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**2008 ISSA MEMBERSHIP FORMS**

We are pleased to inform you that the 2008 ISSA Membership forms are now available. In addition, we have finally negotiated a deal with Sage so that individuals who previously just subscribed to the journal will now automatically become members of ISSA. A 2008 membership form is attached and can also be downloaded from the ISSA website at: http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/membership.html. If you have any queries regarding membership or journal subscription, please contact the ISSA General Secretary at e.pike@chi.ac.uk.
The new ISSA Executive Board was officially announced at the 2007 conference in Copenhagen, and in our previous eBulletin. Contact details for the new board members for the term 2008-2011 are:

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The ISSA 2008 conference “Sport and Society at the Crossroads” will be held in Kyoto, Japan, July 26-29, 2008. Kyoto is a beautiful city and our hosts have a wonderful academic and social programme planned. The online registration system is now open, and may be found on the conference website at: http://www.jsss.jp/issa2008.html.

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 Elizabeth Pike at: e.pike@chi.ac.uk.

Future ISSA Conferences
2008: Kyoto, Japan
2009: Utrecht, Netherlands
2010: Goteborg, Sweden

Any members interested in submitting an application to host a future ISSA conference should contact Chris Hallinan, Vice President (Conferences), at Christopher.Hallinan@vu.edu.au.

Other Conference Announcements

August 12-18th 2008. International Summer School for Young Researchers (course for PhD students). Body Cultures and Health Discourses: Historical, Sociological, Psychological and Pedagogical Approaches. University of Copenhagen. Inquiries: cchristensen@ifi.ku.dk.


ISSA GRADUATE PAPER AWARD 2008

Description
The aim of the International Sociology of Sport Association’s (ISSA) Graduate Paper Award is to facilitate the integration of outstanding graduate students into the international community of sociology of sport scholars. 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. The winning author will be invited to receive the award and present the paper at the Annual Conference of the ISSA. The winning paper may be considered for publication in the International Review for the Sociology of Sport (IRSS).

Eligibility
- Any student who is registered for masters or doctoral level graduate work 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 attend the ISSA conference and present the paper.
- SAGE Publisher sponsored prize of £150 worth of books.
- ISSA sponsored prize of membership in ISSA for 12 months in the year in which the award is granted.
- The winning paper may be considered for publication in the IRSS.
- The panel of judges may also give up to two honourable mentions. Graduate students receiving an honourable mention will also have their papers accepted for presentation at the ISSA conference.
- The name of all winning authors will be posted on the ISSA website.

Requirements
- Candidates are to submit a 3000-6000 word 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.
- Authors must be graduate students at the time the paper is submitted.
- Authors are to submit a letter, signed by her or his academic advisor, verifying their graduate student status.
- Authors are to follow a style consistent with the publication guidelines for the IRSS.
- Papers should be submitted electronically (in Microsoft Word format attachment) to the Award Committee Chair, Kimberly S. Schimmel at kschimme@kent.edu

Deadline for Receipt of Submissions: April 1st 2008
The winner will be announced by June 2008.

1 The ISSA reserves the right not to grant an award in the event that none of the submitted papers meet the award criteria.
Message from the Editor of IRSS

On behalf of the ISSA Executive, Sage Publications, and the Editorial Board of IRSS I am pleased to announce that our Association’s Journal is restored to full operational capacity. A backlog of submitted articles has been cleared and the average turn around time for new submissions has been significantly reduced. I would like to thank my Editorial Assistant, the Production Team at Sage, the Editorial Board and an extensive list of reviewers who have all worked feverishly to make this happen while at the same time maintaining the Journal’s commitment to quality. Those carrying out research into the socio-cultural dimensions of sports and related subjects and who have new and interesting things to share with the academic community are strongly encouraged to submit their papers to the Journal. I cannot guarantee that they will be published, but I can guarantee that they will be reviewed and processed efficiently and effectively and that authors will be kept informed of the status of their submissions.

John Sugden
Editor IRSS

IRSS Book and Audio-Visual Reviews

Anyone wishing to submit a book for review, or wishing to review a book (or film) should contact our reviews editor, Camilla Obel, at: camilla.obel@canterbury.ac.nz. A list of books currently available for review can be seen at http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/journal_review.

YOUR NEWS AND VIEWS

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 General Secretary, Elizabeth Pike at: e.pike@chi.ac.uk.

Wishing all of our members a very Happy 2008.
We look forward to seeing many of you in Kyoto!