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ISSA 2008 Kyoto, Japan July 26-29, 2008

The ISSA 2008 conference “Sport and Society at the Crossroads” will be held in Kyoto, Japan, July 26-29, 2008. This will be the first time Japan has hosted the ISSA conference and there is a real sense of excitement. Kyoto is a beautiful city and our hosts have a wonderful academic and social program planned.

The conference website is: http://jsss.jp/issa2008.html
The online registration system will be open soon.

Deadlines – important dates

29th February 2008: Submission of abstracts
31st March 2008: Notification of acceptance of contribution
30th April 2008: Deadline for reduced registration fee
26th July 2008: Arrival and registration
29th July 2008: Departure

Questions about registration can be addressed to the Congress coordinator by email at: overseas@jsss.jp Please feel free to send any additional questions to Steve Jackson at: steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz

ISSA: New Executive Board, 2008-2011
The new ISSA Executive Board was officially announced at the 2007 conference in Copenhagen. The new board members for the term 2008-2011 are:

Steve Jackson (President) Elizabeth Pike (General Secretary) Gertrud Pfister (VP and Past-President) Christopher Hallinan (VP) Fabien Ohl (VP) Kimberly Schimmel (VP). ISSA would like to formally thank our outgoing Executive Board members: Joseph Maguire, Ilse Hartmann-Tews and Kevin Young. Your combined years of service have made ISSA the wonderful organisation it is today and you have set very high standards for your successors.

**ISSA/IRSS New Membership/Subscripton System**

Over the past year ISSA has been in negotiation with Sage Publishers in order to establish a new, more efficient and more user-friendly membership and subscription system. While a few things still need to be finalised we are pleased to inform you that beginning in 2008 a new system will be trialled. The new system provides: (1) a synchronised ISSA/IRSS membership and subscription system (2) the ability to join ISSA electronically; (3) a reminder system to renew memberships. We will advise everyone when the system is up and running. Our thanks to Elizabeth Pike (our new General Secretary) and John Sugden (Editor, IRSS) for their fine work in liaising with Sage.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Professor Gertrud Pfister who recently received an Honorary Doctorate in Hungary. Gertrud is only the second woman to receive the Honoris Causa title at the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences /TF/, awarded by the Senate of the Semmelweis University.

And, congratulations to Professor Jay Coakley who received an Honorary Fellowship from University of Chichester, UK.
Future ISSA Conferences

2008: Kyoto, Japan
2009: Utrecht, Netherlands
2010: Sweden
2011: ?? (Vancouver is under consideration)

Other Conferences

Call for Papers: Mega-Events and Civil Societies A two-day international conference held at Queen Mary (University of London), UK Thursday 26 – Friday 27 June 2008
http://www.greenpolitics-ecpr.org/gpsg_wiki/pmwiki.php?n=Main.Mega-Events Please submit abstracts of up to 300 words to either Graeme Hayes (g.a.hayes@aston.ac.uk), or John Karamichas j.karamichas@qub.ac.uk, by Monday 17 December 2007.

New Book/Media Reviews Editor

ISSA/IRSS is pleased to welcome Dr. Camilla Obel as the new Book/Media Reviews editor for IRSS. Camilla is on faculty at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. Anyone wishing to review a book (or film) can contact Camilla at: camilla.obel@canterbury.ac.nz

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN IRSS:


London: Routledge.

Chappel, R. (2007). *Sport in Developing Countries*. International Sports Publications Dunston House, 21 Queensmead Ave, Ewell KT17 3EQ, chappellbob@yahoo.co.uk


London: Anthem Press.


**Happy Holidays**

ISSA wishes everyone the very best for a Happy Holidays: May you and your families share time, joy and peace.

**Your views:**

ISSA is always looking for ways to improve communication and serve our members. We encourage you to submit comments and suggestions and/or to share news. Please send any feedback to the General Secretary: Steve Jackson at: Steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz. Note beginning in 2008 our new General Secretary, Dr. Elizabeth Pike will coordinate the ISSA e-Bulletin and she can be reached at: E.Pike@chi.ac.uk.