Greetings everyone! This is the first edition of the new ISSA E-Bulletin which will be used in conjunction with the new ISSA www site to keep members informed of important information, announcements along with access to a range of useful resource material.

In this issue we highlight:

1. New ISSA www page
2. ICSSPE www access
3. ISSA Representation at the International Institute of Sociology Conference (Stockholm)
4. ISSA 2005: Argentina Conference Update
5. ISSA Inaugural Graduate Student Paper Award
6. ISA/ISSA 2006: Durban South Africa

1. New ISSA www page:

The new ISSA web page is now available at: http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz
We have taken on board a lot of feedback from members and wish to continue to do so in order to improve the overall quality of what ISSA can offer its members. Eventually we hope to provide a complete list of all national Sociology of Sport Associations, list of members and their research interests and to help facilitate mutual research interests. There is still some fine tuning to do but we hope this is a good start. Please feel free to send your comments to me at: sjackson@pooka.otago.ac.nz

2. ICSSPE: One of the benefits of being an ISSA member is that you have access to a wide range of resources. One such resource is the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE). The ICSSPE www site provides up to date information about research, conferences and international initiatives in the field of sport and physical education. You can access their site at: http://www.icsspe.org, As an ISSA member we provide you with the password for access to the members only area. The new password is: acdg05.

3. ISSA/Research Committee 27 was well represented at the International Institute of Sociology’s “Frontiers of Sociology” Conference which was held in Stockholm, Sweden July 5-9, 2005. This is one of the largest sociology conferences held and ISSA featured two sessions on Globalisation and Sport, along with one on Media & Sport and one on Changing Paradigms in the Sociology of Sport.
4. 3rd World Congress of Sociology of Sport (ISSA 2005), November 30 – December 3, Buenos Aires: Argentina Conference Update

The 2005 conference has been an interesting challenge. In some ways it is a reminder that if ISSA is truly committed to being an “international “ professional organisation then we must help and support colleagues who may not have the same levels of institutional and state support that many of us take for granted. One only needs to consider the dramatic economic crisis that Argentina experienced only a few years ago to appreciate some of the little challenges in terms of financial transactions. At this point we simply wish to update you on the status of developments.

The 2005 program looks very good with a great international representation and some very interesting sessions. We have two excellent keynote speakers: Jim McKay and Ilse Hartmann-Tews. A few important details to note:

A. If you have not registered and/or booked your hotel please do so by going to the www site and downloading, filling out and submitting your details: http://www.efdeportes.com/issa2005

At this point we have learned that some members have received confirmation of their bookings while others have not had confirmation. As many of you have learned the conference does not accept credit cards for payment and this has created some difficulties in making payments. We suggest that if you have not yet paid that you wait until you arrive and pay in cash. However, we still recommend that you complete and submit the conference registration form and that you keep and bring a copy with you.

B. Conference Venue: Bauen Suites Conference Centre which is located approximately 100 metres from the Bauen hotel.

C. Hotel bookings: Some members have advised that they have not had confirmation of their hotel booking. We have learned that the company handling the conference bookings (Goldenbeach) has reserved a block of rooms in their name (not ISSA). As such those of you trying to contact the hotel directly will find that they do not hold a reservation in the name of ISSA or your personal name. We suggest that if you wish to confirm any details that you e-mail Goldenbeach at: golden_beach722@hotmail.com (copying local organisers: Raul Cadaa: rcdada@hotmail.com and Tulio Guterman tulio@2vias.com.ar)

HOTEL BAUEN SUITES
Address: Av. Corrientes 1856
Zone: downtown
Telephone: (54 11) 4370-0400
Fax: (54 11) 4370-0404
Attention: Mrs Maria Villalba
RESERVATION CODE NUMBER: 642640 (made by Goldenbeach)
5. Inaugural ISSA Graduate Student Paper Award: This year ISSA will present its first ever Graduate Student Paper Award. The 2005 selection committee included: Elizabeth C.J. Pike (Chair, UK) Cora Burnett Louw (South Africa); and Kimberly S. Schimmel (United States). The award winner will receive EU500, a year’s membership in ISSA, present their paper at ISSA and have the submission considered for publication in IRSS.


   **Deadline for Abstracts:** December 20, 2005

Planning is well under way for next year’s conference in Durban. As many members will be aware ISSA is a registered member of our parent discipline ISA (International Sociology Association). Every 4 years ISA holds a World Congress and ISSA participates via our RC27 = Research Committee 27 (International Sociology of Sport).

As noted in previous ISSA communications it is important for ISSA members (especially those interested in attending Durban) that: (a) **ISSA is allocated a number of sessions based on our ISA + RC 27 membership, that is, we are limited in terms of how many sessions we receive. Consequently, only those individuals who are members of ISSA + ISA + RC27 will be eligible to present papers in Durban.** At present there are only about 31 ISSA members who have joined and as such ISSA will only be able to offer 8 Sociology of Sport sessions (if we have 40 members we are entitled to 2 more sessions, if we have 55 members we receive 4 more sessions). Thus, we ask that as many of you as possible join ISA and RC#27 especially if you have any plans to attend the 2006 World Congress. How do you join ISA? You can visit their www site at: [www.ucm.es/info/isa](http://www.ucm.es/info/isa)

The cost of ISA membership is set in relation to which category you are from just like ISSA (Categories: A, B, C). The cost of Category A membership is $US255 + $US25 to be a member of RC #27. However it is important to note the following: (a) this cost is for a 4-year membership and as such works out to about $US70 per year (b) membership includes subscription to the quarterly published journal “International Sociology” and (c) membership has many benefits including access to their resource pages, opportunities for research funds and both faculty and student awards. We certainly appreciate the fact that many ISSA members are also involved in other associations but, for the reasons noted above, we highly encourage your participation in ISA.

Below you will find the current list of ISSA sessions planned for Durban, 2006 along with the Scientific Committee members to whom you should contact and submit abstracts. Please note that at this point ISSA only has a guarantee of offering Sessions 1-8 but we are optimistic that with additional ISA/RC 27 members we will be able to offer at least two more sessions. Again, just to be clear only those people who are members of ISSA + ISA + RC27 will have their abstracts accepted for Durban.
ISSA Sessions for Durban, South Africa

Deadline for Abstracts: December 20, 2005

Session 1* (*Special session on the Congress theme)
Sport and the quality of social existence in a globalising world
Organiser: Kim Schimmel, Kent State University, kschimme@pop.kent.edu

Session 2
National and global identity through sport
Organiser: Joe Maguire, Loughborough University, United Kingdom, j.a.maguire@lboro.ac.uk

Session 3
Politics and Sport
Organiser: Christopher Hallinan, Victoria University, Australia, christopher.hallinan@vu.edu.au

Session 4
Inequalities in sport
Organiser: Ilse Hartmann-Tews, German University of Sport, Germany
i.hartmann@dshs-koeln.de

Session 5
Sport, The Body and Identity Politics
Organiser: Gertrud Pfister, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, gpfister@ifi.ku.dk

Session 6
Sport economics and sponsorship: Manifestations in developed and developing countries
Organiser: Fabien Ohl, UFR-STAPS, France, fabien.ohl@umb.u-strasbg.fr

Session 7 (*this is our bonus session since we have one dealing with conference theme)
Media & Sport
Organiser: Steve Jackson, University of Otago, New Zealand, sjackson@pooka.otago.ac.nz

Session 8
ISSA Business meeting

Session 9*
The Social Psychology of Violence in Sport
Organiser: Kevin Young, University of Calgary, Canada, kyoung@ucalgary.ca
*joint session with RC42 (Social Psychology)

Additional sessions if membership numbers are sufficient to allow their inclusion:

Session 9
Gender and sport
Organiser: Elizabeth Pike, University College Chichester, United Kingdom, e.pike@ucc.ac.uk

Session 10
Sport development in developing countries: Partnerships and initiatives
Organiser: Depei Liu, Jun Institute of Physical Education, China, depeiliu1947@21cn.com
Session 11  
**Poverty and sport**  
Organiser: Peter Donnelly, University of Toronto, Canada, peter.donnelly@utoronto.ca

Session 12  
**Sport and migration**  
Organiser: Agnes Elling, Tilburg University, Netherlands, a.h.f.elling@uvt.nl

Finally, if any ISSA members have any specific items they wish to have included in the forthcoming Executive and Extended Board meetings please feel free to send them through to the General Secretary at: sjackson@pooka.otago.ac.nz