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FUTURE ISSA CONFERENCES

There will be two ISSA conference-related opportunities in 2014. The first will be **ISSA's regular annual conference held July 9-13, in Beijing, China**. The conference is hosted by China's prestigious institution, Peking University. The second ISSA-related conference will be in association with **the International Sociological Association in Yokohama, Japan on July 13-19**.

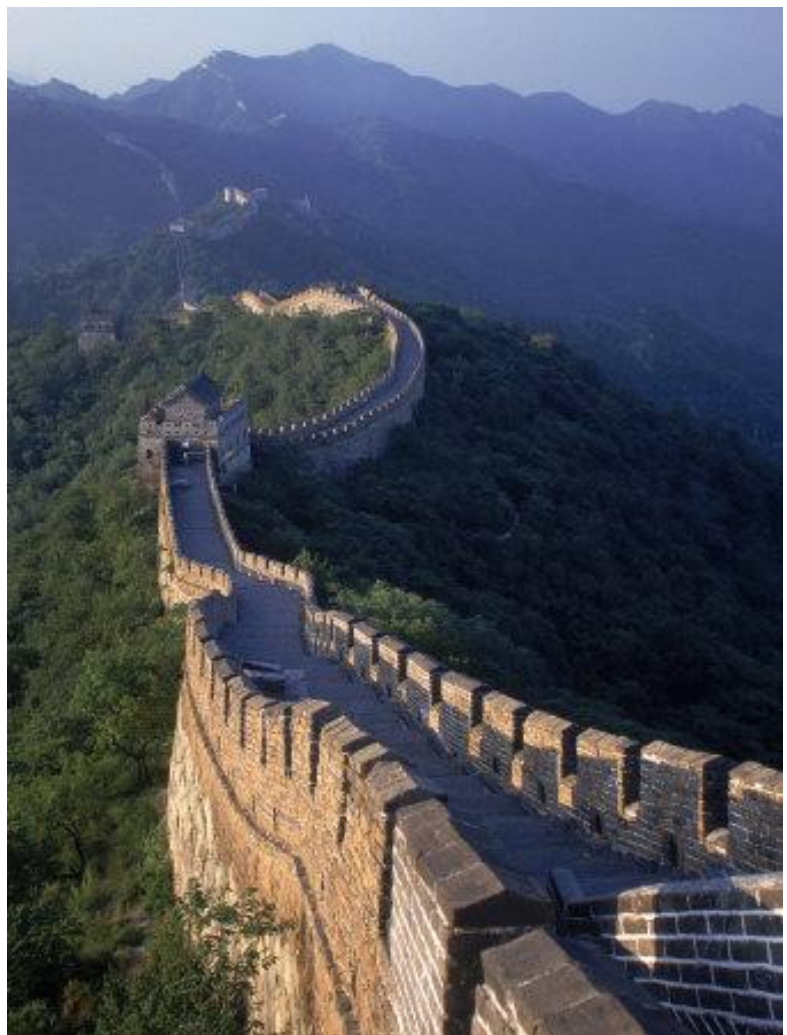
The ISSA Congress in Beijing has been scheduled in order to encourage and facilitate the opportunity for members to attend both ISSA 2014 (July 9-13, Beijing) and ISA 2014 (July 13-19, Yokohama).

2014 offers a unique opportunity to attend 2 world class conferences and experience two fascinating cultures within a short time frame and relatively close geographic proximity. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Steve Jackson: steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz.



Sociology of Sport and the Challenges of Social Change July 9-13

Sport, an educational fixture and an entertainment enterprise, is a part of society. As a complex social phenomenon, it exists in every corner of the society and influences people's life. Sport has the potential to be an effective channel for physical and socio-economic development. Moreover, as a universal language, sport can be a powerful medium for social change given that it: contributes to social cohesion, tolerance and integration, can be utilized to bridge cultural gaps, facilitate economic development, resolve conflict, enhance a healthy life style, promote social equity and justice, and educate people in ways that very few activities can. However, today's world is changing rapidly and examples of social resistance are emerging in many places. *The International Sociology of Sport Association* invites papers that address the wide range of ways in which sport serves as both a site and barrier to social change. How is sport related to social change with respect to identity politics: gender, race and sexuality?



How has globalization had both a positive and negative impact on social change? Can sport play a role in Development and Peace, Sport for All and Human Rights movements? How can sport best be structured and promoted in order to promote positive social change?

Session Subthemes

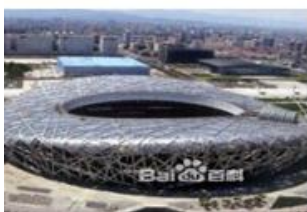
- Sport and National Identity
- Sport, Politics and Policy
- Sport, Business and Management
- Sport Mega-events
- Sport Governance
- Sport and Racial/ Ethnic Identity
- Sport and Ethics
- Globalization and Sport
- Sport, Health and the Life Course
- Sport, lifestyle and New Technologies
- The Future of the Sociology of Sport: Opportunities and Challenges
- Sport Media
- Sport and Gender
- Sport and Disability
- Sport and Social Class
- Sport and Human Rights
- Sport Spectatorship and Fandom
- Physical Education and School/University Sport
- Sport and Sexualities
- Other Related Issues with regards to the Sociology of Sport



ISSA 2014 will be held at Peking University

Founded in 1898, and originally known as the Imperial University of Peking, it was the first national university covering comprehensive disciplines. It played a pioneering role in the course of China's modernization. Peking University is located in the Haidian district of Beijing, the capital city of China. The district is concentrated with many well-known colleges and universities,

in the western suburb of the city. The university campus is the former site of the Qing Dynasty royal gardens and it retains traditional Chinese-style landscaping including traditional houses, gardens, pagodas as well as many notable historical buildings and structures. The campus site is also situated near the Summer Palace, the Yuan Ming Yuan Imperial Garden and the Fragrant Hill, famous tourist sites of Beijing. In addition, Peking University is also adjacent to Zhongguancun, China's Silicon Valley, and thus enjoys convenience of life - economically, technologically and socially.



CONGRESS REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDES:

Welcome reception (July 13) Coffee/Tea Breaks (July 10, 11, 12)
Closing Dinner (July 12) Lunches (July 10, 11, 12)
Sightseeing (July 13)

Early Registration Rates (On or Before 31 March, 2014)

ISSA Members

Cat A: 428 US\$
Cat B: 298 US\$ (including Cat A Students)
Cat C: 128 US\$ (including Cat B Students + Unwaged)
Cat C Students: 88 US\$

Non-Members

Cat A: 628 US\$
Cat B: 480 US\$ (including Cat A Students)
Cat C: 330 US\$ (including Cat B Students + Unwaged)
Cat C Students: 128 US\$

Late Registration Rates (After March 31, 2014)

ISSA Members

Cat A: 680 US\$
Cat B: 528US\$ (including Cat A Students)
Cat C: 380 US\$ (including Cat B Students + Unwaged)
Cat C Students: 188 US\$

Non-Members

Cat A: 850 US\$
Cat B: 680 US\$ (including Cat A Students)
Cat C: 528 US\$ (including Cat B Students + Unwaged)
Cat C Students: 380 US\$

Accompanying Guests (for a person accompanying a delegate but has no professional interest in the academic program); the fee includes Welcome Reception, Closing Dinner/sightseeing and access to the Exhibition/Poster Displays: 125 US\$

Key Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 10 December 2013
- Abstracts selection: 11 December 2013 – 15 January 2014
- Confirmation of Abstract Acceptance/Rejection : 20 January 2014.
- End of Early Bird Registration: 31 March 2014
- Abstract Presenter Registration Deadline: 25 March 2014

The 2014 ISSA World Congress website will be fully operational soon.

For more details, please visit <http://www.issa2014.org>.



FACING AN UNEQUAL WORLD: CHALLENGES FOR GLOBAL SOCIOLOGY
RC 27 Sociology of Sport: Sessions
Yokohama, Japan
13-19 July 2014

ISSA will organize 18 sessions at the International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19, 2014. ISSA is represented in the International Sociological Association through "Research Committee 27 Sociology of Sport" (RC27).

Please direct any questions to RC27 Program Coordinators: Kimberly Schimmel (kschimme@kent.edu) or Steve Jackson (steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz)

ISSA + ISA & RC27 membership: Presenters and attendees to RC27 sessions **must** be members of ISSA (International Sociology of Sport Association) + ISA and of RC27. The benefits of joining these professional associations are listed below.

To join ISSA: (see the ISSA membership section below)

To join ISA/RC27: (4-year membership) go to: http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm/ or you can use the Online Membership System at: [https://secured.com/~f3641/formisa.htm*](https://secured.com/~f3641/formisa.htm)

*Please make sure to also select "RC27" (Sociology of Sport) in the "Research Committee" section of the membership application.

Benefits of Membership

1. ISSA: Subscription to **6** issues of the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* (SAGE), discounted conference registration fees and access to ISSA services including our Mentor program.
2. ISA/RC27: Membership is for 4 years and offers subscription to 4 issues per year of your choice of 2 SAGE journals: *Current Sociology* or *International Sociology*.

Abstract Submissions, DEADLINE is September 30, 2013: Submit your abstracts directly to ISA's World Congress of Sociology website, here: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/>

RC27/ISSA Sessions:

Session 1: Sociology of Sport in an *Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology of Sport- Special session on the Congress theme*

Session 2: Inclusion/exclusion in sport

Session 3: Sport, bodies and identity politics

Session 4: Sport, health and risk

Session 5: Sport, politics and policy I

Session 6: Media and sport 1

Session 7: Media and sport II

Session 8: Sport and national identity I

Session 9: Sport and national identity II

Session 10: Globalization and sport

Session 11: Sport, spectacle and mega events

Session 12: Sport, politics and policy II

Session 13: Sport and development

Session 14: Children, Youth and Sport

Session 15: Sport in Asia

Session 16: Contemporary Issues in the Sociology of Sport I

Session 17: Contemporary Issues in the Sociology of Sport II

Session 18: RC 27/ISSA Business Meeting (ISSA Executive Board)

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 volunteers 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, 2013 to Christine Dallaire, ISSA General Secretary, at christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca.

CALL FOR PAPERS - ISSA GRADUATE PAPER AWARD 2014

Co-sponsored by ISSA and SAGE

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 submitted¹. 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.

Award

- The winning author will be invited to present or distribute the paper at the ISSA World Congress in Beijing, China, July 9-13, 2014.
- The winning author will receive a SAGE Publisher sponsored prize of £150 worth of books.
- The winning author will receive an ISSA sponsored prize of membership in ISSA for 12 months in the year in which the award is granted.
- 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/).

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 eunha.koh@gmail.com

Deadline for Receipt of Submissions: November 30, 2013

The winner will be announced by March 1, 2014

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS ISSA HONORARY MEMBER AWARD 2014

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

Nominations:

Nominators should submit a 1 to 2-page document (letter) by November 30, 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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ISSA 50TH ANNIVERSARY: 2015

As part of our preparations to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2015 the ISSA Executive Board is calling on all past and current members to submit photos, documents and other materials that document the history of the association, congresses and journal.

We will gladly accept any items. We will be happy to copy and return these to you, or to add relevant items to the ISSA Archive as part of our ongoing efforts to record the history of the ISSA and IRSS.

For further information about the Archive and/or to donate items, please contact the ISSA President at:

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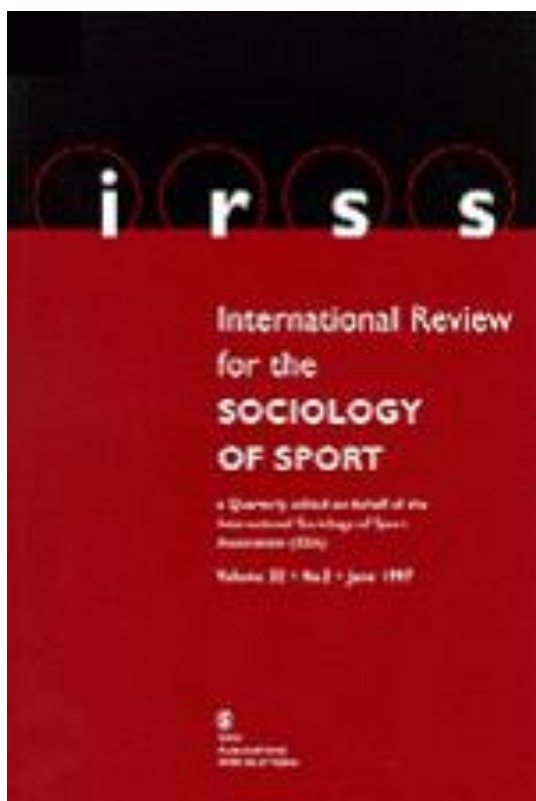
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The *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* invites new manuscript submissions. The *IRSS*, now in its 48th year, is the most longstanding scholarly publication focused on sport and culture. Interdisciplinary, inclusive, and global, the *IRSS* is the journal of the International Sociology of Sport Association and publishes six issues a year in partnership with SAGE Publications. Please visit the journal website for more information about its Aims & Scope, the Editorial Board, manuscript submission guidelines, and sample issues at <http://irs.sagepub.com/>.

There is much good news at the *IRSS* with impact factors that make it one of the leading journals in its area. The *IRSS* publishes bi-monthly and presently publishes 768 annual pages in each volume. The *IRSS* uses the SAGE Track online manuscript submission site powered by ScholarOne Manuscripts to expedite review and publication. When combined with the SAGE OnlineFirst publication program that makes accepted manuscripts available to scholars within weeks of acceptance. The *IRSS* has become many scholars first choice for research on the socio-cultural aspects of sport for the international community.

Under the guidance of Editor Lawrence Wenner, the *IRSS* senior editorial team has seven distinguished Corresponding Editors from across the globe available for consultation and a diverse Editorial Board from around the world. The kinds of articles considered by the *IRSS* have been expanded to include standard as well as shorter articles and commentary. All of these changes are aimed at making the *IRSS* an even more open and attractive place for prompt publication of research aimed at the international community. The *IRSS* editorial team looks forward to having the opportunity to consider your work. Manuscripts may be submitted at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/irss>.

GRADUATE STUDENT MEETING AT ISSA 2014 CONGRESS

The ISSA Executive Board wishes to host a graduate student meeting at our 2014 Congress in Beijing, China. Please communicate with Christine Dallaire (Christine.Dallaire@uottawa.ca) to provide feedback on themes and issues of interest to graduate students.

BECOME AN ISSA MEMBER

The International Sociology of Sport Association/ Association Internationale de Sociologie du Sport invites membership applications for 2014. ISSA comprises an active body of scholars who study sport from the perspectives of sociology, social psychology, anthropology, history and political economy.

The objectives of ISSA include:

- fostering research in the social scientific study of sport
- encouraging international communication among scholars
- promoting collaborative cross-national research projects
- developing scholarly exchange via:
 - promoting communication with other national and international sport-related organizations
 - sponsoring annual symposia
 - publication of the International Review for the Sociology of Sport

All members receive:

IRSS (6 issues per year) Print and Online • Information and discounts on ISSA conferences and publications
• Access to members' only area of websites • the ISSA eBulletin

ISSA membership is for the full calendar year. This means that your ISSA membership expires on December 31st regardless of when you joined ISSA. In order to continue to receive the benefits of ISSA membership, including receipt of our journal and reduced conference registration, you will need to renew your membership from January 1st 2014.

Membership details are available on the SAGE – International Review of Sociology of Sport website. We highly encourage you to use the online payment subscription process on the SAGE IRSS web page. It is efficient, secure and ensures that membership applications are processed in a timely fashion and provides you with an automated reply that confirms your membership.

Members from Europe: <http://www.uk.sagepub.com/journals/Journal200937>

Other members: please start from the above URL and then click on the top left hand corner link: Change location.

Indicate your region on the world map. This will ensure that you access the SAGE web page that will allow you to pay your subscription/membership fees.

Please use the online payment subscription process on the SAGE IRSS web page. It is secure and ensures that membership applications are processed in a timely fashion. It also provides you with an automated reply that confirms your membership.

MEMBERS' NEWS

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

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.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)

The **6th edition of the Directory of Sport Science** is now available through the ICSSPE Website, both as electronic and print version. While ICSSPE members receive a free copy and enjoy free access to the e-book, non-members can purchase the book online. The Directory of Sport Science is a unique reference tool for gaining insight into various sport science disciplines including Sport Biomechanics, Sport and Exercise Medicine, Sport History, Adapted Physical Activity, Physical Education, Sport Management or Sports Law. It is designed to be a resource for policy makers, administrators, professionals in sport and health sectors and is essential for every teaching library of sport science. Divided into fundamental academic disciplines of sport science and academic disciplines with professional orientation as well as multi-disciplinary thematic areas, it includes descriptions of the key functions, methodology, history, organisations, and resources of each discipline and thematic area. Visit: www.icsspe.org

From 18 to 23 October 2013, ICSSPE will host the 6th edition of **“Communities and Crisis – Inclusive Development through Sport” in Rheinsberg, Germany**. “Communities and Crisis” was first initiated in 2007. Since then, more than 300 participants from all over the world have taken part in this seminar. “Communities and Crisis” provides participants with unique insights into the use of sport and physical activity for inclusive community building, particularly in areas recently affected by crises. These crises include natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods or tornados, as well as man-made crises like civil wars and vulnerable communities.

As in previous years, ICSSPE will host the 2013 seminar together with Kennesaw State University (USA) and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium). International academics, leaders of sport organisations, experts and practitioners amongst others in sociology, psychology, social work, sport and physical education deliver the curriculum to participants. Through this programme, participants learn to use sport as positive means of physiological and psychological rehabilitation, both through practical, hands-on workshops as well as through theoretical learning sessions. It emphasises the importance of cultural sensitivity and the implementation of appropriate monitoring and evaluation techniques.

Participants are recruited from the master’s programme in Adapted Physical Activity at KU Leuven as well as the master in Social Work at Kennesaw State University. In addition, the seminar targets graduate students of various academic disciplines as well as first-line service providers. By acquiring new skills and implementation philosophies, participants are able to establish new programmes or enhance existing programmes, in which they are involved.

For more information visit: <http://icsspe.org/content/communities-and-crisis-%E2%80%93-inclusive-development-through-sport-1>



Routledge are pleased to offer you **14 DAYS FREE ACCESS** to the sport and leisure collection including **International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics**. All you need to do is visit: <http://www.tandfonline.com/r/sportstudies> and sign in to your Taylor & Francis Online Account. Don't have an account? Register at <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/registration/1/show> to enjoy your access to over 25 cutting-edge journals.

Online access for 14 days from activation, to all content published from 2011 to 2012. Voucher can be activated once and valid until 31/12/2013.

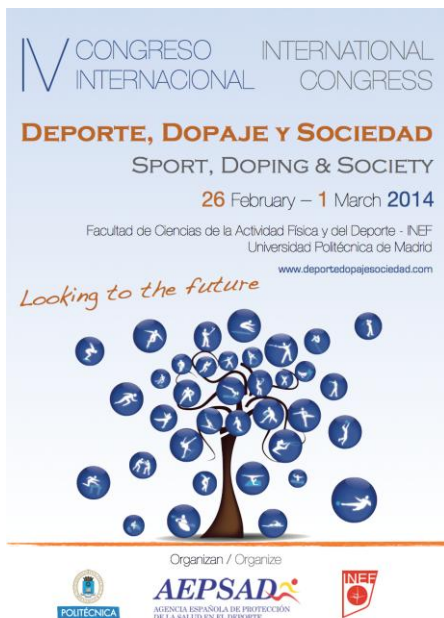
OTHER FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES



For registration and further information:

<http://www.playthegame.org/conferences/play-the-game-2013/aarhus.html>

We would like to invite you to participate in the **4th International Congress 'Sport, Doping & Society'** that will be held in **Madrid, Spain on February 26 – March 1, 2014**. This Congress is organized by the Technical University of Madrid (UPM) and the Spanish Agency for Health Protection in Sport (AEPSAD). Under the theme "Looking to the future", it will be presented the results of scientific researches and new methodologies in the field of doping in sport.



From the specific perspective of **Social and Human Sciences**, we believe that this initiative will contribute to identify the factors that influence the use of doping substances and methods. From this knowledge we hope to foster future prevention and doping control and to promote ethical behavior in sport. In addition, this Congress will devote a special session aimed for young students, both high school and university levels, which will address issues related to prevention. It is due to attend a wide representation of authorities related to sport, researchers, educators and other professionals working in different areas of fight against doping.

We encourage scientists to submit an abstract in any of the three official languages of the Congress: English, Spanish or French (no simultaneous translation is provided except for the plenary sessions).

Deadline for abstract submission and Young Researchers Award-application (addressed for young scientist up to the age of 35) is **November 30, 2013**. All accepted abstracts will be published in the

scientific journal *Materiales para la Historia del Deporte* (ISSN: 1887-9586).

For more information, registration and booking of accommodation please check our website <http://www.deportedopajesociedad.com>



June 23rd-27th 2014, University of Chichester, UK

The Women's Sport Leadership Academy (WSLA) 2014 will bring together outstanding female delegates, 20 from the UK and 20 from other parts of the world, providing a unique learning environment that will support the women to further develop their leadership competencies.



Organised by the Anita White Foundation (AWF) and Females Achieving Brilliance (FAB) and supported by the University of Chichester, the WSLA aims to increase the confidence and leadership qualities of women working in sport. A range of skills, values, strategies and networking opportunities are at the heart of a programme facilitated by women who have found great success at senior positions of sport as varied as policy and decision-making to consultancy and chairship of leading sports organisations.

A unique feature of the WSLA will be the intercultural experiences shared between delegates. Women from all around the world will share ideas, values, and policy understandings in order to enhance their own leadership strategies in sport.

The WSLA will take place in the beautiful British surroundings of the Bognor Regis Campus at the University of Chichester which is located close to the coast and the South Downs National Park. Accommodation will be on-campus and local evening activities will be provided in order to facilitate bonds and networks that will last after the WSLA has finished. Indeed, by the end of the week delegates will not only have extended networks but also have produced a number of plans and frameworks which will contribute to enhancing their leadership in sport.

Please visit www.chi.ac.uk/awf for an information pack outlining the purpose, outcomes, principles, and programme of the WSLA, as well as an application form which needs to be completed by 8th November 2013 and emailed to jordan.matthews@chi.ac.uk.

We look forward to seeing you in June 2014!

History: The history of man exploring the skies is a recent history. There are many studies regarding the major activities (aviation, gliding, parachuting ...), but a large variety that use air as a carrier or as a driving-force are yet to be studied. Papers are welcomed on both old and new aerial activities that are, at the same time, indicators of their respective societies.

Inventiveness and Creativity: In the use of air, usually, innovators are also adventurers. By inventing new devices and new techniques, they initiated new practices through their *avant-garde* cultures. We study here the leisure practices that make use of air as a carrier or driving-force, as well as the equipment designed and commercialized for their diffusion.

Activities and Participants: Aerial activities highlight the emergence and evolution of techniques, technologies, groups of practitioners, institutions etc. These activities need to be placed in the social and cultural context of their emergence and development or, in some cases, in that of their decline.

Motivation and Risk-taking: Since the pioneering works of Michel Bouet on "the psychology of gliding" and David Lebreton on the "ordeal", research in social psychology and sociology has brought a set of important results on risk taking, motivation, forms of perception of the environment, social representations and stereotypes. Presentations are welcomed in order to take advantage of this disciplinary and theoretical knowledge for the further study of aerial activities.

Territories: Although their playground is the air, aerial activities are not free of human spatial organization. Whether they concern territorial organization of sites, dispersion of practices and forms of practices, development of takeoff/landing sites or the geopolitics of aeronautics and space missions, presentations that deal with geography and the planning implications of these activities are welcomed.

Rules, Institutionalization and Economy: The French expression "vol libre [free flight]" that describes certain aerial activities must not cover the fact that the principles of law also apply to the airspace. The administration of public policy, safety standards or professional and organizational logics depend on the region, but also on the activity, that is to say, on the actors involved. In this sense, the purpose is also to study the economic issues, professional supervision and the legal organization of these activities.

Practical Organization

The conference will take place on three days (with plenary and parallel sessions). Led by a chairman, each session lasts one hour thirty (three papers of 30 minutes maximum followed by 10 minutes for discussion. Conferences are invited to 40 minutes. The conference will take place on the site of the Coupe Icare in Saint Hilaire du Touvet, Thursday morning at 18 am Saturday September 20, 2014.

Conference participants will be able to attend the main activities of the Coupe Icare on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. In case of organizational problem (large number of presentation, difficulty for access to the site, weather...), the conference sessions will be repatriated in the Faculty of sport sciences (UFR-APS) on campus University of Grenoble (15km).

Registration: The European scientific conference "The Quest for the Sky : Human techniques, creativity, organization and territoriality in aerial activities" registration fee is 120 € (full price) and 50 € (concessions) including access to conference, coffee and refreshments during breaks and book abstracts.

Abstract Submission: Dateline of Abstract Submission (abstract should be written in English or in French, 40 lines, time 12, electronic format .DOC, .DOCX or .RTF) : November 30, 2013. The document name should be your name. An acknowledgment will be sent. Notification of acceptance or rejection: May 1, 2014. Please send your abstracts at the following address: colloqueSENS2014@ujf-grenoble.fr
Thank you for your submissions.

OTHER CALL FOR PAPERS (JOURNALS)



sociopedia.isa. **Sociopedia.isa** is a new online publication of the International Sociological Association with review articles on subjects in the social sciences. It is a new concept in the production and dissemination of knowledge as it combines the best of two worlds: i) the opportunities the Internet offers for rapid publication and dissemination ii) the quality guaranteed by thorough and imaginative editing and peer review. All the articles in **sociopedia.isa** are up-to-date, 'state-of-the-art' reviews and will be revised on a regular basis. Each entry will have a discussion section to supplement it. Once a paper is accepted and finalized it will only take a few days before it is published online.

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I am approaching you to invite ISSA and RC27 members to submit a paper for **sociopedia.isa** on one of the topics covered by your RC. **sociopedia.isa** does not have an entry related to 'Sociology of Sport' yet. I am pleased to inform you that SAGE has agreed to pay authors of accepted entries \$250 upon completion of the manuscript. We welcome both review papers and commentaries on current publications. For an overview of our current entries and commentaries go to: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/publ/sociopedia-isa/sociopedia-isa-list-of-published-entries.htm> To see these entries, go to the 'access' page and login with your ISA username and password.

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Sport in South Africa is important and is taken seriously. Large sections of the population participate in, watch and consume a range of different sports. South Africa regularly produces world class athletes and teams who dominate in a number of sports on the global stage. The country has successfully hosted various sports mega-events such as the recent 2010 FIFA World Cup. Sport in South Africa is a billion rand industry with significant private and public investment. Sport in South Africa is arguably one of the few 'unifiers' in a country with a long history of segregation, discrimination and social divisions. Despite the 'unifying' role sport plays in the country, it remains beset with divisions along the lines of 'race', class and gender amongst others.

We invite papers that address sport within South Africa. Colleagues may want to consider the following themes when submitting their abstracts and papers:

1. Controversies, debates and discourses in the sociology of sport
2. Sport and gender
3. 'Race', identity and sport
4. Consumption, leisure and sport
5. Sport for development
6. The state, political economy and sport
7. Sport, education and coaching
8. Sporting cultures and fandom
9. Sport and social history
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 2. Submissions should be sent to: sociologyofsport@gmail.com<<mailto:sociologyofsport@gmail.com>>
 3. Articles should be 5000-8000 words in length.
 4. All submissions will be anonymously/blind reviewed by two independent assessors.
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Call for contributions

Upcoming themed issue of *Sociologie de travail*

Producing sporting performance

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Contribution proposals should take the form of a text of 8000 to 10,000 characters (excluding bibliography). They must be e-mailed to the assistant editor of the journal (socio.dutravail@sciences-po.fr) before 30 October 2013.

There has been fairly extensive sociological research done since the late 1990s on activity in the sports sector. In France, much of this work has focused on subjects such as the professionalization of sports organisations, athletes' careers, the emerging outlines of a job market in sport, or careers for university graduates in sports sciences. This research has coincided with the emergence of a structured professional "sports" sector and has largely concentrated on professions in sport, in particular the identification of specifically sports-related skills. At international level, researchers, particularly in the English-speaking world, have focused more on sexual and racial discrimination in access to the sports employment markets, and on the globalisation of these markets and its effects, exploring issues such as migration amongst sports workers.

In this relatively rich field of research, the *work involved in producing performance – in the sense of competition-oriented practice – has been less widely investigated*, despite the fact that classifications and hierarchies lie at the heart of the worlds of sport. Such research as has been done on this topic of the production of performance has taken a largely critical perspective, looking at the different ways in which that production is subordinated to the activity of athletes.

This call for contributions arises out of this recognition of the situation of sociological research on sports work. *The objective of the forthcoming special issue of Sociologie du travail is to cover research that focuses on the production of performance*, in order to provide a diversity of sociological viewpoints on these labour-intensive activities and to go beyond a simple critique of the marketing of sports activity. In this approach, the research questions proposed to contributors are identified as open and not mutually exclusive avenues for exploration. Here, they are formulated around four major axes.

1. Organisation of the work and production of performance

Performance in sport is often individually embodied in the figure of the champion. However, producing performance demands organised work to which many actors and institutions contribute. Who does what, with whom and how to prepare athletes for competition, recruit them, train them, treat them, fund them or create their media profile? Is it possible to identify the division of roles, the alliances, the conflicts and the hierarchies that emerge with varying degrees of clarity between the different bodies, professional or otherwise, involved in producing performance (trainers, agents, doctors, managers, as well as family, friends, etc.)? How are the contributions of these different actors coordinated, whether

in the detection and training of a potential elite athlete, or in the selection and differentiation of talents within the group? Another possible question concerns the mechanisms that make the collective nature of this process invisible, which focus the spotlight exclusively on the superstar and the exception. Other potential questions relate to the skills and qualifications that provide access to these professional groups, such as high-level experience of sport, scientific and technical expertise, etc.

2. Experience of the work and production of performance

Performance in sport is the outcome of long preparation, a mix of training and socialisation, commitment to learning processes and interpretation of specific experiences. Issues that could be explored here include the practice of physical preparation activities themselves, e.g. physiological care, but also the competitive arena itself, in particular the media profile of performances. How do athletes reconcile the two spheres of meaning in which their practices require them to operate: the world of high-level sport, which can often be precarious, and the “secular” world where their public entertainment is produced, funded, utilised and consumed, but where some also experience celebrity? The experience of the work in the production of performance can also be investigated through the processes of socialisation that accompany improvements in performance: what are their effects on the practices and representations of sports workers, how are these workers supported, managed or assisted in these processes? Another possible area of study could thus be the link between, on the one hand, the pleasure mechanisms associated with a form of work in which the body is the instrument, and on the other hand, the more painful experiences arising from intensive labour that places stress on bodies and minds.

3. Vagaries of the work and production of performance

Sports performance develops through processes that differ from one discipline to another, but all are marked by uncertainties and changes of fortune. Although objective, data-based research remains to be done on the subject, precariousness seems to be a feature of the careers of many athletes engaged in the production of performance. Are there ways to identify more effectively the uncertainties they face, the career interruptions, the flexibility of their working conditions and the fragility of their economic and legal status? In addition, is it possible to describe the practices and systems used to combat the vulnerabilities and vagaries inherent in preparing for competition? The degree to which public and private sports actors are aware of these multiple factors varies greatly. Some sports disciplines include career (and post-career) support policies, but in what do these consist and what impact do they have? What is the role of international, national or local sports organisations in regulating the process of training for sports performance?

4. The markets for sport and production of performance

Sports performance is valued in disparate ways, reflecting the conditions of heterogeneous labour markets. We therefore need a better understanding of these markets, which link the distinctive properties of athletes as workers with the symbolic and monetary rewards that express their value. What are the comparative tests through which differences in performance are perceived, consolidated or argued, and by what mechanisms are they recognised, rewarded or valued? How is the commensurability of exceptional sports performance established? Do the ways in which performance is valued amplify the differences and increase the inequalities through cumulative and self-reinforcing mechanisms? How does this “sports value exchange” differ from one discipline, country and level of competition to another? Is it possible to describe the mechanisms used to regulate this equivalencing process, the network of actors who preside over it? What conflicts are there about the definition of value, and what impact do they have, particularly with respect to the institutionalisation of the criteria used to assess the sporting qualities and properties that justify the rewards? How do changes in the practice and spectacle of sport affect the economics of the assessment of specific performances?

These four axes open up multiple pathways for research, which should lead to a better understanding of the conditions, mechanisms, demands and consequences of the production of sports performance. The papers proposed should make a significant contribution to this central question, which is not confined to the issue of professionalism, developed to a different degree in different sports. Contributors are therefore asked not to confine their investigation only to so-called professional athletes. In fact, the term “sham professionalism” shows that paid athletes are not the only ones prepared to do the work needed to achieve high-level performance. In addition, research should not be restricted to sports practitioners alone; although they are often the ones in the spotlight, performance needs to be approached as a collective production. So it is important to explore the ecology of that performance and the contributions of the multiple actors (professionals, institutions, media, sponsors, spectators, family and friends, etc.), in other words to understand the athlete as a component in this productive and reproductive system. Finally, the objective of this number of the journal, with its focus on sports performance, is to take account of the variety of the ways in which the organisation, the experiences, the vagaries and the markets of the performance process are configured, by bringing together contributions on a wide range of sporting disciplines.

Potential contributors should describe their research subject and its relation to the literature, the empirical study, the materials used and the nature of the findings.

The procedure is a three-stage process:

1. Contribution proposals should take the form of a text of 8000 to 10,000 characters (excluding bibliography). They must be e-mailed to the assistant editor of the journal **before 30 October 2013**.
2. The shortlist will be established by the coordinators, and distributed no later than **15 December 2013**.
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