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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.
ISSA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT 2009

Utrecht, the Netherlands
July 15-18, 2009

“Sport: Passion, Practice and Profit”

*CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – REMINDER*

Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 7th 2009

The organizing committee looks forward to welcoming you to an inspiring ISSA congress in the historic city of Utrecht this July!

We offer an exciting and inclusive scientific programme with two key notes (Paul Gilroy and Maarten Van Bottenburg), a plenary symposium on Sport & Health (with Jan Wright and Annelies Knoppers), a large thematic variety of paper sessions and several social activities.

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

ISSA MEMBERSHIP

ISSA is pleased to inform members that the renewal form is now available to download at http://www.sagepub.co.uk/journalsProdDesc.nav?prodId=Journal200937&.

Membership of ISSA automatically subscribes members to our journal, the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, and members will receive four copies of the journal each year.

Membership also offers a significantly reduced rate for conference registration.

If you have any queries regarding membership or conference registration, please contact the ISSA General Secretary, Elizabeth Pike at e.pike@chi.ac.uk.
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 submitted1. 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.

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 present the paper at the ISSA Conference, July 15-19, 2009 in Utrecht, Netherlands.
- 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 International Review for the Sociology of Sport.
- 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 International Review for the Sociology of Sport.
- 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: March 14, 2009.
The winner will be announced by June 2009.

1 The ISSA reserves the right not to grant an award in the event that none of the submitted papers meet the award criteria.
INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences, University of Copenhagen
in cooperation with ISSA and ISHPES
August 2009

“Sport and movement cultures - developments and practices in a globalised world. Historical, Sociological, Psychological and Pedagogical Approaches”

Further information soon to be available at www.ifi.ku.dk

ISSA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT 2010

The ISSA conference in 2010 will take place as part of the International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology in Goteborg, Sweden.

ISSA members may be interested in joining ISA and the Sociology of Sport Research Committee (RC27). Membership is for four years, and details may be found at www.isa-sociology.org.

The number of sessions allocated to RC27 is determined by the number of members we have in 2009, so please consider joining ISA this year to help ISSA to offer a full schedule of sessions, and this will give you the following benefits including a reduced registration fee at the conference in 2010.

Benefits of ISA membership include:

• Subscription to ISA journals Current Sociology and International Sociology.

• The Directory of Members (at present there are 4,300 members from 167 countries, who are all scholars and professionals of sociological teaching, research or practice).

• Reception of isagram, an electronic newsletter containing announcements of the forthcoming conferences, calls for papers and manuscripts, prizes, competitions, etc.

• Access to e-bulletin, ISA on-line publication.

• Access to SAGE Full-Text Collection which includes 31 journals with more than 12,500 articles.

• 35% discount on SAGE Publications books.

• Special subscription rates to journals offered by various publishers.

• A reduction in registration fees at ISA World Congress of Sociology.
The application scheme for grants to attend Play the Game 2009, the sixth world communication conference on sport and society, is now open. Play the Game has a limited fund available for the distribution of grants for full or partial funding of conference attendance, travel and accommodation.

Grants are available for media professionals, sports researchers, sports leaders and other relevant persons from less privileged countries. Subsidies primarily go to people from developing countries, but applicants from other countries outside the EU may also be considered.

Play the Game 2009 will be held in the British city of Coventry from 8 – 12 June 2009, and is to be co-hosted by the Centre for the International Business of Sport, a research centre at the University of Coventry.

The conference will focus upon “shaping a vision for governance in sport”. Conference themes will include:

Ethics in governance: Will sports federations come clean?
Between Beijing and London: Mega-events as drivers of development
Business battles: The power struggles in football
Match-fixing: A blow to the core of sport
Terrible teenagers? Sport’s quest for the hearts and minds of the youth
Anti-Doping: Will the technological arms race come to an end?
Paralympic athletes: More different than the rest?
Sport for the Good: What is it good for?

The decision upon who will be awarded grants will be made by representatives of the governing board of Play the Game in March/April this year. When making their decision, board members will consider whether:

- the applicant plays an active role in the sports debate in his or her home country and can prove a long-term interest in the conference themes
- the applicant can add value to Play the Game’s agenda by reporting on conference issues to national media, by presenting papers during the conference, by entering in panel discussions, by contributing to Play the Game’s own news production or in other ways
- the applicant may be able to cover part of the total travel and conference costs
- the total selection of grant holders represent a mix of earlier participants and newcomers
- that a fair distribution of grants is achieved with respect to gender, age, geographical origin, function in the public sports debate etc.

Applications must be received by 2 March 2009, 15:00 CET at the latest.
For more information about grants application procedures, as well as more information about the conference, visit the Play the Game 2009 homepage at www.playthegame.org/2009 and click on "Grants".
FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES


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


