

Dear ISMPB members,

I am glad and honoured to send you this Newsletter, the very first, from the Board of the [International Society of the Measurement of Physical Behaviour](#) (ISMPB). During the Limerick ICAMPAM meeting, we had our first General Membership Meeting, where we outlined the goals and ambitions for the society. This newsletter provides a brief summary of the meeting, as well as developments within the society since the meeting. The ISMPB Board members will make great efforts to make the Society and the ICAMPAM conference as strong and successful as possible.

ISMPB Membership

Membership fees support the mission of ISMPB in creating a vibrant community bringing together people from a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise, including researchers, clinicians, therapists, signal analysts, computational scientists and commercial companies. The current membership term runs from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. [Click here to purchase your membership now.](#)

Limerick ICAMPAM Meeting

From June 10 -12th 2015, the [fourth ICAMPAM meeting](#) was hosted in Limerick, Ireland by Alan Donnelly and his team. Over 250 people from around the world attended this meeting. The conference was a big success: it was very well organized and the scientific content was excellent, as was the social program. Thank you to everyone who completed the post-conference survey. The findings from the survey showed that 90 to 95% of the participants were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" on all elements regarding the conference, indicating that no major changes to the conference format are necessary. Of course, we will constantly be striving to improve the conference as it moves forward.

Next ICAMPAM Meeting

Several groups have indicated their interested in organizing the next ICAMPAM conference in 2017. However, at the present, no final decisions have been made. We hope to inform you soon on the location and dates of ICAMPAM 2017.

ISMPB Board

The current [ISMPB Board](#) now has seven people: Hans Bussmann (President), Malcolm Granat (Vice-President), David Bassett (Secretary), Alan Donnelly (Treasurer), Patty Freedson, Genevieve Healy, and Jeff Hausdorff.

ICAMPAM and ISMPB

In the past, the ICAMPAM conferences were organized by a local group which gave the meeting a very strong local "feel". This has worked well so far and had its charms, but at the same time this was risky from the perspective of continuity and quality. This was one of the motivations for creating the ISMPB, and the Board is considering the best and most efficient relationship between the Society and the organization of the ICAMPAM conference. Because ICAMPAM has become a quite strong brand, at present, we will not be changing the the conference name.

Goals

During the General Membership Meeting, we outlined our goals for the upcoming year. In summary, the Board will focus on: supporting the organization of the next ICAMPAM conference, exploring the possibilities of and need for an "ISMPB journal", defining and optimizing internal structures and processes, and improving public relations and marketing. The last point includes the relationships with members, sponsors and other societies, and tools like website and social media. To this effect, ISMPB now has a twitter handle, and development of a facebook page is underway. Please tweet relevant research and other associated content #ismpb_org.

Committees and Active members

The Board has decided to create committees that are related to the above mentioned goals. The following committees have been defined: a local or hosting organizing committee, a scientific committee, a journal committee, a membership committee, a sponsorship committee, an external relations committee, and a website & social media committee. Those committees will be supervised or chaired by one Board member, but will be made up of mainly non-Board members. During the Limerick conference, a number of people volunteered to become an "Active member" and participate in one of the committees. We currently are in the process of linking people to these committees. However we are still looking for enthusiastic people who would be willing to contribute to the activities and growth of ISMPB/ICAMPAM. If you're interested, please send a mail to Genevieve Healy (g.healy@uq.edu.au).

On behalf of the Board of the ISMPB,
Hans Bussmann