

Dear Colleagues

We are thrilled and delighted to welcome you in June in Israel for the ISAPA 2015 Congress. This is the 20th International congress of the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA).

This congress is being organized by the Wingate Academic College, which has an over 40 years experience in developing adapted teaching and educational physical activity programs.

For the purpose of the ISAPA event collaborations with several institutions have taken place, , among which the following will be mentioned in particular: (a) Israel National Insurance Institute (NIOI) will demonstrate eight special programs, advancing physical activity for life style and health enhancement in populations with disability. In addition the Chief Medical Officer of the NIOI has organized a unique mini symposium exploring the relationships of medical and exercise practices in athletes with a disability. (b) The Israel National Paralympic Committee has afforded the invitation of the Chief Medical Officer of the International Parlympic Committee as well as additional experts, who will contribute to the knowledge and skills of young athlete recruitment and development. (c) Special Olympics Israel and Euro-Asia will demonstrate practices and programs ensuring athlete life-long adherence as well as "Unified Sport" practices for facilitating social inclusion in an exercising society.

So far nearly a 150 abstracts have been accepted. The complete scientific program will be available as of mid April and demonstrate high level invited key-note addresses delivered by the most notable authorities in their particular knowledge domain, together with short oral presentations, poster presentations, workshops, and mini symposia.

A unique and variable social program is also planed, including cultural and experiential activities in the major touristic attractions of Tel-Aviv, Hertzlya, and the marine center of Michmoret.

We look forward to host everybody who attends and provide a rich and diverse program for the benefit of all.

Yours sincerely

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