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Dear Natasha,

Welcome to the World Obesity Federation's November newsletter.

This month we want to introduce you to our NEW journal, Obesity science and Practice; tell you what we're doing to tackle poor diets and also to tell you about the launch of our NEW member's portal.

You can also find details of our forthcoming events and how to get involved, through attending, hosting or suggesting a conference idea, and much more!

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New journal Obesity Science & Practice now accepting submissions!

This new Wiley Open Access journal (in partnership with the Obesity Society and World Obesity) is an online-only, fully open access journal for the rapid dissemination of high quality research related to all aspects of obesity and its comorbidities. It accepts papers which cascade from four parent journals as well as direct submissions.

Obesity Science & Practice publishes papers of interest to researchers in academic, clinical, governmental and industry roles working to develop, test and refine new medical, behavioural, dietary, pharmalogic and surgical approaches to treat obesity.

Find out more and submit a paper [here](#).

World Obesity journal editor wins prestigious award

This month, The Obesity Society recognized Dr Michael Goran, Editor-in-Chief of Pediatric Obesity and Professor of Preventive Medicine and Pediatrics in the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California, for his Leading Research in Metabolism and Childhood Obesity with the TOPS Research Achievement Award.

The award, made possible through an annual grant from the Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Foundation, recognizes Dr. Goran for a singular achievement and contribution to research in the field of obesity.
Dr. Goran’s work is focused on understanding the metabolic factors linking obesity to increased disease risk during growth and development, and using this information as a basis for developing new strategies for prevention and risk reduction. He is one of the most highly cited scientists working in the field of childhood obesity today.

World Obesity publishes open letter to the heads of FAO and WHO calling for a binding treaty to tackle poor diets, supported by over 320 international experts and civil society organisations

World Obesity and Consumers International have today published an open letter to the heads of the WHO and FAO calling for a binding treaty to tackle poor diets. The letter urges greater action to protect and promote healthy diets using a similar mechanism to the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control which has already proved successful in reducing tobacco use. The calls come as member states gather in Rome for the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) to discuss policies for ‘ending malnutrition in all its forms’.

For more information about the calls for a diet convention click here.

To share your support for these calls on twitter please use the hashtag #ICN2 and #FoodTreatyNow. If you would like to sign the letter and have not already done so please email hbrinsden@worldobesity.org or tweet us @worldobesity

/ Members

World Obesity is proud to announce the launch of an online Members Portal!

This is an exciting development which allows our members exclusive access to connect with other members, register for conferences at reduced rates, register for SCOPE e-Learning at a discounted rate and more! The portal can be accessed via our Membership web page.

To access the system, your National Association must have provided us with your name and email address. If you have any questions about accessing the portal please contact our Membership Manager, Heather Budd.

/ Data Portal

World Obesity data portal updates

This month we have updates available for adults in Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic and Iraq, and for children in Cyprus and England. We have new downloadable static maps of current global obesity in adults and overweight in children by gender available here. You will also find new global maps highlighting the Top 5 countries by region and gender in adults (% obesity) and Top 3 countries by region and gender in children (% overweight).

To explore further you can view our data maps or explore our data portal. If you have a requirement for a downloadable data resource that you would find useful but can’t find, please email us with your suggestion.

/ Clinical Care

SCOPE School London 2015

Missed on out on this year’s sold out event? Registration is now open for SCOPE School 2015! Next year’s programme will feature prominent speakers including Billy White, Rachel Batterham and David Heber, in addition to panel discussions and delegate case studies.

Sponsorship and exhibition is now open with some exhibition stands already sold. View the event details online.

SCOPE School London 2014

The event took place on 27-28th October. The SCOPE School attracted over 100 delegates
from a wide range of backgrounds within primary care. The conference programme is now available to view online.

/ Policy & Prevention

WHO Hearings on child obesity

World Obesity presented evidence at a day of Hearings held by the World health Organization's recently-appointed Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity - a copy of the written submission is available here.

Inequalities in health and obesity

Two meetings - one in Luxembourg of the European Commission's Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities, and one in Princeton of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on 'Building a culture of health' - discussed inequality in obesity and the need for population-wide responses. Details on the World Obesity contributions to these meetings can be obtained from Tim Lobstein. email tlobstein@worldobesity.org.

Obesity an integral part of cancer prevention

World Obesity’s Tim Lobstein spoke at the UK National Cancer Research Institute's annual meeting in Liverpool, asking whether the rising incidence in cancer may be linked to obesity levels. A report of his presentation can be found here.

Policy & Prevention Advisory Network

World Obesity has now established an advisory group on policy and prevention issues, with over 50 members in countries across the globe. Nearly one fifth of the membership comprises young professionals. Details here.

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Obesity & Pregnancy: Save the date!

World Obesity is pleased to announce that our next Hot Topic conference 'Obesity and Pregnancy' will take place in London from the 29-30th October 2015.

Details on this exciting Hot Topic conference are now available online. View the registration rates, abstract submission and scientific committee here.

The event will include interactive poster sessions and oral presentations, with a competition for the best poster/oral presentations, so save the date and don't miss out on the chance to be involved in what promises to be a must attend conference of 2015!

ICO 2016

Book your exhibition booth at ICO 2016 in Vancouver now! There are a large range of options to suit every organisation and budget. Don't miss out on the chance to get involved in World Obesity's flagship congress. The exhibition and sponsorship prospectus is available to view online.

Visit our ICO 2016 webpages to view the latest registration, abstract submission and scientific programme updates!

ICO 2018

We are looking for a host nation in Latin America for ICO 2018. For further information and to apply, please visit our website.
Stock Conferences

Would you like to suggest an idea for a Stock Conference?

These small conferences bring together a select group of specialists, including a number of junior researchers, to discuss an obesity-related topic. For further information, please click here.

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Clinical Obesity...

The Decemberber edition contains a mix of reviews and original articles.

Read this issue's FREE article now:

Antibiotic dosing in obesity: the search for optimum dosing strategies; C. E. Tucker et al

As we move towards our application for formal listing, the journal is receiving more high quality papers than ever before and we encourage you to consider Clinical Obesity for your papers.

Participate today! Submit your paper via our online peer-review system here.

View the latest Clinical Obesity issue here.

Obesity Reviews...

This month's FREE articles:

1. Reward processing in obesity, substance addiction and non-substance addiction; I. García-García et al

2. Effects of childhood abuse on adult obesity: a systematic review and meta-analysis; E. Hemmingsson

View the latest Obesity Reviews issue here.

Pediatric Obesity...

Pediatric Obesity is a leading publication presenting the latest research on obesity during childhood and adolescence.

You can access 2 FREE articles now:

1. IQ and obesity in adolescence: a population-based, cross-sectional study; S. Goldberg et al

2. Parental stress increases body mass index trajectory in pre-adolescents; K. Shankardass et al

View the complete latest Pediatric Obesity issue and submit your work here.

Follow Pediatric Obesity's Editor (@michaelgoran) on Twitter!

International Journal of Obesity

The International Journal of Obesity (IJO) provides a multi-disciplinary forum for basic, clinical and applied studies focusing on obesity and related disorders.

See below for our FREE articles this month:

Correction factors for the calculation of metabolic equivalents (MET) in overweight to

https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1118999654825&format=html&print=true
extremely obese subjects; B Wilms et al

Adipocyte morphology and implications for metabolic derangements in acquired obesity; S Heinonen et al

View the latest International Journal of Obesity issue here.

Don't forget, as a World Obesity member you can receive the International Journal of Obesity at a heavily discounted rate.

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International Medical Press survey results
A big thank you to everyone who completed the recent online survey of attitudes and practice in obesity management. More than 300 people took part and the responses are now being analysed. The insights gained will be used to shape future educational initiatives with the aim of improving patient care. We hope to share the findings with you shortly.

Conference pledges to end disease-related malnutrition
Around 80 multi-disciplinary experts from across eight European countries have signed a Charter for Optimal Nutritional Care to commit to end disease-related malnutrition and provide optimal nutritional care for patients in all healthcare settings. More information here.

9th Educational Meeting on Obesity
'Complications of Obesity', run by the Hellenic Medical Association, will be held 13th - 14th Feb 2015, in Athens. www.eiep.gr

ICAN Institute Conference
'Diabetes, Obesity & Heart Diseases' will be held in Paris, 11-13 Dec 2014. www.ican-series.com