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ISSA PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President’s Report on the Inaugural Meeting of the Latin American Socio-cultural Study of Sport Association (ALESDE).

I was delighted to attend the first-ever meeting of ALESDE (The Latin American Association for the Socio-cultural Study of Sport) which was held in Curitiba, Brazil, October 30 – November 1, 2008. This was an historic event and I was honoured to witness the actual confirmation of the ALESDE Constitution/Statutes. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the President of ALESDE (Professor Miguel Cornejo), Vice President Professor Wanderley Marchi Jr. and the entire ALESDE Executive Board and conference organising committee for all their efforts. There were over 100 papers presented, several specialist panels and two keynote speakers (Professor Jay Coakley and Professor Steve Jackson). ALESDE already has plans to launch a journal and to hold annual conferences. On behalf of all those who attended the ALESDE conference my sincere thanks for a wonderful experience. ISSA looks forward to supporting and cooperating with ALESDE in the future.

Obrigado, Steve Jackson
ISSA 2009 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We are pleased to inform our members that the cost of membership for 2009 will not be increased from previous years. The membership form will soon be available on the website of our partners, SAGE Publications, at www.sagepub.co.uk. The benefits of membership include subscription to our journal, the International Review for the Sociology of Sport, reduced registration fees for attendance at the ISSA conference, regular eBulletins, and access to the members’ only area of the ICSSSPE website. If you have any queries regarding membership, please contact the ISSA General Secretary, Elizabeth Pike, at e.pike@chi.ac.uk.

FUTURE ISSA CONFERENCES

ISSA Conference 2009, Utrecht, the Netherlands, July 15-18th 2009

ISSA is delighted to announce that preparations for the 2009 annual conference are already well underway. Our hosts in the city of Utrecht in the Netherlands have an exciting academic and social programme planned, and look forward to welcoming ISSA members to their conference.

Conference theme: “Sport: Passion, Practice & Profit”

Important dates:
- 7th March 2009: Deadline for submission of abstracts
- 4th April 2009: Notification of acceptance of contribution
- 30th April 2009: Deadline for reduced registration fee
- 15th July 2009: Arrival and registration
- 19th July 2009: Departure

Further details of the conference may be found at www.issa2009.com.

Future ISSA Conferences
- 2009: Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2010: Goteborg, Sweden

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

ISSA is pleased to announce some important news regarding our journal, the International Review for the Sociology of Sport (IRSS).
Some of the highlights include:

- the number of developed world academic institutions able to access IRSS has increased by 34%;
- the number of article downloads has increased by 48% as a result of strategic marketing campaigns;
- the total number of downloads was 73,959 in 2007 compared to 49,855 in 2006;
- the number of registrants for Table of Contents (TOC) Alerts has increased by 41.5%.

ISSA is also pleased to announce that SAGE Publications has recently implemented a new contributor’s publishing agreement form which enables authors of articles to publish under an exclusive license while retaining copyright of their work. We believe that this is a positive development, responding to ongoing debates regarding the rights of authors to make use of their own work, and enables the implementation of best practice in publishing standards. This, therefore, will be adopted by the IRSS, and details will soon be available on the link to the journal from SAGE’s webpage.

Please send any comments on this system, submissions of new articles, proposals for special issues, and thoughts on how we might improve your journal to: j.sugden@bton.ac.uk.

ISSA ARCHIVIST

ISSA is seeking a person who would be willing to serve as our archivist. The ISSA archivist would work to develop a “living history” of ISSA that would be located on the ISSA webpage. This information will help all members understand and appreciate the development and rich history and tradition of ISSA along with the key people and events that have helped define who we are as a professional organisation.

This post will involve:

- Contacting as many of the founders and more senior members of ISSA to see if they would be willing to share photos, documents and stories.
- Helping to collate images, documents and stories from current ISSA conferences.
- Liaising with the ISSA Executive Board and the ISSA website coordinator about needs and developments.

ISSA will provide a special reward for the person selected for the position of Archivist.

If you are interested in this position, please contact either Steve Jackson (ISSA President) at steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz, or Elizabeth Pike (ISSA General Secretary) at e.pike@chi.ac.uk.
**ISSA RESEARCHERS SEEKING ASSISTANCE**

**Dr. Naoki Chiba (Japan)** is currently involved in a research project examining the migration patterns and experiences of international athletes across a range of sports. He is looking for assistance and/or collaboration with European scholars interested in basketball. He plans to visit Europe in February 2009 and would be grateful for any assistance including the names of contacts. All European countries are of interest with particular interest in Spain, Italy, England and Switzerland.

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**Dr. Pasi Koski (University of Turku, Finland)** is seeking scholars who are involved in research about the relationship between professionalism and voluntarism in sports organisations. Specifically Dr. Koski is investigating the impact of governments’ supporting sports clubs to employ professionals.

Anyone who is interested in the project can contact Dr. Koski at: pakoski@utu.fi

**NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS**

**Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios Socioculturales del Deporte (ALESDE)**

The first meeting of the Latin American Association of Socio cultural Studies in Sport took place in Curitiba, Brazil from October 30th to November 1st at the University of Paraná. There were a total of 132 papers, 2 keynotes, 3 panels and 1 symposium, and 167 participants. At the general assembly, the legal constitution of the Association and the Board for 2008–2010 were confirmed. The next meeting will be in Concepción, Chile in 2010.

**European association for sociology of sport (eass)**

In order to develop collaboration with our partner association, the European Association for Sociology of Sport (eass), we are pleased to inform our members that we will now be offering a link to the association’s newsletter on our website. The newsletter contains details of the association and its journal, the European Journal for Sport and Society (ejss). This may be found at: http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/links.php.
International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)

ISSA is pleased to confirm that a continuing benefit of membership of ISSA is full access to the site of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) (www.icsspe.org) which offers a wide range of resource materials. The members’ only passcode for 2008 is: advk08.

International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

The International Paralympic Committee is committed to furthering research in the areas of interest of the Paralympic Movement. This includes, but is not limited to, research in Paralympic Sport, Disability Sport Classification, Sport Counselling, Assistive Technology, Athletic Identity, Marketing and Branding, Development and Public Awareness. To this end, the IPC launches a ‘Call for Research Applications’ for projects to be conducted at the occasion of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games (12th-21st March 2010). Applications need to be received before 10 March 2009 to be considered by the IPC. Details on the application procedure, timelines, the IPC Research Application Form, as well as examples of previously approved research projects can be found on the IPC website – sports science – research. All research approved by IPC shall comply with internationally recognised ethical standards and research practices. The IPC currently does not provide funding for research projects. Funding must be secured by the research applicants through their institution or third party grant application. More detailed information can be obtained from: Dr. Peter Van de Vliet, Medical & Scientific Director, International Paralympic Committee. +49 228 2097 290, peter.vandevliet@paralympic.org.

International Sociological Association (ISA)

ISSA will hold its 2010 conference in cooperation with the International Sociological Association’s (ISA) World Congress of Sociology in Goteborg, Sweden. The theme of this conference will be “Sociology on the Move / Sociologie en Mouvement”. The number of sessions available for each research committee is dependent on the number of members of the committee who are also members of ISA. In order for ISSA to maximise the number of sessions available at this congress, ISSA members also need to become ISA members and pay the fees for RC27. If you have any queries about ISA membership, please contact Fabien Ohl at Fabien.Ohl@unil.ch. ISA’s 2014 World Congress of Sociology will be in Yokohama, Japan.

North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) and the Sociology of Sport Journal (SSJ): New editors!

As of January 1, 2009 the editorial team will consist of: Senior editor: Pirkko Markula (U. Alberta), Associate editors: Michael Giardina (U. Illinois), Jim Denison (U. Alberta) and Past editor, Annelies Knoppers (U. Utrecht). Editorial assistance will be provided by Marianne Clark (U. Alberta). The Past editor will (continue to) work with all papers decisioned by her. The address of the Sociology of Sport Journal has changed to ssj.editors@gmail.com as of December 1, 2008. Please use this address for all correspondence (instead of usg.ssj@uu.nl). All papers should continue to be submitted to: mc.manuscriptcentral/hk_ssj. We look forward to receiving your submissions.
FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

March 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2009. British Educational Research Association. \textit{Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy New Researchers Seminar Day}. University of Birmingham, UK. Further information: tcq223@bham.ac.uk or gsp898@bham.ac.uk.

April 1\textsuperscript{st} 2009. British Sociological Association, Sport Study Group, Annual Regional Seminar. \textit{Sport, “Race” and Identity}. University of Gloucestershire, UK. Further information: aparker@glos.ac.uk.

April 16\textsuperscript{th}-18\textsuperscript{th} 2009. British Sociological Association annual conference. Sport Study Group and Leisure and Recreation Study Group sessions. \textit{The role of the critical sport/leisure academic; Global questions and issues: Governance, markets, identity}. Cardiff, UK. Further information: a.tomlinson@brighton.ac.uk.


June 8\textsuperscript{th}-12\textsuperscript{th} 2009. \textit{Play The Game}. Coventry University, UK. Conference website: http://playthegame.org/Conferences/Play_the_Game_2009.aspx

June 16\textsuperscript{th} 2009. Leisure Studies Association. \textit{“When I am Old I Will Wear Purple!” Third Age and Leisure - Research, Principles and Practice}. Buckinghamshire New University, UK. Deadline for abstract submission: March 31\textsuperscript{st} 2009. Further information and submission of abstracts: sarah.jennings@bucks.ac.uk.


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 is provided below. This list is regularly updated and you can check for the latest books available at http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/journal_review.


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

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*The ISSA Executive Board would like to wish you, your families and friends, a very happy holiday season!!*