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#### **ISSA eBulletin (2012-4)**

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## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT: ISSA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT 2013**

**2013 ISSA  
World Congress  
Vancouver, Canada  
June 12-15**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

#### **Contesting Sovereignities**

The meaning of  
sovereignty has varied  
across time,  
geography, and

academic discipline and has been invoked and utilized in contradictory ways. Sovereignty has been a vehicle through which hegemonic powers, including the state and supranational institutions, enforce authority and also through which subordinate groups claim jurisdictional autonomy. Sovereignty is therefore aligned with supremacy, border inviolability, autonomy, independence, and self-determination. Sovereignities also may be contested, through challenges to existing ideologies, structures, power relations, superior positionality, and the celebration of local voices, inclusivity, empowerment enterprises and partnerships. *The International Sociology of Sport Association* invites papers that address the relationship of sport to the contested concept of sovereignty, advance understanding of the possibilities and limits of a sovereignty framework, and that meaningfully contribute to debates of inclusivity, equality and innovative practices that demonstrate a unique sovereignty on "local" terms. Questions that might be explored include the following:



- How is sport related to the (de)construction of the sovereign self? Of sovereign embodiment?
- How are gender and sexuality sovereignities enabled and constrained in sport contexts?
- How has sport been implicated in the sovereignty claims of Indigenous peoples?
- What is the relationship between Sport for Development and Peace, human rights movements, and/or Sport for All and the circumscription of the sovereign state?
- Does the securitization of major sport events threaten or protect territorial sovereignty?
- How is sport related to the contested sovereignities of markets and monetary systems?
- What innovative research gives voice to the marginalised and what "glocalized" practices add to existing discourses?

**Those interested in submitting an abstract should do so no later than January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

## Session Subthemes

Sport: Contesting Sovereignities	Sport, Culture and Advertising
Sport and Governance	Sport and Media
Sport, Politics and Policy	Sport Spectatorship and Fandom
Sport and National Identities	Sport Mega-Events
Sport and Racial/Ethnic Identity	Sport, Health and Risk
Social Class and Sport	Sport and Disability
Sociology of Sport: Future Challenges	Sport, Physical Activity and Ageing
Sport, Business and Management	Physical Education and School Sport

Further details on how to submit an abstract will be available on the ISSA World Congress website soon.

## Key Dates

<b>7 January 2013</b>	<b>Abstract Submission Deadline</b>
<b>15 February 2013</b>	<b>Confirmation of Abstract Acceptance/Rejection</b>
<b>31st March 2013</b>	<b>End of Early Bird Registration</b>
<b>12th-15th June 2013</b>	<b>Onsite registration at ISSA 2013 Conference</b>

**The ISSA World Congress will be held at the Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel**  
ISSA Congress special room rates:

Date	City View	Harbour View
June 9-16, 2013	\$189.00	\$219.00

Please book your room online at:

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=10253599](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10253599)

If you experience problems in getting the special ISSA rate when booking the room online, please communicate with Christine Dallaire, ISSA General Secretary: [christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca](mailto:christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca)

## **CALL FOR ISSA CONGRESS MENTORS**

As an international organization and in the spirit of scholarship we have a responsibility to support teaching and learning. This is particularly true given that our association and congress operate in English but our members are not all English-speaking. In order to assist our members who may need some help preparing for our upcoming congress, we are inviting nominations for a limited number of mentors that can help in reviewing ISSA conference abstracts and ISSA conference power point presentations.

Criteria to be mentor: must be ISSA full members, senior lecturer/tenured staff or equivalent, must have presented at an ISSA conference.

Please send your nominations by December 1, 2012 to Christine Dallaire, ISSA General Secretary, at [christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca](mailto:christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca).

## **ISSA MEMBERSHIP 2012**

Membership details are available on the ISSA (<http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/index.html>) and SAGE websites. While it is possible to subscribe by faxing or mailing the PDF membership form, we highly encourage you to use the online subscription process on the SAGE IRSS web page. It is more efficient, ensures that membership applications are processed in a timely fashion and provides you with an automated reply that confirms your membership.

For members from Europe and Russia:

<http://www.uk.SAGEpub.com/journals/Journal200937#tabview=title>

For members from North America:

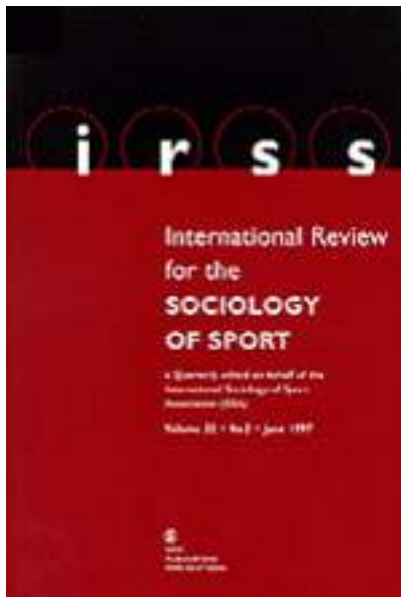
<http://www.SAGEpub.com/journals/Journal200937?crossRegion=nAmerica>

For members from South America, Africa, Asia, Australia-New Zealand and other locations, start on the following SAGE web page to choose your location:

<http://www.uk.SAGEpub.com/regionSelect.nav?crossRegion=antiPod>

Then write IRSS in the search box and you will get our journal's subscription web page (scroll to the bottom of the page). This will ensure that you access the SAGE web page that will allow you to pay your subscription/membership fees.

## **INTERNATIONAL REVIEW FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT**



### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

*International Review for the Sociology of Sport*  
**Special Issue**  
**SPORT AND ALCOHOL**

**Guest Editor**  
**Catherine Palmer**  
**Deakin University**

### **FOCUS AND TOPICS**

There is little doubt that alcohol features in many aspects of contemporary sport. Promotional practices, alcohol use and misuse by players and spectators, and sports-based interventions in alcohol prevention and recovery programs (among other things), make sports-associated drinking a rich source of interest for sociologists, anthropologists, policy-makers and health professionals alike. While a considerable body of research has explored the relationships between sport, alcohol and masculinity (and there is certainly more to be done), new relationships to sport and alcohol are emerging that can further advance understandings of the social meanings embedded in sport-related drinking, the range of social problems it contributes to and their implications for scholarship, policy and practice. It is

timely then to re-examine sport-related drinking in ways that widen the empirical and theoretical base so as to better understand the diversity and complexity of drinking and drinkers in sport.

The research questions, topics and problematics raised and addressed in this Special Issue should aim to extend and enhance knowledge and understandings in the sociology of sport and related disciplines. Towards that goal, this special issue solicits papers that can contribute to new research agendas in the sport-alcohol nexus. Papers are invited on, but not limited to, the following themes:

- drinking and masculinity
- women, sport and drinking (as sportswomen, fans, audiences, or through other identities/relationships)
- non-drinkers in sport drinking cultures
- media representations and promotional culture
- methodological issues and innovations in exploring sport-related drinking
- theoretical contributions to exploring and re-defining sport-related drinking
- implications for policy and practice
- prevention and /or rehabilitation

Papers that address these or other themes in varied cultural and /or geographical contexts are particularly encouraged.

#### **MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS**

Manuscripts for the Sport and Alcohol special issue should be submitted online by **March 1, 2013** at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/irss>. In the submission process, authors should both note submission for the Sport and Alcohol special issue in a cover letter and choose "Sport & Alcohol Special Issue" as the "Manuscript Type." Manuscripts should be 6000-7000 words (inclusive of references, endnotes, tables, and figures) and follow the Manuscript Submission Guidelines at <http://irs.SAGEpub.com/>. All manuscripts will be subject to peer review under the supervision of the Special Issue Editor and Editor-in-Chief. Expressions of interest, abstracts for consideration, and questions may be directed to the Special Issue Editor Catherine Palmer at [c.palmer@deakin.edu.au](mailto:c.palmer@deakin.edu.au).

#### **ISSA GRADUATE PAPER AWARD**

##### **Recipient of the 2012 Graduate Paper Award:**

Gavin Weedon (University of British Columbia) "The writing's on the firewall: The possibilities of open access journal publishing for a public sociology of sport"

##### **Honorable mentions:**

Eugenio Paradiso (Simon Fraser University) "Perpetuating a culture of impunity: Clientelism and corruption in Argentine football"

Sandy Wells (University of British Columbia) "A feeling for sport: Female athletic bodies and the cultural politics of emotion"

##### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## CALL FOR PAPERS GRADUATE PAPER AWARD 2013

### Description

The aim of the International Sociology of Sport Association's (ISSA) Graduate Paper Award is to recognize the scholarship of outstanding graduate students in the international community of sociology of sport. The award will be granted to a scholarly paper, authored by a graduate student, which is deemed by a panel of judges to demonstrate considerable originality, critical and analytical ability, and to be of the highest quality from among those submitted<sup>1</sup>. The winning author will be invited to receive the award and present or distribute the paper at the annual conference of the ISSA.

### Eligibility

- The student must be registered for masters or doctoral level graduate work at the time her or his paper is submitted.
- The student must be a member of ISSA at the time her or his paper is submitted.
- The committee will accept only one submission per author.
- Full-time faculty and academic staff are not eligible.
- Previous winners are not eligible.
- A paper cannot be considered for the ISSA GPA award at the same time that it is submitted for another award.
- A paper that won a previous award cannot be submitted to the ISSA GPA.

### Award

- The winning author will be invited to present or distribute the paper at the ISSA World Congress of the Sociology of Sport, June 12-15 in Vancouver Canada.
- The winning author will receive an ISSA sponsored prize of membership in ISSA for 12 months.
- The panel of judges may also give up to two honourable mentions. Graduate students receiving honourable mentions will also have their papers accepted for presentation or distribution at the ISSA conference.
- The name of all winning authors will be posted on the ISSA website (see, [www.issa.otago.ac.nz/awards.html](http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/awards.html) ).

### Requirements

- Candidates are to submit a 3000-6000 word (excluding references) scholarly paper on a topic that is of interest to the international sociology of sport academic community.
- Papers with a text of over 6000 words will not be considered.
- Authors are to submit a cover page that contains the title of the paper and the full contact information of the author.
- The author's identity must not be recognizable in the text.
- Authors must be graduate students at the time the paper is submitted.
- Authors must be members of ISSA at the time the paper is submitted.
- Authors are to submit a letter, signed by her or his academic advisor, verifying graduate student status.
- Authors are to follow a style consistent with the publication guidelines for the International Review for the Sociology of Sport.

- Papers should be submitted electronically (in Microsoft Word format attachment) to the Award Committee Chair, Eunha Koh.  
All papers should be emailed to < [ehkoh@kspo.or.kr](mailto:ehkoh@kspo.or.kr) >

Deadline for Receipt of Submissions: January 14, 2013.

The winner will be announced by March 31, 2013.

<sup>1</sup> The ISSA reserves the right not to grant an award in the event that none of the submitted papers meet the award criteria.

### **THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT ASSOCIATION'S HONORARY MEMBER AWARD**

#### **The recipient of the 2012 Honorary Member Award: Professor Eric Dunning**

Currently Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Leicester, Eric Dunning has had a fruitful career and a noteworthy contribution to the sociology of sport through his teaching and more significantly numerous publications including (among many):

*Barbarians, Gentlemen and Players: A Sociological Study of the Development of Rugby Football*, 1979 (with Kenneth Sheard)

*Hooligans Abroad: the Behaviour and Control of English Fans in Continental Europe*, 1984 (with John Williams and Patrick Murphy)

*Quest for Excitement: Sport and Leisure in the Civilizing Process*, 1986 (with Norbert Elias)

*Sport Matters: Sociological Studies of Sport. Violence and Civilization*, 1999

*Sport Histories, Figurational Studies of the Development of Modern Sports*, 2004 (with Dominic Malcolm and Ivan Waddington)

His particular contribution to ISSA includes serving on the Executive Board from 1982-1988 and two mandates as Associate Editor of the *IRSS*.



**CONGRATULATIONS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FIELD!**

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Executive Board invites nominations for an Honorary Member award in the International Sociology of Sport Association. This award honors outstanding contributions to the International Sociology of Sport Association and to the sociological study of sport. The recipient of this award must meet both of the following criteria: a) a long career of service to the International Sociology of Sport Association, and b) a distinguished international academic career as a sociologist of sport. Individuals who are retired from formal academic positions are eligible for Honorary Member awards. In addition, the International Sociology of Sport Association will consider retrospectively honoring an individual's service and scholarship with a ceremonial posthumous Honorary Member award.

Honorary Members in the International Sociology of Sport Association receive:

- Full, lifetime membership in the International Sociology of Sport Association, including subscription to the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*;
- Free, lifetime registration to the International Sociology of Sport Association's annual conference.

The list of current Honorary Members can be found at [www.issa.otago.ac.nz/ISSA\\_Board.html](http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/ISSA_Board.html)

### **Nominations:**

Nominators should submit a 1 to 2-page document (letter) by February 1, 2013 that describes in as much detail as possible how the nominee meets the International Sociology of Sport's Honorary Member criteria. Submit nominations by email or post to:

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Senior Researcher  
Department of Policy Research and Development  
Korea Institute of Sport Science  
San 223-19 Kongneung-Dong, Nowon-Gu  
Seoul 139-804  
Korea  
Email: [ehkoh@sports.re.kr](mailto:ehkoh@sports.re.kr), [eunha.koh@gmail.com](mailto:eunha.koh@gmail.com)

## **MEMBER' NEWS**

### **Dr. Stacey Pope, Early Career Researcher Award at ICSEMIS**

Dr Stacey Pope's presentation 'The formative experiences of three generations of female football fans' was one of five winners selected from some 450 research presentations judged by the International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport (ICSEMIS). This work was part of collaboration with Professor David Kirk.

Dr Pope, a senior lecturer in Sports Sociology and Social Sciences at the University of Bedfordshire, was presented with an early career research prize by former Olympic Gold medal winner Stephanie Cook MBE, at the ICSEMIS conference in Glasgow.

Dr Pope said: "The experiences of female sports fans have been largely ignored in academic research and little research has considered the impact of sports participation in physical education on young people's future involvement in sport as fans. This research marks one contribution towards changing this."



## **New Master in Sport for Social Coexistence and Conflict Resolution**

Offered through the UNESCO-FFCB-UOC **Chair in Sport as a Tool for Social Coexistence and Conflict Resolution**.

For detailed information regarding the Master we welcome you to visit the following link:

[http://www.uoc.edu/portal/english/campus\\_pau/formacio/fcb/index.html](http://www.uoc.edu/portal/english/campus_pau/formacio/fcb/index.html)

The UNESCO, the Foundation Futbol Club Barcelona and the Open University of Catalonia UOC have joined forces to create a new Chair in Sport as a tool for social coexistence and conflict resolution. The Chair will have three strands of action: training, research and dissemination and it plans to launch a Master in the academic year 2012-2013 which will be taught through the UOC's International Graduate Institute.

The main aim of the UNESCO-FCB Foundation-UOC Chair is to foster social cohesion and resolve conflictive situations peacefully through sport. With this in mind, it promotes procedures, attitudes and skills so that students can analyze and apply the possibilities offered by the practice of sport as a tool for educational intervention and transmission of values within contexts of low social coexistence and high levels of conflict. Among other activities, the Chair is scheduled to start the master's degree program and a research project.

## **ICSSPE**

Please visit [www.icsspe.org](http://www.icsspe.org) to see the new and improved ICSSPE website

6<sup>th</sup> edition of the ICSSPE Directory of Sport Science:

This book provides a wealth of information on each of the diverse fields that make up sport science and physical education. Written by over 40 experts in the field, the directory continues to be the essential guide to working in this subject, and is a must-have for every academic library. The Directory of Sport Science will deepen the understanding of each area of sport science and strengthen the field as a whole.

*ISSA is happy to share information about conferences, seminars, awards, jobs etc. We will gladly include your news in our eBulletin and the ISSA website. ISSA is always looking for ways to improve communication and serve our members. We encourage you to submit comments and suggestions.*

*Please send any feedback and information to the ISSA General Secretary, Christine Dallaire at:*  
[christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca](mailto:christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca)

*N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi en français!*

*In addition: Please remember that ISSA also has its own **Facebook** page, and you are welcome to share information via this group.*





## XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology

**Yokohama, Japan, on July 13-19, 2014.**

**Theme: *Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology***

Let's talk environmental issues in Yokohama, 2014

**Koichi Hasegawa (Dept. of Sociology, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan)  
Chair of local organizing committee of the World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama 2014**

It is a great honor and my greatest joy to invite you, members of RC27, to Yokohama on behalf of the local organizing committee of the World Congress of Sociology, 2014. Yokohama is a very beautiful harbor city and one of the leading "eco cities" in the world. The organizing committee is planning special excursions to visit some "smart city" facilities, like the great excursions in Durban, South Africa 2006.

Our venue, Pacifico Yokohama, has enough large space and facilities to provide all meeting places and rooms at one site, in only two buildings. So it will be very convenient to move between sessions. There are many hotels located within a walking distance of only 10 or 15 minutes.

I am afraid that Japan has the reputation of being very expensive, but that image is out of date. For example, a half-liter bottle of water costs only around US\$1.25.

Japan is also very safe. Some of you may still be concerned about the effects of the Fukushima nuclear disaster. As an environmental sociologist and a long-time critic of the Japanese government's policy of promoting nuclear energy, I guarantee that Yokohama is completely safe.

From the congress venue you can see a beautiful bridge, the Yokohama Bay Bridge, a landmark of the area. As Georg Simmel wrote, bridges visualize our desire to be linked. I believe our work, the work of sociology, is also a work of bridging: East and West, South and North, past and future, female and male, nature and society. The Yokohama Congress will help bridge sociological cleavages for a more equal world.

The Yokohama Congress is the first World Congress of Sociology to be held in East Asia. This part of the world has a long and distinct history of sport and physical culture, and in recent years has played an increasingly large role on the world stage. There is a lot for us to discuss in Yokohama.

Yokohama is waiting for you, your friends and students.

Please visit: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/>  
<http://www.wcs2014.net/en/content/english> (LOC's English site)



## ISA RC27 (Sociology of Sport)

### Name and Contact of RC 27 Programme Coordinators:

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Dr. Steve Jackson: [steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz](mailto:steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz)

Dr. Lee Thompson: [thompson@waseda.jp](mailto:thompson@waseda.jp)

### Timeline

1. January 15, 2013: Call for Sessions and Proposals for Integrative Sessions (Note: On-line abstract submission will open in early June 2013).
2. (Integrative sessions require 3 or more RC, Working Groups or Thematic Groups cooperating. Please consult ISA Congress website for guidelines for applying for integrative sessions <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/> (Note: "Joint" sessions must be included in the regular session allocation of one of the participating units).
3. April 7, 2013: Final list of sessions submitted to ISA Secretariat:  
[isa@isa-sociology.org](mailto:isa@isa-sociology.org)

As per ISA policy Research Committees are allocated session spaces based upon total number of ISA members. If you are planning to participate in ISA 2014 we highly recommend that you join ISA and RC27 (see [http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb\\_i/index.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm))

4. April 7, 2013: Call for Papers announced on ISA webpage

### **Preliminary Ideas on Sessions**

Sociology of Sport in an *Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology*

Sport in "Asia"

Inclusion/exclusion in sport

Sport, bodies and identity politics

Sport, health and risk

Sport, politics and policy

Media and sport

Sport Spectatorship and Fandom

Sport and national identity

Globalization and sport

Sport, spectacle and mega events

Sport and development

Children, Youth and Sport

Indigenous Sport

## OTHER FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS



**October 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Rheinsberg, Germany**

It is a hands-on seminar that focuses on physical activity and sport programmes as part of psycho-social interventions in social problem and crisis areas.

Throughout the practical and theoretical sessions guided by international experts and practitioners, the participants will learn how to build up, lead, fund and evaluate psycho-social sport interventions and physical activity programmes in social problem and crisis areas.

To find out more about the program, the topics, the speakers and the venue please visit our website at: <http://icsspe.org/content/communities-and-crisis-%E2%80%93-inclusive-development-through-sport>

To register please visit: Link to registration.

<http://icsspe.org/content/communities-and-crisis-inclusive-development-through-sport-0>

### **Social Change and the Sporting Mega-event**



How do sporting mega events reshape and redefine society? And to what end? Join scholars, policy makers and the private sector for a one-day conference focused on the 2012 London Olympics and the upcoming 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympic and Paralympic games in Brazil.

Refreshments and a sandwich lunch are included in the ticket price.

There are a limited number of free places available for students. For more information, please email Dr Elizabeth Cooper at [elizabeth.cooper@bl.uk](mailto:elizabeth.cooper@bl.uk)

Registration begins at 09.00.

When: Mon 5 Nov 2012, 09.30 - 17.30

Where: Conference Centre, British Library

Price: £25

**Book now for 05 Nov 2012, 09.30 - 17.30**

<http://www.bl.uk/whatson/events/event134622.html>



## **Reflections on London 2012. The gender equal games, fact or fiction?**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 6.00-7.30pm.  
Mitre Lecture Theatre, University of Chichester.

The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games were heralded by many as “The Women’s Games”, due to the increased numbers of female participants, the fact that all countries were able to include women athletes in their teams, and that sports like boxing included events for women for the first time.

One year on from the launch of the Anita White Foundation, this event draws together a panel of people who were directly involved in the Games to discuss their experiences and debate the question “To what extent were they gender equal?” The discussions will reflect on the public interest in women’s sport, the media coverage of the Games, role of female presenters, decision makers and coaches, the ongoing challenges for women wishing to have a career in sport, and the rhetoric surrounding the Olympic legacy for women’s sport.

### **Panellists:**

- Dr Tim Holder (Sport Science Support to the London 2012 GB Synchronised Swimming team, and Senior Lecturer at the University of Chichester)
- Sarah Porter (London 2012 Gamesmaker, Aquatics officer for the ASA, and former student of the University )
- Sue Tibballs (CEO of the Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation)
- Emma Wiggs (London 2012 Paralympian and Captain of GB Sitting Volleyball team, and former student of the University of Chichester)

Panel Chair: Dr Anita White OBE

Event host: Dr Elizabeth Pike, Chair of the Anita White Foundation

Audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panellists, and are invited to join them for informal refreshments following the discussion.

This event is free of charge, but we ask people to book in advance to ensure there are sufficient seats and refreshments. For further information and to book a place, please contact [events@chi.ac.uk](mailto:events@chi.ac.uk) or go to the website at [www.chi.ac.uk/awf](http://www.chi.ac.uk/awf).





## **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM THE FUTURE OF SPORT IN SMALL NATIONS**

November 21-23, 2012

University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

<http://physed.otago.ac.nz/sportinsmallnations2012>

Almost two thirds of the world's nations have populations of 10 million or less, and almost half of nations have less than 5 million inhabitants. Within the context of globalisation and the rise of sporting super powers such as China, Russia, USA and India, what will be the future of sport for small nations?

The Future of Sport in Small Nations symposium will take place at New Zealand's national school of physical education, the University of Otago, in Dunedin from 21-23 November 2012. This international symposium seeks to explore the social significance of sport in small nations. With a view to linking theory, best practice and social policy, key notes speeches by internationally renowned experts (including Barrie Houlihan, Fred Coalter, Pasi Koski, Lars Tore Ronglan and Mahfoud Amara) and special panel discussions and interactive workshops that permit a broad range of perspectives to be drawn upon, will aim to address issues such as:

The social significance of sport: How do and how should small nations measure the "value" of sport?

- Government sport policy in small nations: What are the unique strategies, policies and programmes put in place by small nations in order to be successful?
- Globalisation, sport and national identity: Does sport play a more significant role in the formation of national identity in smaller nations and if so what are some of the potential consequences both positive and negative?
- The strategic use of sport for tourism: What are the implications of small nations bidding for and hosting global sport mega-events?

For further information about the Future of Sport in Small Nations international symposium please visit the website or e-mail us at: [sportinsmallnations@otago.ac.nz](mailto:sportinsmallnations@otago.ac.nz)

***“Paths to Success III: Inspiring Future Leaders in Sport  
Challenges in Communication”,  
November 23rd-25th, 2012 in Berlin, Germany***

Path to Success seminar aims to help young women and men gain valuable skills and tools that will enable them to become potential future leaders in international sport organisations, sport institutions, sport science, and physical education practices.

The theme of the seminar is “Challenges in Communication”, and multiple facets of communication will be covered, as they are essential skills for success.

To register and find out more about the programme, topics and speakers please visit our website at: <http://icsspe.org/content/paths-success-inspiring-future-leaders>