ISSA E-Bulletin (2008-2)

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We are delighted that so many people have decided to benefit from ISSA membership again this year. We would like to welcome back our returning members and offer a warm welcome to our new members. For those of you who have still to sign up for 2008, the Membership form for ISSA is available at http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/membership.html. Once you have completed and returned this form, you will then receive the 2008 volumes of the IRSS, and be able to benefit from the lower registration fee for this year’s annual conference in Kyoto. Please note that payment of the non-members registration fee for the conference does NOT give you membership of ISSA or subscription to the IRSS.

**Members Interest List:** ISSA maintains a list of members’ interests to facilitate communication between our members, and to enable others interested in the sociology of sport to contact experts in the field. Please check the list at http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/membership.html (follow the link to ‘Membership Directory by Name’) and send corrections/updates to the ISSA General Secretary at e.pike@chi.ac.uk.

**ISSA EXTENDED BOARD 2008-2011**

ISSA is pleased to announce the new Extended Board for 2008-2011. Extended Board members help ISSA to liaise with our members in a variety of regions. There are regular meetings and correspondence between Extended Board members and the Executive Board. Please feel free to contact your local representative with any information that may be of interest to ISSA, and they can ensure that your views are presented to the Executive Board. The new members are as follows:

- Miguel Corneo (Chile)
- Christine Dallaire (Canada)
- Agnes Elling (Netherlands)
- Pasi Koski (Finland)
- Jorid Hovden (Norway)
- Eunha Koh (Korea)
- Wolfram Manzenreiter (Austria)
- Bettina Ruloffs (Germany)
- Irena Slepickova (Czech Republic)
- Takayuki Yamashita (Japan)

* 2 positions pending

There are also two additional Regional Representatives:
- Cora Burnett Louw (Republic of South Africa)
- Depei Liu (China)
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

ISSA Conference 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. 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 March 2008: Abstract submission deadline
April 2008: Notification of acceptance of contribution
30th April 2008: Deadline for reduced registration fee

(please note: if you wish to benefit from the lower rate for ISSA members you need to complete and return the membership form. If you pay the higher fee for non-members of ISSA, this does NOT give you membership of the association or subscription to the IRSS).

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.

Given the extended deadline for submission and acceptance of abstracts we are aware that any delays may impact on people making their travel plans. Anyone who needs an immediate letter of confirmation for funding and travel purposes should write directly to: Steve Jackson: steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz or Elizabeth Pike: e.pike@chi.ac.uk.

Graduate Scholar Workshop

Following the popularity of this workshop at the ISSA annual conference in Copenhagen 2007, ISSA intends to schedule a Graduate Scholar Workshop during this year’s conference in Kyoto. We would welcome suggestions or requests for a theme for this workshop. Please send any proposals to the ISSA General Secretary, 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


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\(^1\). 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 1\(^{st}\) 2008
The winner will be announced by June 2008.

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\(^1\) 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

During the past year or so I hope members will have noticed regular deliveries of their copies of IRSS. Working closely with Sage we have set ourselves tight targets for getting the Journal back up to date by the end of this calendar year. As I write the last of the 2007 issues (42.4) is in production and we have a good volume of submissions at various stages of development in the peer review and production system. I am confident that with your cooperation we will be able to hit our targets. I am always on the look out for innovative, challenging, and thought provoking critical research interventions and analysis, so keep your submissions flowing! As ever, huge thanks are due to those who have freely given their time and intellectual energy to engage with the review process. Remember, IRSS is your Journal and if you have any thoughts on how we might improve it please do not hesitate to let me know.

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.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Kyoto!