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RENEW YOUR ISSA MEMBER (JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2014)

The International Sociology of Sport Association/ Association Internationale de Sociologie du Sport invites membership applications for 2014. ISSA comprises an active body of scholars who study sport from the perspectives of sociology, social psychology, anthropology, history and political economy.

The objectives of ISSA include:

- fostering research in the social scientific study of sport
- encouraging international communication among scholars
- promoting collaborative cross-national research projects
- developing scholarly exchange via:
  - promoting communication with other national and international sport-related organizations
  - sponsoring annual symposia
  - publication of the International Review for the Sociology of Sport

All members receive:

- IRSS (6 issues per year) Print and Online
- Information and discounts on ISSA conferences and publications
- Access to members’ only area of websites
- The ISSA eBulletin

ISSA membership is for the full calendar year. This means that your ISSA membership expires on December 31st regardless of when you joined ISSA. In order to continue to receive the benefits of ISSA membership, including receipt of our journal and reduced conference registration, you will need to renew your membership as of January 1st 2014.

Membership details are available on the SAGE – International Review of Sociology of Sport website. We highly encourage you to use the online payment subscription process on the SAGE IRSS web page. It efficient, secure and ensures that membership applications are processed in a timely fashion and provides you with an automated reply that confirms your membership.

Members from Europe:  http://www.uk.sagepub.com/journals/Journal200937

Other members: please start from the above URL and then click on the top left hand corner link: Change location.

Indicate your region on the world map. This will ensure that you access the SAGE web page that will allow you to pay your subscription/membership fees.

Please use the online payment subscription process on the SAGE IRSS web page. It is secure and ensures that membership applications are processed in a timely fashion. It also provides you with an automated reply that confirms your membership.
Sociology of Sport and the Challenges of Social Change
July 9-13

www.issa2014.org

ISSA 2014 has already attracted over 200 abstracts from across the globe. There is still time to submit a paper.

Deadline for Abstracts extended until January 31

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, lifestyle and New Technologies
The Future of the Sociology of Sport: Opportunities and Challenges

Sport and Media
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
Sport, Health and the Life Course
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

- 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)

ISSA Members
Cat A: 428 US$
Cat B: 298 US$ (including Cat A Students)
Cat C: 128 US$ (including Cat B Students + Unwaged)
Cat C Students: 88 US$

Non-Members
Cat A: 628 US$
Cat B: 480 US$ (including Cat A Students)
Cat C: 330 US$ (including Cat B Students + Unwaged)
Cat C Students: 128 US$

Late Registration Rates (After March 31, 2014)

ISSA Members
Cat A: 680 US$
Cat B: 528 US$ (including Cat A Students)
Cat C: 380 US$ (including Cat B Students + Unwaged)
Cat C Students: 188 US$

Non-Members
Cat A: 850 US$
Cat B: 680 US$ (including Cat A Students)
Cat C: 528 US$ (including Cat B Students + Unwaged)
Cat C Students: 380 US$

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.
RC 27 Sociology of Sport: Sessions
XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology
Yokohama, Japan, on July 13-19, 2014.
Theme: Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2014

ISSA will organize 18 sessions at the International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19, 2014. ISSA is represented in the International Sociological Association through "Research Committee 27 Sociology of Sport" (RC27).

ISSA/RC 27 has accepted 72 abstracts for presentation at the World Congress. Please note that in order to be included in the Program and to have your abstract included in the Abstracts Book, authors must pay the early registration fee by the deadline on April 1, 2014.

ISA & RC27 membership: Presenters and attendees to RC27 sessions must be members of ISA and of RC27. A single membership payment to ISA & RC27 is valid for four years, the member link is located here: http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm/

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions about ISA’s World Congress, see here: http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/isa2014-frequently-asked-questions.htm

Please direct any questions about RC27 to the RC Program Coordinators: Kimberly Schimmel (kschimme@kent.edu) or Steve Jackson steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz/

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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ISSA WORLD CONGRESSES: 2013 AND BEYOND!
AN INVITATION FOR FUTURE ISSA CONGRESS HOSTS.

Kyoto, Japan 2008
Utrecht, The Netherlands, 2009
Gothenburg, Sweden 2010
Havana, Cuba 2011
Glasgow, UK 2012
Vancouver, 2013
Beijing, 2014
Paris, 2015

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Are you and your colleagues interested in joining in the fine tradition and exciting opportunity to host a future ISSA World Congress and showcase your city and institution to sociology of sport scholars from around the globe? We welcome discussions about collaboration with tourist boards and local sponsors to make a financial contribution and provide structural support. Please send initial expressions of interest to Steve Jackson: steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz.

We continue to receive applications at any time, but for those of you considering 2016, we must receive detailed and complete proposals no later than May 31, 2014.
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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**Rationale for funding** (maximum 1,000 words)

With reference to ISSA mission:
- To promote international cooperation in the field of sociology of sport.
- To exchange information among all countries concerning the results of research in the sociology of sport.
- To convene international seminars or symposia on aspects of the sociology of sport.
- To prepare and circulate reports about the social background of sport and the status of the sociology of sport in different countries.
- To cooperate with ICSSPE, ISA and other committees, groups or organizations in order to solve tasks of general interest.
- To identify sociological problems in sport, and where appropriate, organize international research programmes concerning the same.
- To oversee and coordinate the official publications of ISSA.
- To advise and facilitate the establishment of other continental, regional and national sociology of sport societies.
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/](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](http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/irss).
MEMBERS’ NEWS

This recently released from Emerald Publishing (ISBN: 978-1-78190-591-3) includes contributions from several ISSA members and presenters.

Editors: Chris Hallinan & Barry Judd (Australia)
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Sport and Body Politics in Japan by Wolfram Manzenreiter

There is more to Japanese sport than sumo, karate and baseball. This study of social sport in Japan pursues a comprehensive approach towards sport as a distinctive cultural sphere at the intersection of body culture, political economy, and cultural globalization. Bridging the gap between Bourdieu and Foucault, it explains the significance of the body as a field of action and a topic of discourse in molding subject and society in modern Japan. More specifically, it provides answers to questions such as how and to what purposes are politics of the body articulated in Japan, particularly in the realm of sport? What is the agenda of state actors that develop politics aiming at the body, and to what degree are political and societal objectives impacted by commercial and non-political actors? How are political decisions on the allocation of resources made, and what are their consequences for sporting opportunities and practices of the body in general? Without neglecting the significance of sport spectatorship, this study takes a particular angle by looking at sport as a field of practice, pain and pleasure.

Hb: 978-0-415-84040-8
www.routledge.com/9780415840408

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

- Research Grant programme (http://www.olympic.org/studies) – 2014 IOC Studies Centre’s research grant programme for PhD students who can apply for bursaries. Changes have been made according to the new IOC OSC research plan. Proposals to be in by February 2014.

- IOC educational tools obtainable from the Ethics Commission Secretariat of the IOC (http://assets.olympic.org.sportingchoice)

- A new open-access, peer-reviewed journal – Journal of Sport for Development beign launched (http://isfd.org/)

- ICSSPE & Partners to Release Handbook in 2014
  Sport and Physical Activities as Psycho-Social Interventions will be published in May 2014.

  It is a practical handbook, aimed at humanitarian aid workers, is due to be released in May 2014. It will include background information on psychosocial intervention as well as different guidelines on how to better implement sport and physical activities in practice (activity cards will be available). This handbook, which has been developed in cooperation with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Swiss Academy for Development and the Technical University of Munich, will demonstrate how this can be accomplished.

  A comprehensive information section will provide systematic information on the following: Planning training sessions, Being aware of health and safety, Avoiding conflict and violence, Forming and organising teams, Developing new games and activities, Principles of comprehensive and sustainable project planning, Using and developing sporting equipment, First principles of psychological first aid, Transferring knowledge of basic principles of psychosocial support, Supporting appropriate monitoring and evaluation of interventions.

PhD/GTA Studentships at Edge Hill University, UK

The Department of Sport and Physical Activity at Edge Hill University, UK, is currently advertising several fully funded PhD/GTA studentships in the social science of sport (including the sociology of sport and health), the full details of which can be obtained from http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/graduateschool/?page_id=314. Details of two projects which have been earmarked for appointment are listed below.

Please circulate details of the projects below, and those listed in the website above, to any suitable students who may be interested in these positions. The closing date for all studentships is 16.00 hrs on Friday 28 February 2014.

Physical Activity, Workplace Wellbeing and Bridging the Policy-Practice Gap: A Study of Everton Football Club

This collaborative project between the Department of Sport and Physical Activity and Everton in the Community brings academics, policy-makers, practitioners and the general public together to develop an innovative way of analysing the effectiveness of Everton Football Club’s Workplace Wellbeing Programme (WWP). The WWP is intended to address the health and wellbeing of more than 1,000 employees from across all areas of its business, from match-day stewards to the Senior Executive team. The successful applicant will be given the opportunity to undertake a mixed methods research study with all employees at
Everton to make positive changes in the workplace to benefit their physical and mental health. The project is intended to develop models of best practice in workplace physical activity and wellbeing that can be disseminated to other organisations inside and outside of sport.

To discuss this project further, please contact Professor Andy Smith (Andy.Smith@edgehill.ac.uk)

Policy, Performativity, and Accountability: Community Sport Work and Mental Health Promotion in Neoliberal Times

The neo-liberal project has been the subject of increased critique within many domains, including in sport and health policy. However, there remains a paucity of research addressing the ways in which sports and health workers experience the increasingly performative nature of their labour, especially as it relates to the achievement of a diverse range of public policy outcomes, the use of public league tables, targets, assessments, and the individualised measurement of work place performance. Delivered in collaboration with Everton in the Community, this study will combine policy analysis with the ethnographic fieldwork in order to explore the impact of performative policies on community sports workers’ (e.g., youth coaches, sport development officers, mental health workers, managers) identities and practices in the field of mental health promotion.

To discuss this project further, please contact Professor Andy Smith (Andy.Smith@edgehill.ac.uk)
Routledge are pleased to offer you 14 DAYS FREE ACCESS to the sport and leisure collection including *International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics*. All you need to do is visit: [http://www.tandfonline.com/r/sportstudies](http://www.tandfonline.com/r/sportstudies) and sign in to your Taylor & Francis Online Account. Don’t have an account? Register at [https://www.tandfonline.com/action/registration/1/show](https://www.tandfonline.com/action/registration/1/show) to enjoy your access to over 25 cutting-edge journals.

Online access for 14 days from activation, to all content published from 2011 to 2012. Voucher can be activated once and valid until 31/12/2013.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The journal *Social Inclusion* calls for papers for its special issue on the topic ‘Sport for Social Inclusion: Critical Analyses and Future Challenges.’ Deadline for abstracts is 31 March 2014. Deadline for papers is 15 July 2014. If you are interested in contributing to this special issue, please find more information on [http://www.librelloph.com/socialinclusion/pages/view/specialissues#sport](http://www.librelloph.com/socialinclusion/pages/view/specialissues#sport).

Please submit abstracts to Mr. António Vieira at antonio.vieira@librelloph.com

**OTHER FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES**

**Disability Sport: Changing Lives, Changing Perceptions?**

The Centre for the International Business of Sport at Coventry University (UK) is hosting the interdisciplinary conference ‘Disability Sport: Changing lives, changing perceptions?’ from 15 to 17 September 2014.

The hosts are calling for abstracts of no more than 3000 characters for oral or poster presentations on one of the conference topics. Please submit your abstract via email to [ian.brittain@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:ian.brittain@coventry.ac.uk) by Monday, 31 March 2014.
Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise
2014 International Conference

1st-3rd September
Loughborough University

Conference Theme: Turning point moments in the field

This conference is dedicated to promoting cutting edge empirical inquiry, advancements in qualitative methods, and debates about methodology, theory, representation, criteria, ethics, and practice. We welcome qualitative researchers from all the social scientific areas of sport and exercise to share and critically discuss their experiences of conducting qualitative inquiry.

Call for abstracts open shortly as will further details.

Confirmed keynotes include:

Professor Michael Atkinson, Professor Mark Anderson and Dr. Jayne Caudwell
European Sport Development Network 2014

Conference announcement

The University of Wolverhampton is delighted to be hosting the fifth annual European Sport Development Network conference. The conference will take place in the heart of England, at the Performance Hub on the Walsall Campus.

Date: Tuesday 9 September 2014
Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm

The conference will reflect the work of all stakeholders working in the field of sports development, and will be delivered in partnership with the Sport and Recreation Alliance, the Black Country BeActive Partnership, and Sport 4 Life.

The conference will adopt the theme of ‘Opportunity through sport’, and will soon welcome contributions relating to the following sub-themes:

- Community led sports development
- The role of sport development in addressing health inequalities
- Programme sustainability in sports development – ensuring long term outcomes
- Partnerships in sport
- The role of social enterprises in sport development
- Sports development and the European Union
- Intergenerational sports development
- The role of the third sector in sports development

We are also excited to host a panel discussion ‘A sporting manifesto for 2015’ as part of the conference – more details will be distributed soon.

First Announcement: December 2013
Programme launch and call for papers: January 2014
Abstract deadline: 14th March 2014
Registration opens: 1st April 2014
Registration closes: 1st September 2014
Conference: 9th September 2014

Dr Richard Medcalf
Conference Chair

Visit: www.wlv.ac.uk/ESDN2014
Contact: ESDN2014@wlv.ac.uk
Follow: @EuroSDNetwork
Discuss: #ESDN2014
ETHNOGRAPHIES OF SPORT AND SOCIAL CHANGE

A session that will be held within the 5th Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference
Bergamo, Italy - June 5-7, 2014

In this session we invite ethnographic contributions that analyse sport as a vehicle and as a mirror of social change. This might include focus on transformation of sporting activities, recent emergence and development of alternative physical activities or protest movements in sport. Drawing on the papers presented in the session, the following questions could be discussed: Do sport and physical activity have specific characteristics that make them particularly suitable as objects for ethnographic research? Which are the benefits and limits of ethnography in understanding the processes of social change (both in general and in/through sport)? How does the ethnographic approach help to investigate/unveil processes and their dynamics, ambivalences and contradictions? What contribution can be made by digital ethnographies in further exploration of these processes?

Please note that the deadline for abstract submission is February 17, 2014.

Further information about submission, registration and the complete cfp of the conference can be found at: www.etnografiaricercaqualitativa.it.

The format of the conference is organized in sessions of 3 hours each, with a maximum of 5 paper presentations per session. The aim is to leave as much room as possible for open discussion.

The nice medieval city centre of Bergamo can be easily reached from the nearby airport "Orio al Serio" (Italian Ryanair hub) as well as from Milan's airports.

We really hope that you will take the opportunity to present your work at the conference in Bergamo and take advantage of the collaborative and constractive spirit that has been established during the previous years. Should you have any queries in relation to your proposal and ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us by email.

Davide Sterchele, Leeds Metropolitan University
Dino Numerato, Loughborough University

3rd Global Conference: Sport
Saturday 30th August – Monday 1st September 2014
Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom

Sport and Place: Sport, Identity and Community

Call for Presentations

What is the place of sport in our lives? As we watch sport events on television, as we shout as fans or strain as participants, we can see the importance of engaging with and understanding sport’s place in society. The question in the modern world is complex, and demands inter-disciplinary approaches to its solution. Sport in modernity is an everyday part of leisure lives, an aspirational physical activity or something that gives people a sense of belonging. Sport can be a vehicle for social and economic development, yet the economic and political formations of globalisation and modernity bring the spectre of contracts, deals, profits and the pursuit of glory at the expense of everything good about sport.

This conference, the third global conference on Sport held by IDN, aims to bring together scholars from a wide range of disciplines – sociology, sport development, cultural studies, philosophy, history, political studies, urban studies, management and marketing, geography, and psychology and sport science – who are interested in exploring sport’s social, political and economic places and spaces. We are interested in sport’s histories, sport in the here and now and sport’s futures. The project is for cheerleaders of sport, critics of sport, and all those in-between who would like to make a contribution to this inter-disciplinary approach to understanding sport.
We are interested in receiving all forms of research and presentations of theory on the following themes:

• Sport and social identity
• Ontology of sport
• Ethics and sport
• Sport for development
• Commercialisation and sport
• Sport and place
• Sports management and sports marketing
• History of modern sport
• Sport and communities
• Sport and popular culture
• Sport and celebrities
• The politics of sport
• Sports fandom

Presentations, performances and papers will be accepted which deal with related areas and themes. The Steering Group particularly welcomes the submission of pre-formed panel proposals.

In order to support and encourage interdisciplinarity engagement, it is our intention to create the possibility of starting dialogues between the parallel events running during this conference. Delegates are welcome to attend up to two sessions in each of the concurrent conferences. We also propose to produce cross-over sessions between these groups – and we welcome proposals which deal with the relationship between Sport and Bodily Transformations.

What to Send:
300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 4th April 2014. If an abstract is accepted for the conference, a full draft paper should be submitted by Friday 11th July 2014. Abstracts should be submitted simultaneously to both Organising Chairs; abstracts may be in Word or RTF formats with the following information and in this order:

a) author(s), b) affiliation as you would like it to appear in programme, c) email address, d) title of proposal, e) body of proposal, f) up to 10 keywords.

E-mails should be entitled: SPORT3 Abstract Submission.

Joint Organising Chairs:
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