Date: July 29, 2011

To: All members of the ICHPER-SD Individual and Organizational, Executive Committee and Board of Governors, Commissioners of the 5 Divisions, Chairmen of the 9 Standing Committees, Regional Secretaries, Directors & Associate Directors of the 52 Council’s Commissions

From: Dong Ja Yang, Ph.D., President

Re: ICHPER-SD Business Updates: 1) 53rd World Congress/Exposition, and Associate Affairs; 2) Election of ICHPER-SD Officers; 3) ICHPER-SD Journal of Research; & 4) Regional Congress & Exposition

May this memorandum find you in good health while enjoying your summer vacation with your family members! Our professional life filled with career pursuits and volunteer activities is important but family and friends come first. In this context, may I wish you most sincerely that your summer break is filled with beautiful memories starring your family and loved ones!

I. The 53rd ICHPER-SD Anniversary World Congress & Exposition

Theme: Sport & Exercise for Health, Fitness, and Wellness

As announced previously, the 53rd ICHPER-SD World Congress & Exposition will be staged at the Fairmont Hotel in Nile City, Cairo, Egypt, from December 19 – 22, 2011 under the sponsorship of the Sport Science Association of Egypt (SSAE) with
the support of the Egyptian National Council of Sport (i.e., a governmental ministerial level organization) as well as the Egyptian National Olympic Committee.

The Egyptian Organizing Committee (WCEOC’2011) in collaboration with ICHPER-SD headquarters has published the 53rd World Congress Official Information & Guidelines on both of our websites: http://www.ssaeg.com/Egypt2011-53rd-ICHPERD.html and http://www.ICHPERSD.org. These websites provide all data and guidelines relating to the World Congress including the important dates for submission of abstracts and manuscripts, award nominations, registration, and the Council’s organizational structure, governance, achievements as well as much more. Please accept our invitation to this world congress in Cairo, Egypt!

A. Official Notice for Meetings of the ICHPER-SD Board of Governors and Executive Committee

This memorandum also will serve as the Official Notice for the meetings of the ICHPER-SD Board of Governors (BOG) and the Executive Committee in conjunction with the 53rd ICHPER-SD Anniversary World Congress & Exposition in Cairo, Egypt. Any member of the Board of Governors may propose an agenda item with a precise description of its background and purpose. Once the Executive Committee has reviewed each proposed agenda item, selected and approved agenda item(s) will be included in the official agenda of the Board of Governors and/or Executive Committee Meetings.

We therefore invite your thoughts, input and proposals for developing the agenda for the upcoming meetings of the Board of Governors in Cairo, Egypt. The submission deadline for agenda items is September 30, 2011. All members of the BOG must be currently registered members of ICHPER-SD and the World Congress regardless of their status, including those representing ICHPER-SD national organizations (i.e., N1, N2, N3, or N4),

B. Important Dates To Remember

- Abstract & Manuscript Submission Deadline: September 30, 2011
  Reference: World Congress registration and ICHPER-SD membership are required for participation. We recommend that all submitters of abstracts and manuscripts register either before submitting or when submitting but by September 30, 2011.
- Notification of Acceptance: October 14, 2011
- Nominations for ICHPER-SD Biennial Awards: October 25, 2011
- Executive Committee meeting (EC#1): December 18, 2011 (09:00)
- Board of Governors meeting (BOG #1): December 19, 2011 (09:30)
- Open Forum (A meeting for all registered participants): December 19, 2011 (15:00)
Opening Ceremony: *December 19, 2011 (17:00)*
*Reference: All participants are encouraged to wear academic dress, Cap and Gown or formal wear for the procession and Opening Ceremony.*

- Election of ICHPER-SD Officers: *December 21, 2011 (17:00)*
- ICHPER-SD Awards Ceremony: *December 22, 2011 (17:00)*
- Closing Ceremony: *December 22, 2011 (19:00)*

**C. Fairmont Hotel in Nile City in Cairo**

As mandated by the Bylaws and Operating Code, the *Agreement*, the binding contract between the World Congress Organizing Committee (WCEOC’2011) and ICHPER-SD, was signed on July 19, 2011 at the Egyptian National Olympic Committee in Cairo, Egypt. The representatives of both entities (i.e., presidents & secretaries general) made one addendum to the Operating Code – that the *Fairmont Hotel* in Nile City (5 star hotel with excellent security) will be the *only* official hotel for the congress.

All participants are therefore requested to reserve rooms at the Fairmont Hotel in Nile City in accordance with procedures on our website. You will find on the website 1) the most reasonable room rates including breakfast and airport pick-up and return service; 2) congress program schedules including tours; 3) hotel description including restaurants shopping mall, etc.; and 4) access to professional networks, scholarly projects and exchanges.

**D. Reports of the ICHPER-SD Officers, Division Commissioners, Committee Chairmen and Commission Directors**

As stipulated in the Bylaws and/or Operating Code, you are expected to submit a written report describing your activities including duties and responsibilities as stated in the Council’s governing rules. All of these reports are due on November 9, 2011 (i.e., 40 days prior to the Board of Governors meeting #1, December 19) to the Offices of the President and Secretary General.

The *Bylaws* may serve as a useful reference to prepare your report: (e.g., Article X, Section 2 for President; Section 3 for Secretary General; Section 4 & Article XVI for Regional Vice Presidents; Section 5 for Immediate Past President; Article XV for Commissioners; Article XIII for Chairmen; & Article XIV for Directors) and relevant *Operating Codes* (e.g., Finance Committee OC for Chair of the Finance Committee; Nomination & Election Committee OC for Chair; Regional Organization OC for the Vice President & Regional Secretaries; Awards Committee OC for Chair; and so forth).
II. Election of ICHPER-SD Officers

In accordance with the ICHPER-SD Bylaws and the Operating Code of the Nomination & Election Committee (NEC), we announced and posted the 2011 Election of the ICHPER-SD Officers on our website (www.ichpersd.org) on March 9, 2011. This memorandum (i.e., Re: 2011#PA05) is still available for review on the website. It consists of 1) Background of the election; 2) Nomination & Election Procedures; 3) ICHPER-SD professional life membership (as an eligibility requirement); 4) Board of Governors (ICHER-SD Bylaws); and 5) Operating Code for the Nomination and Election Committee (NEC).

Due to Egypt’s domestic circumstances, the original dates, July 25 – 20, 2011, for the 53rd World Congress were postponed and rescheduled to December 19 – 22, 2011. As mandated by the Operating Code, the Agreement as a binding contract was executed on July 19, 2011 in Cairo, between the 2 entities (i.e., WCEOC’2011 & ICHPER-SD).

The Nomination and Election Committee (NEC) will soon nominate and monitor the election based on the total number of Letters of Intent & Required Documentation that were submitted in compliance with the Operating Code by the deadline of April 15, 2011 to the Office of the Secretary General through the ICHPER-SD headquarters in Reston, Virginia, USA. The new ICHPER-SD Officers (i.e., President, Secretary General, 4 Vice Presidents: Africa, Caribbean, Europe, and Latin America) will be elected by the Board of Governors on December 21 in conjunction with the World Congress in Cairo, Egypt.

III. ICHPER-SD Journal of Research

A. Switching to Electronic Publication

To cope with the rapidly changing world driven by internet technology, we, ICHPER-SD have decided that our journal, The ICHPER-SD Journal of Research, will no longer be mailed out in hard copy form. Beginning with the next issue, Volume VI, Number 2, Fall & Winter issue 2011, we will instead email it to all members. This decision was made in the best interests of our organization to preserve and enhance our financial stability especially in the midst of today’s economic crisis. Electronic delivery will provide every member access to current and previous issues of the ICHPER-SD Journal of Research, and will allow for delivery of the journal in an expedient manner to all entitled recipients.

Dr. Adel Elnashar, Secretary General and his son Mr. Essam Elnashar who has been serving as our excellent volunteer web-manager are redesigning the website (www.ichpersd.org) for the transition from hard copy to electronic publication. Via a
memorandum, Dr. Elnashar will inform members regarding user-name, password and other matters pertaining to the transition. If you wish to communicate with Dr. Elnashar, he can be reached at his e-mail: elnashar841@hotmail.com. The members of the Executive Committee join with me to extend our appreciation for your understanding and support of this initiative and our holistic mission.

B. Search for the new Editor of the ICHPER-SD Journal of Research

In an effort to pursue other important work for the ICHPER-SD mission, Dr. Steven Wright, Editor of the Journal of Research, is searching for a new editor beginning with the Spring & Summer issue 2012. Please contact Dr. Wright at steven.wright@unh.edu, if you are interested in assuming an editorial leadership position as Editor, Associate Editor or Assistant Editor of the ICHPER-SD Journal of Research.

IV. Important ICHPER-SD Recent Events

Despite hurdles resulting from the worldwide economic hardship, our mission and challenges have continued and been blessed. Some of those events are extraordinary examples for good and some are an ongoing challenge.

A. The 2nd ICHPER-SD Leadership Conference

As viewed from the perspective of the imminent transformational leadership shift for ICHPER-SD from the United States to another region through the upcoming 53rd Anniversary World Congress & Exposition, the organizational leadership development in the Middle East region is of paramount importance. We therefore organized the 2nd ICHPER-SD Middle East Leadership Conference in Cairo, Egypt as a training ground to prepare our professionals in the region to lead the Council’s mission as a potential center for the ICHPER-SD movement as well as the 53rd World Congress & Exposition.

The Conference, held from July 19 – 20, 2011, was successfully staged at the Egyptian Olympic Committee’s auditorium with over 100 participants. As one of the positive results, we were able to recruit 6 new Life-members who are our professionals in the Middle East region. The Sport Science Association of Egypt organized and promoted this program with the full support of the Egyptian National Council of Egypt, the Egyptian Olympic Committee and the Egyptian Sport Syndicate. During this Conference, the Official Signing Ceremony was held between the World Congress Organizing Committee and ICHPER-SD. We thank you Dr. Abdel Wahab and Dr. Elwies, Secretary General of WCEOC’2011 and of course Dr. Elnashar …!
B. The 2011 ICHPER-SD Forum

The 2011 ICHPER-SD Forum was organized in conjunction with the 126th Annual Convention & Exposition of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) in San Diego, California, March 29 – April 2, 2011. This forum was highlighted by the extraordinary 2 ½ hour dance program which was organized by Dr. Janice LaPointe-Crump, Commissioner, ICHPER-SD Division. Dr. Mosaad Ewies & Dr. Adel Elnashar presented the bid packet and progress report on the organization of the 53rd World Congress & Exposition in Cairo, Egypt. Dr. Wright, Editor of the Journal of Research, reported on the status and direction for the Journal publication moving into the current electronic publication era for the Council. Three Vice Presidents (Dr. Kenneth Butcher, for the Caribbean region; Dr. Timothy Henrich for North America & Dr. Hasan Kasap for Europe) reported on their regional updates and plans. The entire contents of the Presidential memorandum (2011#PA05) regarding the Election of ICHPER-SD Officers were presented and called the attention of every member (i.e., potential candidates and BOG organizations) to the election guidelines, operating code and bylaws.

ICHPER-SD, as an international egalitarian organization respecting the principle, “of the members, by the members and for the members,” must be governed by its governing rules without any form of discriminations.

C. The 5th ICHPER-SD Africa Regional Congress & Exposition

In order to advance, an ICHPER-SD region requires the underpinning of the Regional Congress & Exposition. We have learned this invaluable lesson through the course of the 31 ICHPER-SD regional congresses that have 1) delivered quality educational and scientific data in our field of expertise and programs for the stakeholders in the region; 2) consolidated diverse HPERSD professionals worldwide into one united and globalized international membership organization, and 3) solidified support and participation in the world congress through complying with the Operating Code.

When any of these purposes were lacking, as a teacher, I have forced myself to give us a grade of ‘incomplete’ or “unsatisfactory”. During the past four years of my 2nd term as President, I have applied these characteristics to conclude every evaluation of the regional congresses.

Under the leadership of Dr. Veronica Igbanugo, the ICHPER-SD Africa region has achieved the best record among the 8 ICHPER-SD regions – despite her worthy adversaries and challenging conditions! The 5th ICHPER-SD Africa Regional Congress & Exposition was staged at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, February 2 – 5, 2011 in full compliance with the Operating Code: the Conditions & Guidelines for Organizing Regional Congresses. Brava, Dr. Igbanugo!
The Office of Vice President for Africa has reported the outstanding results of the Congress (i.e., the first purpose written above) and transferred 65 new memberships and additional renewals along with their fees of $2,600.00 to ICHPER-SD headquarters. We anticipate that selected papers presented at the 5th Africa Congress will be published, after a peer review process, in the ICHPER-SD Africa Journal of Research as occurred following the 4th Africa Regional Congress. Should there be a financial allocation from the ICHPER-SD headquarters ... of course! We thank you and congratulate you and your leadership team: the Regional Secretaries (Dr. Grace Otinwa, Dr. Ebenezer Morakinyo & Dr. Tunji Odedeyi) and Mr. Ayodeji A. Fabunmi, Secretary for the Organizing Committee (AROC).

D. The 6th ICHPER-SD Asia Regional Congress & Exposition

The 6th ICHPER-SD Asia Regional Congress was organized under the leadership of Dr. Frank Chin-Lung Fang, Vice President for Asia and was hosted by the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, Taiwan, January 20-23, 2011. Under the Congress theme: "Physical Activity for Health and Quality of Life", it was a truly high-level educational and scientific forum in our field and led to cutting-edge scholarly discussions and debates. Many researchers and scholars from Japan, Korea and Taiwan were exceptional, a world class of academia and science. We want to congratulate and extend our utmost appreciation to each of them, and especially to Dr. Fang our Vicc President. Unfortunately, we did not sign up a single new member at this regional congress, but we remain encouraged and hopeful that the future programs in Asia region will attract more members for the ICHPER-SD Asia.

Recalling the theme of the 2007 – 2011: "We Enter A New Era for ICHPER-SD Through Shared Responsibility", it should pass onto the Korean National Alliance of ICHPER-SD (KNA) and/or possibly together with the Korean Recreation Association (KRA) the responsibility for organizing the next 7th ICHPER-SD Asia Regional Congress & Exposition in the Republic of Korea in 2012.

Thank you.