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OBITUARY

MICK GREEN

Many of you will already have heard the sad news of the death of Mick Green. Mick died on 6th February after a short illness. For those of us who worked closely with Mick at Loughborough University the loss of such a great colleague and friend has been overwhelming. As a colleague Mick was a true team player more than willing to do his share of the routine administrative work that is a feature of any large department and someone who greeted the eccentricities of organisational life with a wry smile.

For most ISSA members Mick will be known for his research and publications. In his all too brief career at Loughborough – just over four years – he had established himself as a leading researcher in the field of elite sport policy, a field he had begun to define in early work with Ben Oakley. During his time on the staff in the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences Mick published two books and over a dozen articles and was increasingly in demand as a presenter at specialist conferences on elite sport systems. Despite his rapidly growing international reputation Mick was someone who wore his scholarship lightly. He had a tremendously infectious enthusiasm for teaching, research and scholarship and, as someone who came into academic life late, he was determined to make up for lost time. Mick’s untimely death has robbed us of a wonderful colleague and a generous and talented scholar. However, there are others whose loss is far greater and our thoughts are with Mick’s partner, mother and brothers.

Professor Barrie Houlihan, Loughborough, UK.
ISSA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT 2009

Utrecht, the Netherlands
July 15-18, 2009

“Sport: Passion, Practice and Profit”

LAST DAY FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: MARCH 15th 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 GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOPS 2009

Following the popularity of this workshop at the ISSA annual conferences in Copenhagen 2007 and Kyoto 2008, ISSA intends to schedule up to two Graduate Student Workshops during this year’s conference in Utrecht. 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.

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 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*.

**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 21st 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 REVIEW FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT

Message from our editor

I am very happy to say that your Journal is now fully back on schedule with all back-logs cleared and a steady flow of submissions ensuring that we are going to be able to meet our publication targets on time for the foreseeable future. The average turn around time from submission to publication for accepted papers is approximately 6 months, which is a considerable improvement. Our next target is to ensure that IRSS becomes officially recognized in the appropriate registers as the high quality peer reviewed journal which I believe it to be. So, let’s keep the copy flowing in and please, as you attend seminars and conferences, when you hear a good paper that is relevant to our field, encourage the author/s to submit a version of their paper to IRSS.

Professor John Sugden
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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.
FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

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, July 11-17.

Please note that the number of sessions allocated to ISSA (RC27) is determined by the number of paid members we have in 2009 and that you must be a member of ISSA, ISA and RC27 in order to present at the conference. 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. 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.

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.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

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


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


