



# Observatory Newsletter Number One!

Dear colleagues,

First, we would like to thank you again for your collaboration on the country cards and continuing support for this project. We want to update you on progress of the Observatory and define next steps.

» 1) The cards and website are still under review by The Lancet. We do not have a specific launch date, but we will keep you informed of all the details and we expect to launch soon.

» 2)

✓ 125 ready to launch!



Regarding review of the cards, we now have 139 confirmed contacts and 125 approved cards with up to date research, surveillance, and policy indicators. We have achieved an outstanding global coverage of 60% of all countries in the world.

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139 confirmed contacts



All of the country cards are available in English, and some were translated into the original language of the participating country. We have cards in 26 languages!

- Arabic, Bulgarian, Croatian, Italian, Japanese
- Chinese, Czech, Lithuanian, Macedonian
- Dansk, Dutch, French, Maori, Nepalese, Polish
- German, Greek, Greenlandic, Portuguese, Rumanian, Russian
- Hungarian, Spanish, Slovak, Swedish, Welsh

» 3) Initial Observatory presentations at international events:

I. Poster at the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) congress last May in San Diego. Presentation by Andrea Ramirez, Observatory coordinator.

II. Pitch presentation at the European Public Health Association- EUPHA October, 2015 in Milan. Presentation by Alice Mannocci, country contact for Italy.

III. Poster presentation at the Italian Society of Public Health (Società Italiana di Sanità Pubblica) October, 2015 in Milan. Presentation by Alice Mannocci, country contact for Italy.

» 4) We would like to invite you to join us on Facebook! You can find us as the Lancet Physical Activity Observatory.



» 5) Finally, we ask for your help in finding potential representatives for those countries in which we still have no contact (you may use the attached flyer to identify these countries).



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

- A** Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan
- B** Bahrain, Belarus, Belize, Burkina Faso, Burundi
- C** Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Channel Islands, Comoros, Congo, Dem. Rep., Congo, Rep., Cote d'Ivoire, Curacao, Cyprus
- D** Djibouti
- E** El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea
- G** Gabon, Gambia, The, Georgia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau
- H** Honduras
- I** Iran, Islamic Rep., Isle of Man, Israel
- J** Jamaica
- K** Kazakhstan, Korea, Dem. Rep., Kyrgyz Republic
- L** Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya
- M** Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco
- N** Namibia, Niger
- P** Pakistan, Philippines
- S** San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sint Maarten (Dutch part), Somalia, South Sudan
- Sudan, Suriname
- T** Tajikistan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Turkmenistan, Turks and Caicos Islands
- U** Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
- V** Virgin Islands (U.S.)
- W** West Bank and Gaza
- Y** Yemen, Rep.
- Z** Zambia, Zimbabwe

## Presenting country contacts

» 6) In order for you to get to know your colleagues around the world, we will be presenting two country contacts in each newsletter. We will be contacting you to send us your brief CV and a photograph.



**Alice Mannocci** Country contact Italy

Dr. Mannocci works at the Department of Public Health and Infectious Diseases, "Sapienza" at the University of Rome in Italy. She holds a university degree in mathematics and a masters in epidemiology. She completed her first PhD in 2009 in "Economy and management in health organizations" at the Institute of Hygiene, University of Sacred Heart of Rome, and a second one in 2014 in "Public Health and Microbiology" at "Sapienza" University of Rome. Her areas of expertise include biostatistics methodology, applied epidemiology, preventive medicine, lifestyle, injuries prevention and health technology assessment. She has published more than 100 articles on various public health topics. Over the past five years, she has focused her attention on physical activity promotion and assessment, and collaborated in a multi-university team that is studying health topics related to physical activity.



**Danijel Jurakic** Country contact Croatia

Dr. Jurakic received his physical education degree from the Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Zagreb, Croatia. Afterwards, he continued with postgraduate training and obtained a PhD in the field of physical activity epidemiology. Currently, he is employed as a researcher and lecturer by the Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Zagreb where he teaches courses titled Physical Activity and Health and Kinesiological Recreation. His professional interests are in physical activity epidemiology and physical activity promotion. He has published a number of papers in scientific journals in the areas of public health and social sciences and has received several awards for his scientific work. He is currently involved in national and local campaigns for physical activity promotion. Dr. Jurakic has also led several professional and research projects which have contributed to development of the field of physical activity and health in Croatia. He is a member of the Croatian Sport For All Association and European Network for the Promotion of Health-enhancing Physical Activity (HEPA - Europe).

Thank you very much! We look forward to your comments.

Best regards,

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