



ALR International Symposium: Built Environment & Obesity Research in Latin America

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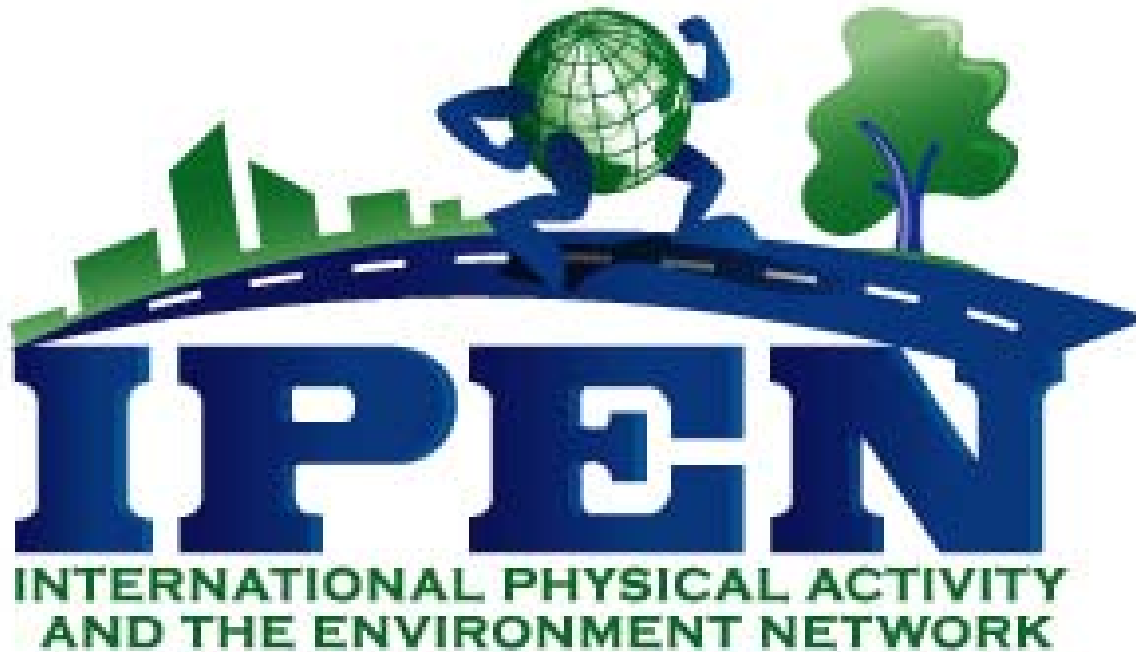
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Goals of Symposium

- This is a special symposium made possible by RWJF funding for international projects
- The goals are embodied in the two panels
- We want to learn lessons about obesity prevention in Latin America that can inform work in the US
- We want to discuss common and region-specific methodological challenges in environment and policy research

Need for International Research on Environment + Physical Activity

- WHO global PA strategy, NCD initiatives from UN, & national PA plans emphasize environment & policy change
- Research on PA environments is limited in all countries and absent in most
- International data can raise interest in creating healthy environments
- Local data can stimulate & guide local change



- Started at ICBM in Mainz, Germany in 2004 by:
 - Sallis & Kerr, US
 - Owen, Australia
 - DeBourdeaudhuij, Belgium
- More than 500 people from 60 countries have registered on the IPEN website. www.ipenproject.org

What does IPEN do?

- Encourage environment and policy research on physical activity worldwide
- Develop & encourage use of common measures and methods
- Support investigators to obtain internal funding
- Coordinate international studies
- Communicate findings to decision makers

IPEN Adult Study in 12 Countries

Australia



Czech Republic



New Zealand



Belgium



Denmark



Spain



Brazil



Hong Kong



United Kingdom



Colombia



Mexico



United States



IPEN Adolescent Countries

Australia



Brazil



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Bangladesh



Czech Republic



Israel



Nigeria



Taiwan



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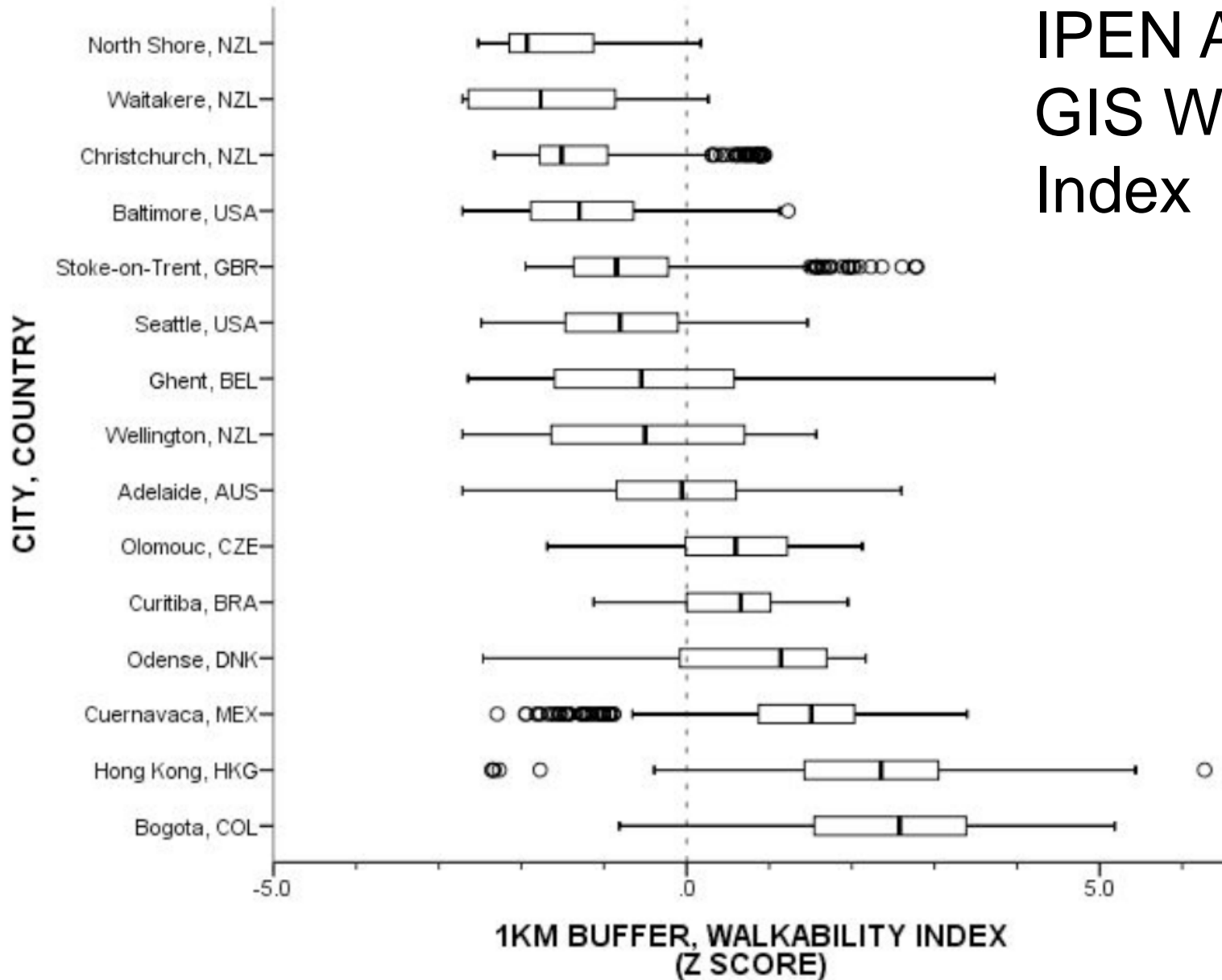


Spain



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IPEN Adult: GIS Walkability Index



IPEN Adult: Net Residential Density

