



GoPA! newsletter # 15! October 2017

Dear colleagues,

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

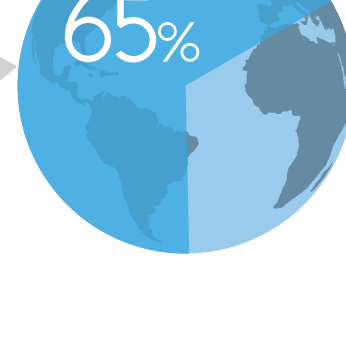
» 1) Country Card statistics

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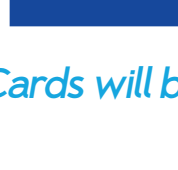
global coverage of



We have 144 approved cards with up to date research, surveillance, and policy indicators, achieving an outstanding global coverage of 65% of all countries in the world.



We got Country Contacts for:



The Country Cards will be launched soon!

» 2) GoPA! symposia at HEPA 2017 - Join us!

13th Annual Meeting and 8th Conference of HEPA Europe

We are proud to announce that we will participate at the 13th Annual Meeting and 8th Conference of HEPA Europe!

Do not miss our symposium entitled "Global surveillance of physical activity policy: experiences from HEPA Europe and the Global Observatory for Physical Activity - GoPA!".

For more information about the congress please visit:

www.hepaurope2017.com

Join us! Your participation is very important for us!

» 3) The 7TH ISPAH congress will be in London 2018!



7th ISPAH Congress

15-17 October 2018, Queen Elizabeth II Centre, London, England

7th International Society for Physical Activity and Health Congress

Join us and submit and abstract!

The International Society for Physical Activity and Health (ISPAH), Public Health England and Sport England announced that the 7th ISPAH Congress will take place at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in central London from Monday 15 October to Wednesday 17 October 2018.

The congress website www.ISPAH2018.com is now open for abstract submissions across a wide range of topics for consideration for oral and poster presentation.

To see initial details about the program, and to submit an abstract for consideration for oral or poster presentation before the deadline of 1 February 2018, please visit: www.ISPAH2018.com

GoPA! will participate in the congress! Information coming up soon!

Don not miss the 7th ISPAH congress!

» 4) New GoPA! Events

GoPA! was presented last September 6th at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth), School of Public Health in Austin. Special thanks for the invitation to Bill Kohl and Deborah Salvo from GoPA!

Special Guest Speaker:



Andrea Ramirez, MD, MPH, PhD Candidate
University of California, San Diego

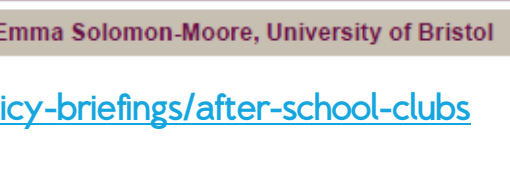
Physical Activity Surveillance Systems - GoPA!
Andrea Ramirez earned her MD and MPH degrees from the University of California, San Diego. She is currently a PhD candidate in the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health at the University of California, San Diego. She serves as the co-director of the Global Observatory for Physical Activity (GoPA) and is currently working on a grant to develop a physical activity surveillance system in a low-income country. She is also a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in Health, Behavior, and Society.

Wednesday, September 6th
1:45pm - 2:45pm
Room 6.222
Please contact andrea.ramirez@ucsd.edu for more information.

» 5) Read these new policy briefings/reports from our GoPA! network colleagues at University of Bristol. Congratulations!

Take a look to the briefings at:

Policy Briefing 35/2016

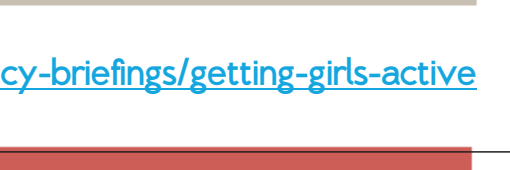


Active after-school clubs are important for improving children's physical activity

Professor Russell Jago, Dr Simon Sebire and Dr Emma Solomon-Moore, University of Bristol

www.bristol.ac.uk/policybristol/policy-briefings/after-school-clubs

Policy Report 11/2017

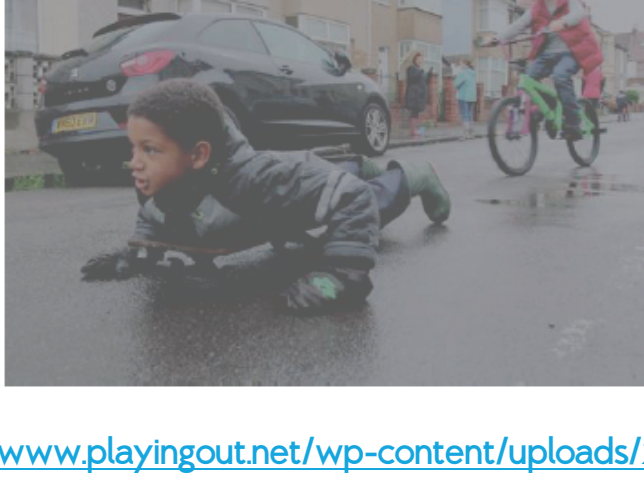


Getting girls active: Reducing gender inequality in physical activity

Dr Simon Sebire, Professor Russ Jago, Kate Banfield and Professor Angie Page, University of Bristol

www.bristol.ac.uk/policybristol/policy-briefings/getting-girls-active

Outdoors and Active: Delivering public health outcomes by increasing children's active travel and outdoor play



This briefing is underpinned by University of Bristol research from the PEACH project funded by the World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) and the Street Play Project*, funded by the Department of Health.



www.playingout.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Bristol-University-Outdoors-And-Active-Evidence-Briefing.pdf

We would like to present Emma Solomon-Moore working in the Centre for Exercise, Nutrition and Health Sciences at the University of Bristol. She is part of the team that led these very relevant policy documents.



Emma is a physical activity and public health researcher and her work has involved conducting evaluations of large community-based interventions, and she is currently managing a longitudinal study examining physical activity and screen-viewing patterns of children and their parents from schools across Bristol, UK. Within the Centre, she coordinates the children and parents' physical activity working group.

» 6) 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
- B** Albania
- C** Algeria
- D** Armenia
- E** Azerbaijan
- F** Bahamas
- G** Belarus
- H** Benin
- I** Bosnia and Herzegovina
- J** Burkina Faso
- K** Burundi
- L** Cambodia
- M** Central African Republic
- N** Chad
- O** Channel Islands
- P** Comoros
- Q** Congo, Dem. Rep.
- R** Congo, Rep.
- S** Cote d'Ivoire
- T** Djibouti
- U** Equatorial Guinea
- V** Eritrea
- W** Gabon
- X** Guinea
- Y** Guinea-Bissau
- Z** Isle of Man
- AA** Korea, Dem. Rep.
- AB** Kosovo
- AC** Kyrgyz Republic
- AD** Latvia
- AE** Lesotho
- AF** Liberia
- AG** Libya
- AH** Liechtenstein
- AI** Madagascar
- AJ** Malawi
- AK** Mauritania
- AL** Mauritius
- AM** Morocco
- AN** Montenegro
- AO** Namibia
- AP** Niger
- AQ** Pakistan
- AR** San Marino
- AS** Sao Tome and Principe
- AT** Serbia
- AU** Sierra Leone
- AV** South Sudan
- AW** Sudan
- AX** Tajikistan
- AY** Timor-Leste
- AZ** Turkmenistan
- BA** Turks and Caicos Islands
- BB** Uzbekistan
- BC** Yemen, Rep.
- BD** Zambia
- BE** Zimbabwe

» 7) Presenting Country Contacts

On this newsletter we want to introduce country contacts that have been working with us for the last years and that were not presented yet.

We will be contacting you to send us your brief CV and a photograph.



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Country Contact Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Belize and Panama



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INCAP Research Center for the prevention of Chronic Diseases
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Dr. Manuel Ramirez-Zea graduated from the School of Medicine of the Universidad Francisco Marroquin and holds a PhD in Exercise Physiology Pennsylvania State University. He is currently the Coordinator of the Unit for Chronic Diseases and Nutrition the INCAP Research Center for the Prevention of Chronic Diseases (CIPEC) and the Laboratory of Physiology and Body Composition of the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP). He has been a principal investigator and co-investigator on local and multi-center projects in many areas, including training of researchers and capacity building in chronic disease prevention; measurement of the food environment and built environment and intervention models to promote healthy lifestyles. He has more than 60 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals and book chapters.



Ma. Fernanda Kroker-Lobos, PhD
Country Contact Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Belize and Panama



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Dr. Kroker-Lobos is a nutritionist from the Universidad del Valle in Guatemala. She completed doctoral studies at the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico and the School of Public Health at Emory University, obtaining a PhD in Population nutrition. She currently works as a researcher at the INCAP Research Center for the Prevention of Chronic Diseases, coordinating among other projects, studies on the food environment, urban health; and food policies in Guatemala and Central America

Thank you very much! We look forward to your comments

Lets improve physical activity worldwide!

Best regards,

Michael Pratt

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