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Sociology of Sport and the Challenges of Social Change
July 9-13

Sport, an educational fixture and an entertainment enterprise, is a part of society. As a complex social phenomenon, it exists in every corner of society and influences peoples’ lives. Sport has the potential to be an effective channel for physical and socio-economic development. Moreover, as a universal language, sport can be a powerful medium for social change given that it: contributes to social cohesion, tolerance and integration, can be utilized to bridge cultural gaps, facilitate economic development, resolve conflict, enhance a healthy life style, promote social equity and justice, and educate people in ways that very few activities can. However, today’s world is changing rapidly and examples of social resistance are emerging in many places. The International Sociology of Sport Association invites papers that address the wide range of ways in which sport serves as both a vehicle for and barrier to social change. How is sport related to social change with respect to identity politics: gender, sexuality, race, disability and age? How has globalization had both a positive and negative impact on social change? Can sport play a role in Development and Peace, Sport for All and Human Rights movements? How can sport best be structured and promoted in order to advance positive social change?

Session Subthemes
- Sport and National Identity
- Sport, Politics and Policy
- Sport, Business and Management
- Sport Mega-events
- Sport Governance
- Sport and Racial/ Ethnic Identity
- Sport and Ethics
- Globalization and Sport
- Sport, Health and the Life Course
- Sport, lifestyle and New Technologies
- The Future of the Sociology of Sport: Opportunities and Challenges
- Sport Media
- Sport and Gender
- Sport and Disability
- Sport and Social Class
- Sport and Human Rights
- Sport Spectatorship and Fandom
- Physical Education and School/University Sport
- Sport and Sexualities
- Other Related Issues with regards to the Sociology of Sport
ISSA 2014 will be held at Peking University

Founded in 1898, and originally known as the Imperial University of Peking, it was the first national university covering comprehensive disciplines. It played a pioneering role in the course of China’s modernization. Peking University is located in the Haidian district of Beijing, the capital city of China. The district is concentrated with many well-known colleges and universities, in the western suburb of the city. The university campus is the former site of the Qing Dynasty royal gardens and it retains traditional Chinese-style landscaping including traditional houses, gardens, pagodas as well as many notable historical buildings and structures. The campus site is also situated near the Summer Palace, the Yuan Ming Yuan Imperial Garden and the Fragrant Hill, famous tourist sites of Beijing. In addition, Peking University is also adjacent to Zhongguancun, China’s Silicon Valley, and thus enjoys convenience of life - economically, technologically and socially.

Key Dates

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 10 December 2013
- End of Early Bird Registration: 31 March 2014
- Abstract Presenter Registration Deadline: 25 March 2014

Other important information

- **Entry visa to China:** verify the visa application procedures and timelines for your country. The LOC will issue invitation letters with the required visa information once your abstract as been accepted and as soon as you indicate what needs to be included (this might include: gender, date of birth, source of funding for trip and conference itinerary).
- **Communications and information technology:**
  - Verify with your mobile provider whether or not your telephone service will be available in China.
  - Facebook, Twitter or Youtube will not be accessible from China.
  - Free wifi will be available at the congress venue.
- **Accommodations:** Book your hotel early!
- **Transportation:** The ISSA 2014 Congress website will provide details. We recommend taking a taxi from the airport and a set of hotel direction instructions will be provided to be printed from the website and handed to the driver.
- You are welcome to use the ISSA Facebook to help organize sharing of taxi/accommodation
- The weather in Beijing in July will be very hot and humid.
CONGRESS REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDES:

Welcome reception (July 9)
Coffee/Tea Breaks (July 10, 11, 12)
Lunches (July 10, 11, 12)
Closing Dinner (July 12)
Sightseeing (July 13)

Early Registration Rates (On or Before 31 March, 2014)

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Accompanying Guests (for a person accompanying a delegate but has no professional interest in the academic program); the fee includes Welcome Reception, Closing Dinner/sightseeing and access to the Exhibition/Poster Displays: 125 US$

For more details, please visit the 2014 ISSA World Congress website http://www.issa2014.org.

GRADUATE STUDENT MEETING AT ISSA 2014 CONGRESS

The ISSA Executive Board wishes to host a graduate student meeting at our 2014 Congress in Beijing, China. Please communicate with Christine Dallaire (Christine.Dallaire@uottawa.ca) to provide feedback on themes and issues of interest to graduate students.

CALL FOR ISSA CONGRESS MENTORS

As an international organization and in the spirit of scholarship we have a responsibility to support teaching and learning. This is particularly true given that our association and congress operate in English but our members are not all English-speaking. In order to assist our members who may need some help preparing for our upcoming congress, we are inviting volunteers for a limited number of mentors that can help in reviewing ISSA conference abstracts and ISSA conference power point presentations.

Criteria to be mentor: must be ISSA full members, senior lecturer/tenured staff or equivalent, must have presented at an ISSA conference.

Please send your nominations by December 1, 2013 to Christine Dallaire, ISSA General Secretary, at christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca.
CALL FOR PAPERS - ISSA GRADUATE PAPER AWARD 2014
Co-sponsored by ISSA and SAGE

Description

The aim of the International Sociology of Sport Association’s (ISSA) Graduate Paper Award is to recognize the scholarship of outstanding graduate students in the international community of sociology of sport. 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 or distribute the paper at the annual conference of the ISSA.

Eligibility

- The student must be registered for masters or doctoral level graduate work at the time her or his paper is submitted.
- The student must be a member of ISSA 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 or distribute the paper at the ISSA World Congress in Beijing, China, July 9-13, 2014.
- The winning author will receive a SAGE Publisher sponsored prize of £150 worth of books.
- The winning author will receive an ISSA sponsored prize of membership in ISSA for 12 months in the year in which the award is granted.
- The panel of judges may also give up to two honourable mentions. Graduate students receiving honourable mentions will also have their papers accepted for presentation or distribution at the ISSA conference.
- The name of all winning authors will be posted on the ISSA website (see, www.issa.otago.ac.nz/awards.html/).

Requirements

- Candidates are to submit a 3000-6000 word (excluding references) 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.
- The author’s identity must not be recognizable in the text.
- Authors must be graduate students at the time the paper is submitted.
- Authors must be members of ISSA at the time the paper is submitted.
- Authors are to submit a letter, signed by her or his academic advisor, verifying 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, Eunha Koh.

All papers should be emailed to eunha.koh@gmail.com
Deadline for Receipt of Submissions: November 30, 2013
The winner will be announced by March 1, 2014
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS ISSA HONORARY MEMBER AWARD 2014

The Executive Board invites nominations for an Honorary Member award in the International Sociology of Sport Association. This award honors outstanding contributions to the International Sociology of Sport Association and to the sociological study of sport. The recipient of this award must meet both of the following criteria: a) a long career of service to the International Sociology of Sport Association, and b) a distinguished international academic career as a sociologist of sport. Individuals who are retired from formal academic positions are eligible for Honorary Member awards. In addition, the International Sociology of Sport Association will consider retrospectively honoring an individual’s service and scholarship with a ceremonial posthumous Honorary Member award.

Honorary Members in the International Sociology of Sport Association receive:
- Full, lifetime membership in the International Sociology of Sport Association, including subscription to the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*;
- Free, lifetime registration to the International Sociology of Sport Association’s annual conference.

The list of current Honorary Members can be found at [www.issa.otago.ac.nz/ISSA_Board.html](http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/ISSA_Board.html)

Nominations:
Nominators should submit a 1 to 2-page document (letter) by November 30, 2013 that describes in as much detail as possible how the nominee meets the International Sociology of Sport’s Honorary Member criteria. Submit nominations by email or post to:

Eunha Koh, PhD  
Senior Researcher  
Department of Policy Research and Development  
Korea Institute of Sport Science  
San 223-19 Kongneung-Dong, Nowon-Gu  
Seoul 139-804  
Korea  
Email: eunha.koh@gmail.com

ISSA 50TH ANNIVERSARY: 2015

As part of our preparations to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2015 the ISSA Executive Board is calling on all past and current members to submit photos, documents and other materials that document the history of the association, congresses and journal.

We will gladly accept any items. We will be happy to copy and return these to you, or to add relevant items to the ISSA Archive as part of our ongoing efforts to record the history of the ISSA and IRSS.

For further information about the Archive and/or to donate items, please contact the ISSA President at:  
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International Sociology of Sport Association
Special Initiatives Application Form

The International Sociology of Sport Association will consider applications to fund Special Initiatives which meet the mission of the association.

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must have been full members of the association for at least two years. Associate members and student members are not eligible to apply.
- Funding will not be awarded for congress attendance or research projects.
- Initiatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with respect to their commitment to the ISSA mission, and the Executive Board reserves the right not to award any funding.
- Timescale: the deadline for submission of initiatives is June 1st 2014; decisions on successful applications will be announced by August 1st 2014; all initiatives must be completed, and a full report on activities received, by May 1st 2015. Send applications to ISSA President, Dr Elizabeth Pike at E.Pike@chi.ac.uk.
- The electronic version of this application form can be downloaded from the ISSA website at http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/

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The International Review for the Sociology of Sport invites new manuscript submissions. The IRSS, now in its 48th year, is the most longstanding scholarly publication focused on sport and culture. Interdisciplinary, inclusive, and global, the IRSS is the journal of the International Sociology of Sport Association and publishes six issues a year in partnership with SAGE Publications. Please visit the journal website for more information about its Aims & Scope, the Editorial Board, manuscript submission guidelines, and sample issues at http://irs.sagepub.com/.

There is much good news at the IRSS with impact factors that make it one of the leading journals in its area. The IRSS publishes bi-monthly and presently publishes 768 annual pages in each volume. The IRSS uses the SAGE Track online manuscript submission site powered by ScholarOne Manuscripts to expedite review and publication. When combined with the SAGE OnlineFirst publication program that makes accepted manuscripts available to scholars within weeks of acceptance. The IRSS has become many scholars first choice for research on the socio-cultural aspects of sport for the international community.

Under the guidance of Editor Lawrence Wenner, the IRSS senior editorial team has seven distinguished Corresponding Editors from across the globe available for consultation and a diverse Editorial Board from around the world. The kinds of articles considered by the IRSS have been expanded to include standard as well as shorter articles and commentary. All of these changes are aimed at making the IRSS an even more open and attractive place for prompt publication of research aimed at the international community. The IRSS editorial team looks forward to having the opportunity to consider your work. Manuscripts may be submitted at http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/irss.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Coming out in February 2014

The First Southern African Edition of Sports in Society

Jay Coakley and Cora Burnett (Editors)
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, Christine Dallaire at: christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca

N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi en français!

In addition: Please remember that ISSA also has its own Facebook page, and you are welcome to share information via this group.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)
Report from Cora Burnett

Publications
- Invitation to contribute to the Current Issue Section of the ICSSPE Bulletin that will be published by the end of 2013. The section provides a platform to inform readers all over the globe about current research and teaching activities, conferences and events, as well as publications and reports. Articles should be approximately 1500 to 2500 words, include an abstract, be in APA formatting and referencing, if graphs are presented it should be of high quality and need a name, title, contact address at the end of the article.
The next edition of ICSSPE’s online journal contains a **Special Feature** on **Global Perspectives on Front Line Care for Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in Sport (MTBI)**.

The Special Feature will be edited by Carl Cramer (Barry University, US) and encompasses the following subheadings:

- Baseline intake assessment techniques
- Injury assessment and reassessment protocol
- Return to play protocol
- National association and/or International Federation position statement on care for MTBI in Sport
- National scholars writing on care for MTBI in sport since 2010
- National impact of MTBI in youth sport
- National impact of MTBI in sport for the disabled

Potential contributors are asked to consider the following formal requirements:
1. An Abstract at the beginning, summarising the following article.
2. APA formatted and referenced.
3. Graphs, Photos etc. are always welcome but have to be in high quality.
4. Name, title and contact address (plus e-mail) of the author at the end of the article, the name also once under the title at the beginning.

Please submit articles for the Special Feature Section to Carl Cramer at ccramer@barry.edu

The deadline for submissions is February 28, 2014.

**Advocacy**

The General Assembly of the United Nations has declared 6 April the “International Day of Sport for Development and Peace”. Approved by consensus, the date was decided upon by analogy with the opening of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens on 6 April 1896. The objective of the proclamation is to advocate for utilising sport as a tool for education, development and peace, solidarity, tolerance, understanding, social inclusion and health at the local, national and international levels. Furthermore it seeks to promote integrity in sports and to encourage all groups of society to engage in the process. The full resolution is available online and can be obtained from: [International-Day-of-Sport-eng.pdf](http://www.olympic.org/Documents/Olympism_in_action/Peace_through_sport/Resolution).

**Programmes**

The “Share the Knowledge Programme” is a joint programme between ICSSPE and Human Kinetics aimed at distributing sport science, physical education and sport books to institutions from developing countries that lack financial resources. Those in need of literature for studies, research and practical work in sport science, physical education, coaching, and sport and fitness, can apply for books and publications that have been selected by Human Kinetics. Up to 50 books may be requested at a time. Currently all books are in English. For more information or to request an application form, contact ICSSPE at icsspe@icsspe.org.

**Research grants**

The University Bielefeld (Germany) offers up to 16 research grants in the area of cognitive interaction technology. The University’s graduate school named Center of Excellence Cognitive Interaction Technology (CITEC) offers three-year research fellowships in order to obtain a PhD as well as two-year postdoctoral research position. The Center fosters interdisciplinary projects through connecting computer science and robotics with biology, linguistics, mathematics, physics, psychology and sport science. Applications should be addressed to [www.citec.de/GraduateSchool/Application2013](http://www.citec.de/GraduateSchool/Application2013).
Job announcement: University of Calgary, Canada
Assistant Professor — Socio-Cultural Studies of Sport, Health and Physical Activity

The Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Calgary invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track academic position at the Assistant Professor level in Socio-Cultural Studies of Sport, Health and Physical Activity. Applicants are expected to possess specific expertise and training in the critical analysis of the role of sport and physical activity in society and may work in the areas of sport history, sport sociology, sport philosophy and/or socio-cultural aspects of sport and exercise. The successful candidate is expected to develop an independent research program that examines social and cultural issues related to physical activity, sport or health. An interest and concern for social issues affecting engagement in sport and exercise such as diversity, access, equity, advocacy, and anti-discrimination is a valued asset.

The successful candidate will be expected to make a significant contribution to high-quality undergraduate and graduate teaching, graduate student mentorship, and training of postdoctoral fellows. Evidence of commitment to and superior ability in teaching are also required. The successful candidate will bring a record of achievement commensurate with appointment at an Assistant Professor level including a record of publications in quality peer-reviewed journals and the potential for securing external funding through national agencies such as SSHRC and/or external agencies. The successful candidate will be expected to establish an externally funded research program and publish in highly regarded international journals. This position offers an excellent opportunity to develop an independent research program within a multidisciplinary research environment. Postdoctoral experience or the equivalent is an advantage.

The Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Calgary provides a dynamic multidisciplinary environment dedicated to achieving excellence and diversity in research, education, and community programs. The Faculty has a significant record of achievement in research and scholarship and offers a full range of programs. Our nationally accredited undergraduate program attracts exceptionally talented students who have some of the highest admission averages at the University of Calgary. The Faculty of Kinesiology is committed to the goal of international leadership in Human Performance, Health, and Wellness through education, research and community programs. In addition to the Academic Program, the Faculty of Kinesiology is home to a multifaceted operation that houses several different units including Dinos Athletics, Active Living, the Olympic Oval, and Sport Medicine Centre (www.kin.ucalgary.ca).

Eyes High is the University of Calgary’s strategic direction, a bold and ambitious vision to become one of Canada’s top five research universities, grounded in innovative learning and teaching and fully integrated with the community of Calgary by the University’s 50th anniversary in 2016. With strong leadership, the University of Calgary is energized, determined and focused on its goals. Calgary, Canada’s most enterprising city, is a vibrant, multicultural city (population ~1,000,000) located near the Rocky Mountains, Banff National Park, and Lake Louise (www.visitor.calgary.ab.ca).
Interested individuals should submit a cover letter including a statement of research and teaching interests, a curriculum vitae, three confidential letters of reference, a summary of your planned research program, and three examples of relevant publications or other supporting materials directly to: Dr. Penny Werthner, Dean
c/o of Holly Lywin, Executive Assistant to the Dean, knesdean@ucalgary.ca

The application deadline is January 31, 2014; anticipated start date is July, 2014.

The University of Calgary welcomes diversity and encourages applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and Aboriginal persons.

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

We would like to invite you to participate in the 4th International Congress 'Sport, Doping & Society' that will be held in Madrid, Spain on February 26 – March 1, 2014. This Congress is organized by the Technical University of Madrid (UPM) and the Spanish Agency for Health Protection in Sport (AEPSAD). Under the theme “Looking to the future”, it will be presented the results of scientific researches and new methodologies in the field of doping in sport.

From the specific perspective of Social and Human Sciences, we believe that this initiative will contribute to identify the factors that influence the use of doping substances and methods. From this knowledge we hope to foster future prevention and doping control and to promote ethical behavior in sport. In addition, this Congress will devote a special session aimed for young students, both high school and university levels, which will address issues related to prevention. It is due to attend a wide representation of authorities related to sport, researchers, educators and other professionals working in different areas of fight against doping.

We encourage scientists to submit an abstract in any of the three official languages of the Congress: English, Spanish or French (no simultaneous translation is provided except for the plenary sessions). Deadline for abstract submission and Young Researchers Award-application (addressed for young scientist up to the age of 35) is November 30, 2013. All accepted abstracts will be published in the scientific journal Materiales para la Historia del Deporte (ISSN: 1887-9586).

For more information, registration and booking of accommodation please check our website. http://www.deportedopajesociedad.com
The Quest for the Sky: Human techniques, creativity, organization and territoriality in aerial activities

From the 18th to the 20th of September 2014
Saint Hilaire du Touvet, France, during the Coupe Icare 2014

Dateline of Abstract Submission (in French or in English, 40 lines, time 12) : November 30, 2013.
Notification of acceptance or rejection: May 1, 2014.

Please send your abstracts at the following address: colloqueSENS2014@ujf-grenoble.fr

At the end of the eighteenth century, the invention of aerostats enabled mankind to face the third dimension. By the early nineteenth century, aerobatics and parachuting have already seized the attention of the grand public with fascinating spectacles of risk-taking, control and outstanding performances. The development of sports was largely stimulated later by the invention of the airplane. Driven by scientific and technological advances, the idea of a fixed-wing hovering craft emerged in the nineteenth century. However, the first human flights were performed with engineless aircrafts. From 1891 to 1896, the German engineer Otto Lilienthal performs more than 2,000 hovers, taking off on foot with a couple of gliders design by himself. From 1901, the Wright brothers realized several hundred glides in the United States before adding an engine and thus achieving the first airplane flight on the 17th of December, 1903. Nevertheless, hovering continues to be practiced with gliders, rapidly advancing in speed and to record distances. The renaissance era of gliding flight through take-off run begins in California in the late 60s. Some enthusiastic handymen experimented by taking off on foot with wings they have built by themselves. The "standard" delta wing was thus invented and then spread all over the world. In France, hang gliding was renamed "vol libre [free flight]".

For a long time, the myth of Icarus has been used to suggest mankind’s inability to lift itself from the ground and reach for the sky. In ancient mythology, flight remained the prerogative of gods and some gifted mortals with supernatural abilities. Today man explores the skies through many activities. From the first plane to the passing of the sound barrier in free fall by Felix Baumgartner, man’s aerial odyssey covers also speed-riding, hang gliding, paragliding, skydiving, BASE jumping, gliding, aviation, ultralight aviation, paramotors, hot air balloons and airships. We can also mention more fun-based activities as kite-flying, kite-surfing, snow-kiting and other forms of traction. The range of flying vehicles and associated activities is very large.

Though monographs exist for certain air practices (Loirand 1989; Robène 1995; Jorand, 2000), reviews and collective works are lacking. Various disciplines are concerned: history, sociology, geography, anthropology, ethnography, psychology, economics, law... but also other scientific fields that make use of aerostatics as a research tool (for example the “raft of the summits” technique).

To fill this gap, the SENS laboratory of the Université of Grenoble-Alpes organizes the first European conference on "The Quest for the Sky : Human techniques, creativity, organization and territoriality in aerial activities" during the Coupe Icare 2014 on the European hang gliding and paragliding historical site.
History: The history of man exploring the skies is a recent history. There are many studies regarding the major activities (aviation, gliding, parachuting ...), but a large variety that use air as a carrier or as a driving-force are yet to be studied. Papers are welcomed on both old and new aerial activities that are, at the same time, indicators of their respective societies.

Inventiveness and Creativity: In the use of air, usually, innovators are also adventurers. By inventing new devices and new techniques, they initiated new practices through their avant-garde cultures. We study here the leisure practices that make use of air as a carrier or driving-force, as well as the equipment designed and commercialized for their diffusion.

Activities and Participants: Aerial activities highlight the emergence and evolution of techniques, technologies, groups of practitioners, institutions etc. These activities need to placed in the social and cultural context of their emergence and development or, in some cases, in that of their decline.

Motivation and Risk-taking: Since the pioneering works of Michel Bouet on "the psychology of gliding" and David Lebreton on the "ordeal", research in social psychology and sociology has brought a set of important results on risk taking, motivation, forms of perception of the environment, social representations and stereotypes. Presentations are welcomed in order to take advantage of this disciplinary and theoretical knowledge for the further study of aerial activities.

Territories: Although their playground is the air, aerial activities are not free of human spatial organization. Whether they concern territorial organization of sites, dispersion of practices and forms of practices, development of takeoff/landing sites or the geopolitics of aeronautics and space missions, presentations that deal with geography and the planning implications of these activities are welcomed.

Rules, Institutionalization and Economy: The French expression "vol libre [free flight]" that describes certain aerial activities must not cover the fact that the principles of law also apply to the airspace. The administration of public policy, safety standards or professional and organizational logics depend on the region, but also on the activity, that is to say, on the actors involved. In this sense, the purpose is also to study the economic issues, professional supervision and the legal organization of these activities.

Practical Organization
The conference will take place on three days (with plenary and parallel sessions). Led by a chairman, each session lasts one hour thirty (three papers of 30 minutes maximum followed by 10 minutes for discussion. Conferences are invited to 40 minutes. The conference will take place on the site of the Coupe Icare in Saint Hilaire du Touvet, Thursday morning at 18 am Saturday September 20, 2014.

Conference participants will be able to attend the main activities of the Coupe Icare on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. In case of organizational problem (large number of presentation, difficulty for access to the site, weather...), the conference sessions will be repatriated in the Faculty of sport sciences (UFR-APS) on campus University of Grenoble (15km).

Registration: The European scientific conference "The Quest for the Sky : Human techniques, creativity, organization and territoriality in aerial activities" registration fee is 120 € (full price) and 50 € (concessions) including access to conference, coffee and refreshments during breaks and book abstracts.

Abstract Submission: Dateline of Abstract Submission (abstract should be written in English or in French, 40 lines, time 12, electronic format .DOC, .DOCX or .RTF): November 30, 2013. The document name should be your name. An acknowledgment will be sent. Notification of acceptance or rejection: May 1, 2014. Please send your abstracts at the following address: colloqueSENS2014@ujf-grenoble.fr.
Changing Landscapes in Sport: dynamics, hybridities and resistance

Call For Abstracts
The Mulier Institute, Centre for Research on Sport in Society, and Utrecht University have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2014 annual European Association for Sociology of Sport (eass) conference in The Netherlands. The conference will take place in the historical University Hall of Utrecht University. The conference will pay due attention to changing social, bodily and life course processes, spatial and geographical perspectives and organizational and policy perspectives. Please check the congress website (www.eass2014.nl) for an overview of the keynote speakers.

Topics
Sport & space
Sport policy & governance
Diversity & intersectionality (e.g. gender and sexuality)
Sport clubs & volunteering
Sport in a networking society
Sport facilities
Sport & (dis)abled
Sport and healthy aging
New organisational sport concepts
Sport for development
Sport & social justice
School & sport
Sport, health & physicality
Methodology in sport research
Sport events & their legacy
Youth sports & lifestyles
Emotional Landscapes in sport (e.g. emotions, aggression, national pride) *
Sport and (new) media *
Sport Fandom: New Avenues for Research*
Other issues in sport research (open session)

* In cooperation with ESA Research Network 28 Society and Sports.

ESA RN-28 “Society and Sports” mid term conference
The EASS 2014 congress also acts as the mid-term conference of the ESA Research Network 28 “Society and Sports”. Several session will be organised in cooperation with ESA. In addition the organising committee offers the possibility to suggest additional topics and sessions to be included to the program. Please contact the organising committee to discuss ideas for additional topics or dedicated sessions (info@eass2014.nl).
Eass Young Researcher Award
Eass is proud to announce the 4th Eass Young Researcher Award. The aim of the award is to facilitate the integration of outstanding graduate students and young researchers into the European community of sociology of sport scholars. The award will be granted to a scholarly paper, single-authored by a young researcher, which is deemed by a panel of judges to be of highest quality. The winning author will be invited to receive the award and present the paper at the Annual Conference of the Eass. The winning paper may be considered for publication in the *European Journal for Sport and Society*. Please find more detailed information on www.eass2014.nl

Abstract submission
Hereby all social sport researchers are invited to submit abstracts for an oral or poster presentation which address one of the selected topics or any other topic related to the congress theme by choosing for an ‘open paper’ session. All abstracts must be submitted in English via the submission page and count max. 300 words.

Important dates
15 January 2014: Deadline for submission of abstracts
15 March 2014: Deadline for reduced registration fee
7 May 2014: Arrival and registration
10 May 2014: Departure

Please submit your abstract here: www.eass2014