



Dear NASPEM Community,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I hope you all had a happy holiday season and wish you a productive 2014.

As you know, NASPEM 2014 is quickly approaching and George Biltz, MD NASPEM Chair) and Don Dengle, PhD (Co-Chair) are planning a wonderful program at the University of Minnesota during the month of August (August 20-23, 2014). This event aims to be as special as previous meetings, latent with an abundance of excellent and interesting featured lectures, breakout sessions, and interesting abstracts from our young investigators and seasoned colleagues. I have no doubt this will be another successful event.

While we are finalizing the registration process, I want to bring to your attention upcoming deadlines and notifications:

- Abstract information can be found on the NASPEM website. The abstract deadline is April 11, 2014 at 500pm (EST) for both oral and poster presentations. All abstracts should be submitted according to format described in the brochure available. Abstracts should be submitted to naspem.2014@usask.ca After peer review by the Scientific Committee, notifications of acceptance will be e-mailed to the lead authors by May 16, 2014.
- This year, registration and housing will be separated. Registration for the meeting and the associated costs can be found on the NASPEM website. Once activated, registration can be done online using a link we will provide once the details are finalized. We hope to have this activated by the start of March 2014. Hotel reservations must be made separately on your own and the hotel information can be found on the website or by visiting www.commonshotel.com
- The 2014 Marco Cabrera student research award and criteria has been published on the NASPEM website. This award honors Marco's enthusiasm for promoting and mentoring student research in the field of pediatric exercise science. The award's range from \$500-\$1000 toward research activities. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 28, 2014 at 500pm (EST) and all entries should be submitted by e-mail to jce@msu.edu Notification of award winners will occur by early May 2014 and the winner will be announced at the annual ASCM Pediatric Exercise Science Special Interest Group meeting and at NASPEM 2014. Further details and submission guidelines can be found on the NASPEM website.
- Lastly, the Board is accepting any nominations for new board members (4 incoming) and for President-Elect (Serving as President 2016-2018). Any

nominations are gladly appreciated and can be forwarded to Adam Baxter-Jones, PhD at baxter.jones@usask.ca

On behalf of the NASPEM Board, we hope to see you all at NASPEM 2014 and have a wonderful Spring.

Sincerely,

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