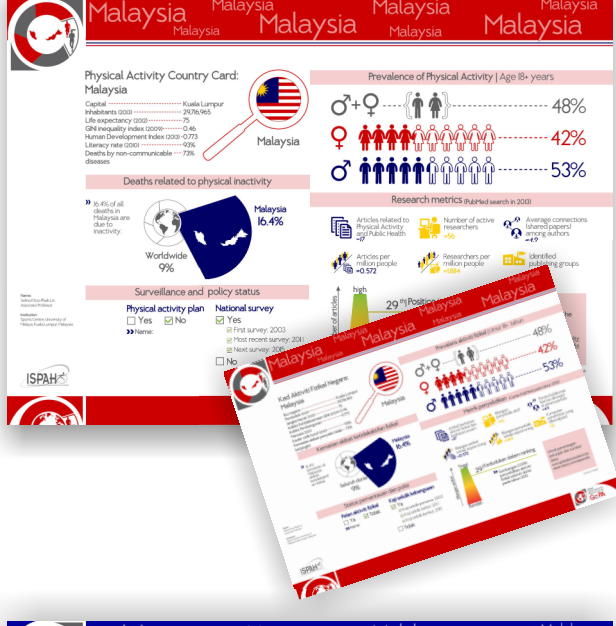
16-19 November 2016 Bangkok Thailand

The International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health

Abstract submission for the GoPA! Country Card poster session deadline: **April 15th!**

We would be thrilled if you could join us in Thailand!

» 3) We are launching 4 new country cards! **Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Senegal!**



» 4) Help us find country contacts!

Your help finding country contacts has been fundamental for GoPA!

We continue asking for your help in finding potential representatives for those countries in which we still have no contact. Do you know anyone who could be the country contact for:

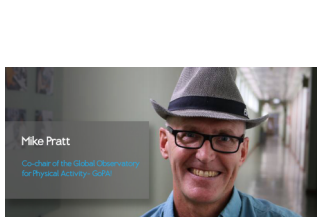
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- A** Albania
- A** Algeria
- A** Andorra
- A** Armenia
- B** Bahamas
- B** Belarus
- B** Benin
- B** Bosnia and Herzegovina
- B** Burkina Faso
- B** Burundi
- C** Cambodia
- C** Central African Republic
- C** Chad
- C** Channel Islands
- C** Comoros
- C** Congo, Dem. Rep.
- C** Cote d'Ivoire
- D** Djibouti
- E** El Salvador
- E** Equatorial Guinea
- E** Eritrea
- E** Ethiopia
- G** Gabon
- G** Gambia, The
- G** Georgia
- G** Guinea
- G** Guinea-Bissau
- H** Honduras
- I** Iran, Islamic Rep.
- I** Isle of Man
- K** Korea, Dem. Rep.
- K** Kosovo
- K** Kyrgyz Republic
- L** Latvia
- L** Lesotho
- L** Liberia
- L** Libya
- L** Liechtenstein
- M** Madagascar
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- M** Monaco
- M** Montenegro
- M** Morocco
- N** Namibia
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- S** San Marino
- S** Sao Tome and Principe
- S** Sierra Leone
- S** Somalia
- S** South Sudan
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- S** Suriname
- T** Tajikistan
- T** Timor-Leste
- T** Togo
- T** Turkmenistan
- T** Turks and Caicos Islands
- U** Ukraine
- U** Uzbekistan
- Y** Yemen, Rep.
- Z** Zambia
- Z** Zimbabwe

» 5) GoPATV

We are launching our new videos! Our Chairs, Steering Committee Members, ISPAH representatives and country contacts share their knowledge and experience in relation to physical activity.



Watch our videos and stay tuned for the new ones coming soon!



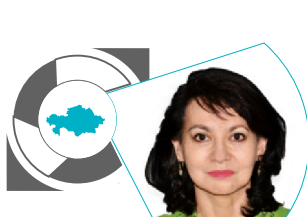
» 6) Presenting country contacts

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



Selina Khoo
Country contact Malaysia

Selina Khoo is an associate professor at the Sports Centre, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. Her research interests are related to participation of sports and physical activity. She serves on national and international committees including the Asian Society for Adapted Physical Education and Exercise (ASAPE) and the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport (CABOS). Selina is also a National Course Director for the Olympic Council of Malaysia and facilitates Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators courses. She has published articles in national and international journals as well as books and book chapters. She has been invited to present her research at national and international conferences, including the International Forum on Children with Special Needs, IOC World Sport for All Congress, and Global Summit on the Physical Activity of Children. Her current research projects are related to participation in physical activity funded by High Impact Research grants from the University of Malaya and Ministry of Education.



Altna Aringazina
Country contact Kazakhstan

Dr. Altna Aringazina (DrMedSc, PhD) is Head of the Department of Population Health and Social Sciences at the Kazakhstan School of Public Health in Almaty since 1998. She was elected as a member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Health Promotion for 2009-2013. In this capacity she has participated actively in a number of WHO activities in the European Region and globally. Dr. Aringazina has also worked productively as a globally elected member of the Board of Trustees of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE). She has led studies of health promotion capacity and public health infrastructure in Kazakhstan and has been an instrumental force in designing elements of the reform of the current public healthcare system. As the principal author of several critical studies of health promotion capacity in Kazakhstan, Dr. Aringazina has emerged within Kazakhstan and Central Asia, as a leading scholar of health promotion and public health. Dr. Aringazina conducted postdoctoral research in public health as a Fulbright Scholar at Columbia University in the City of New York. Her research focused on health promotion policy and public health capacity.

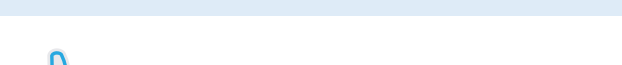
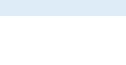
Thank you very much!
Lets improve physical activity worldwide!

Best regards,

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You can make a contribution to physical activity worldwide!
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