



# GoPA! newsletter # 14!

## August 2017

Dear colleagues,

» 1) We want to update you on the Observatory progress and define next steps to our work. We have great news!

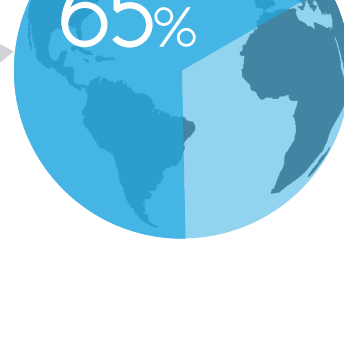
» 1) Country card statistics

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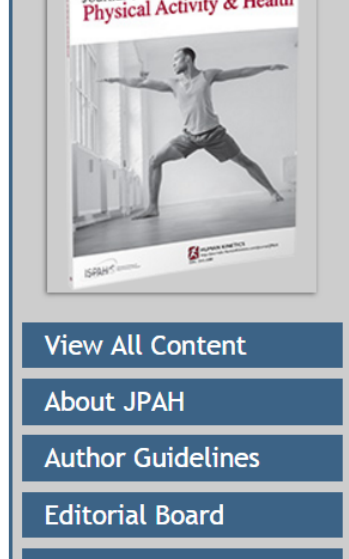
Regarding review of the cards, we now have 144 approved cards with up to date research, surveillance, and policy indicators. We have achieved an outstanding coverage of 65% of all countries in the world.



» 2) New GoPA! Publications

We have a new publication! "Worldwide Surveillance, Policy and Research on Physical Activity and Health: The Global Observatory for Physical Activity - GoPA!"

You can find the document at: <http://journals.humankinetics.com/doi/abs/10.1123/jpah.2016-0626>



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Worldwide Surveillance, Policy and Research on Physical Activity and Health: The Global Observatory for Physical Activity – GoPA!

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» 3) Celebrating the GoPA! Chair Citation Award!

GoPA! Chair and Institute for Public Health Director Michael Pratt Receives an American College of Sports Medicine 2017 Citation Award.

Michael Pratt, MD MSPE MPH FACSM FACPM was honored by the American College of Sports Medicine on June 2, 2017 at its 64th annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. Professor Pratt was one of six distinguished sports medicine researchers and practitioners honored this year. The Citation Award of the American College of Sports Medicine is granted to an individual or group who has made significant and important contributions to sports medicine and/or the exercise sciences. These contributions may include, but are not limited to, research and scholarship; clinical care; and/or administrative or educational services in sports medicine or exercise science. Dr. Pratt was nominated on the basis a distinguished 30-year career contributing to physical activity and exercise science at the national and international levels. He worked for 28 years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where he was the first chief of the Physical Activity and Health Branch. His major contributions at CDC included new physical activity guidelines and the 1996 US Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health; he directed the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Physical Activity at CDC; contributed to developing four of the most widely used physical activity surveys, guided the CDC-ACSM cooperative agreement, and initiated the annual Physical Activity and Public Health research and practice courses in partnership with the University of South Carolina. Dr Pratt also led the extension of these courses globally - contributed to physical activity and public health training in more than 20 other countries. In particular he led the development of research and public health policy networks and programs in Latin America. Dr Pratt is a Fellow of ACSM and the American College of Preventive Medicine, and is newly elected to the Board of Trustees of ACSM. He was a driving force behind the Senior Editorial management group of the Lancet Physical Activity series in both 2012 and 2016, and was at some point in their careers a formal mentor to nine of the other series authors. Dr. Pratt has contributed extensively to the physical-activity related scientific literature, publishing nearly 200 peer-reviewed scientific publications, of which seven have been cited more than 1000 times and 32 have been cited more than 100 times, indicating their impactful nature. He has helped build the case for physical activity and public health in the US and around the world, arguing tirelessly as an advocate for its importance in chronic disease prevention and in relation to other health outcomes.

You can find more information at: <http://www.acsmannualmeeting.org/awards/>

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The Awards and Tributes Committee invite you to congratulate the 2017 award recipients. The Honor and Citation Awards are two of ACSM's most prestigious awards. Both awards recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the fields of sports medicine and/or exercise science. These recipients will be recognized at the banquet on Friday, June 2, 2017.



From left to right: Victor Matsudo - CELAFISCS, Ken Powell - GoPA! Steering Committee Member, Michael Pratt - GoPA! Chair, Loretta di Pietro- The George Washington University and Bill Kohl- GoPA! Steering Committee Member.



From left to right: Michael Pratt, GoPA! Chair and Jack Berryman, University of Washington.

» 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:

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

» 5) Presenting country contacts

On this newsletter we want to introduce country contacts that have been working with us for the last year and that were not presented yet. We will be contacting you to send us your brief CV and a photograph.



Omar Badjie Country contact Gambia

Dr. Badjie works at the Ministry of Health & Social Welfare and the Directorate of Health Promotion & Education in Kotu, Gambia. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree (BSc) in Public/Environment Health from the University of The Gambia. Also a Master of Science in Public Health Promotion from Leeds Beckett University, UK. He has a broad experience working in NCD prevention. Currently, he is working as Program Manager, Non Communicable Diseases and National Focal Point for Tobacco Control, Ministry of Health & Social Welfare. His office acts as a resource center for the Ministry of Health & Social Welfare in matters relating to NCD services, and providing relevant health statistics for use in epidemiology and planning, implementation, monitoring of all NCD control activities within and outside the country. He has received training and collaborated with the WHO African Region office on NCD topics, the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and implementation of the STEPS survey in the country.



Franklyn Edwin Prieto-Alvarado Country contact Colombia

He holds a Doctor of Medicine degree from Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He completed his postgraduate training in Epidemiology, Public Health and a Masters in Bioethics. He is finishing his studies as a Doctor in Public Health at Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica de Mexico. He has been Professor in Epidemiology, Public Health and Physical Activity and Health at Universidad del Bosque, Universidad del Rosario and Universidad Surcolombiana. He has practiced public health for two decades. Dr. Prieto previously served as National Consultant on NCD in PAHO/Colombia and Tephnet for CDC. Currently, he is the National Director of Public Health Surveillance System at Instituto Nacional de Salud. He is a researcher in evaluation of public health programs to promote physical activity in Colombia.

» 6) ISPAH consultation about the WHO Global Action Plan for Physical Activity-GAPPA

Please help responding to the ISPAH consultation about the WHO Global Action Plan for Physical Activity-GAPPA at [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ISPAH\\_GAPPA](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ISPAH_GAPPA)

You can read more about it at: [http://www.who.int/ncds/governance/physical\\_activity\\_plan/en/](http://www.who.int/ncds/governance/physical_activity_plan/en/)

WHO website screenshot showing 'Noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors' and 'Governance: Development of a draft global action plan to promote physical activity'.

Your opinion is very important!

Thank you very much! Lets improve physical activity worldwide!

Best regards,

Michael Pratt, MD, MSPE, MPH

Pedro C Hallal, PhD

On Behalf of the Global Observatory for Physical Activity Steering Committee



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You can make a contribution to physical activity worldwide! Contact us: [physicalactivityobservatory@gmail.com](mailto:physicalactivityobservatory@gmail.com)

