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Reflections on ISSA's Communications

Emmanuelle Tulle, VP Communications

I took over as VP Communications just as the Covid 19 pandemic kicked off and lockdowns were introduced around the world. What unfortunate timing for ISSA and our members. We lost the ability to meet, catch up, share our work with others and tack on a bit of tourist activity to our attendance at our Congress. Thus how we communicate with members and facilitate other forms of exchange has *perforce* been at the forefront of the Executive Board's deliberations and activities of late and this has led to an ongoing reassessment of the tools we have at our disposal. The Bulletin, our Facebook pages, our news items and our website have become more essential than we could ever imagine to keep our community together and keep us talking to each other somehow. Now is a good time to review our Comms outlets and practice, which I present below.

I know that our new look Bulletin has met with approval from many of you and that is gratifying. I want to keep the momentum going, even beyond Covid-19 (whatever that will look like). Our philosophy is to make the Bulletin meaningful, responsive, relevant and a good read – without being overwhelming either. God knows that we have plenty to do in the 21st century academic world.

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Our Facebook pages are reasonably active although latterly there have been one or two examples of suspect posts. But it is part of the job of administrators to monitor activity and ensure posts are genuine and a resource to members. So we will block interlopers. But keep reading and pushing our posts to the rest of the sports sociology community.

In the meantime I will continue to promote vacancies, postgraduate opportunities, competitions and deadlines in our website news feed, as I get them. The news feed is really useful in between bulletins. However there is room for only three headlines. This can be limiting and on a handful of occasions I've had to exercise editorial decisions if some ISSA news need to be prioritised.

Our website - I recently began to consider the website with a much more critical eye and suggested to the Board that perhaps it needed a refresh. I have made a start, firstly by tidying up some of the text, removing repetitions or some obsolete content. With my colleague H  l  ne Joncheray in charge of International Relations, we have also created new content located under a new tab entitled Useful Information. There you will find links to a list of regional and national sport associations, a list of sport and leisure journals relevant to sport sociologists (we have not included sport science journals) and a link to ISA's list of Sociology's national associations. Incidentally thank you to all who responded to Helene's call for information about sport associations in our previous bulletin, which enabled us to compile this list.

ISSA does not have a Twitter account and perhaps we should create one.

There is much more we'd like to do with the website – in the past few months I've been looking at other websites to seek inspiration on how to improve looks, layout and content. In other words, bring it up to date. This will be one of my main concerns in the next few months and I would welcome comments and suggestions.

ISSA does not have a Twitter account and perhaps we should create one. So I will explore whether we can set this up. Running a Twitter account would require joint effort and care to make sure we don't attract unwanted attention. This would only work with some assistance from you. So if you'd like to assist me in developing our Twitter presence, do email me at the address below. In the meantime, feel free to disseminate our news on your own Twitter account.

But back to the Bulletin – we would like our Bulletin to be more responsive to external issues and debates as they arise and affect sociologists of sport. More generally we'd like to showcase your achievements. So in this Bulletin you will find invitations to contribute content and I very much look forward to receiving your emails.

I invite you to get in touch if you would like to suggest new headings and themes for the Bulletin or make suggestions for a new look website.

communications@issa1965.org

An Update On Our Conferences

Brent McDonald, VP Conferences

**2021 WORLD CONGRESS
OF SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT**
November 15 - 19, 2021 | Virtual, Worldwide

At time of writing the 56th World Congress of Sociology of Sport went ahead on 15th November and is now on the last day of its scientific programme. It was held in partnership between ISSA, the Latin American Association of Socio-Cultural Studies of Sport (ALESDE) and the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO). Originally planned for 2020 in Vina de Mar, the Local Organizing Committee, chaired by Dr. Rodrigo Soto Lagos (Andres Bello University) and co-chaired by Dr. Miguel Cornejo Améstica (Concepción University) and by Mg. Jorge Galvez (Pontific Catholic University of Valparaiso), worked tirelessly to put together an *entirely* virtual conference.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the Congress attracted 300 abstracts: 140 in Spanish, 85 in English and 75 in Portuguese. The LOC organised translation services for the Keynote address from Pablo Alabarces (University of Buenos Aires) and all roundtable discussions. The programme included sessions featuring Spanish, Portuguese and English, and the LOC adapted the programme to accommodate the different time zones of delegates as much as possible. The virtual congress was designed to provide scholars with opportunities to connect with each other's research and demonstrates the continued importance of these types of events to bring together the global community of the sociology of sport.



The 2022 World Congress of Sociology of Sport will be a joint event between ISSA and The European Association of Sociology of Sport (EASS) to be hosted by the University of Tübingen, Germany, June 7-10. We all know how much we have missed the opportunities to come together as a scholarly community and the LOC for 2022 have put together an exciting program including an Early Career Researcher pre-conference seminar. The conference theme is: Why does sociology matter? The role of sport sociology in interdisciplinary research, and there will be keynotes from Jeremy Freese (Stanford University) and Cassie Phoenix (Durham University). The [website](#) is now operational and the abstract submission system is open.

An update on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Emmanuelle Tulle, VP Communications

Readers will remember that on a couple of occasions I reported on meetings of major sport Societies convened by Prof Brett Smith (President, IQRSE) to discuss the Societies' positioning in relation to EDI issues. This was a response in part to the wave of outrage sparked by reports of police

brutalisation of Black people in the US and elsewhere and exposed deeply ingrained structural racism at several levels of social and political life. Societies gave themselves the task of being reflexive on and sensitive to EDI issues.

ISSA, as an international association with UK charitable status, is well placed to take EDI issues seriously. Many of our members engage in research and teaching underpinned by a concern for addressing inequalities in sport and physical activity. Our membership is also drawn from every continent. We facilitate the participation of delegates at our conferences. One could say that EDI is an inherent part of ISSA's mission and fabric. However we cannot feel complacent. Yes, we are best placed as an organisation to promote our analyses of and the solutions to structural inequalities in sport and beyond sport. We can make ISSA more diverse, and enhance our reputation as an Association known for welcoming a diverse membership, especially from members who might feel excluded or whose voices are less well heard. Therefore, at a recent Executive Board we decided to continue making EDI an integral part of our strategies, programmes and overall *modus operandi*. Consequently we are encouraging two important initiatives.

Societies gave themselves the task of being reflexive on and sensitive to EDI issues.

The first initiative is to invite reflections from members on how EDI – more specifically race, ethnicity, indigeneity - is embedded in their research and teaching. In this way we can promote members' work which we hope could initiate discussions on- or off-line on topics such as the decolonisation of the curriculum, how to improve participation, how to address discrimination, how to recentre narratives, etc. We would like to showcase these in our bulletins, as part of our remit to make the bulletin vibrant and a useful member benefit. A place to meet, especially at the moment.

The second initiative is a virtual special issue of *IRSS*, our journal, that puts EDI centre stage (see *IRSS* Call for expressions of interest below).

So on behalf of the ISSA Executive Board I am extending an invitation to our members and readers to send me short pieces of 3-500 words based on your experiences and reflections as teachers and researchers as they pertain to race, ethnicity, indigeneity. Please send your contributions to communications@issa1965.org and they will be included in our bulletins on a rolling basis.

IRSS Announcement

Dominic Malcolm, Editor

The *IRSS* has undertaken two new initiatives this year to both capitalise on its current high standing as a leading journal in the field (impact factor 3.780) and ensure our continued success.

The return of Special Issues

Since 2014 the high level of submissions to the journal has made it impossible for the *IRSS* to publish special issues, but changes in the agreement with our publishers (Sage) have enabled their return. Earlier this year we launched a call for proposals and a 5 person panel (Corresponding editors Pirrko Markula and Larry Wenner, ISSA Executive committee members Mike Sam and Emmanuelle Tulle and myself) decided to proceed with *Sport and Migration in the Age of Superdiversity*, proposed and edited by Sine Agergaard, Paul Darby, Mark Falcous and Alan Klein. We currently plan to make

Special Issues an annual feature for the journal, and an announcement of a call for further proposals will be made in 2022.

The launch of Virtual Special Issues (VSI)

A VSI is a forum for focussing on a specific topic by collating works previously published in the journal. **Typically a VSI consists of 7 or more articles, selected by the VSI guest editor and accompanied by an introductory overview of around 1,000 words.**

So far the IRSS has published 2 VSI's: one to commemorate Eric Dunning's contribution to the field, and one highlighting the important work of sociologists in furthering our understanding of the social impact of the Olympic Games. Particular thanks go to Jung Woo Lee of Edinburgh University who curated *The sociology of the Olympics: A prelude to Tokyo 2020(1) and Beijing 2022* last summer.

Call for expressions of interest

We are particularly keen to commission one or more VSIs reflecting on the journal's groundbreaking research on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. If you are interested in contributing to this EDI-related initiative please get in touch at irsseic@gmail.com

Call for Graduate Paper Award 2022

The 2022 ISSA Graduate Paper Award is co-sponsored by ISSA and SAGE

Deadline: 31st January 2022, 4:30 PM EST

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.

Eligibility

- The student must be registered for masters or doctoral level graduate work at the time their paper is submitted.
- It must be a single-authored paper.
- The student must be a member of ISSA at the time their paper is submitted.
- The committee will accept only one submission per author.
- Previous winners are not eligible.
- A paper cannot be considered for the ISSA GPA award at the same time that it is submitted for another award.

Award

- While congress registration fees for the winner are included in the prize, in-person participation at the 2022 Congress in Tübingen is not mandatory.

- The winning author will receive an ISSA sponsored prize of membership of ISSA for 24 months.
- The winning author will receive a SAGE Publisher sponsored prize of £150 worth of books.
- The panel of judges may also give up to two honourable mentions. Graduate students receiving honourable mentions will have their papers accepted for presentation or distribution at the 2022 Congress. Free registration to the Congress is included in the prize.
- The name of all winning authors will be posted on the ISSA website (<http://www.issa1965.org/awards>). They will be featured in the ISSA bulletin.

Requirements

- Candidates are to submit a 3,000-6,000 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 6,000 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 Graduate Paper Awards Committee Chair, Parissa Safai).
- All papers should be emailed to general.secretary@issa1965.org
- **The winner will be notified in early April 2022.**

* The ISSA reserves the right not to grant an award in the event that none of the submitted papers meets the award criteria

A Job Opportunity at York University

School of Kinesiology and Health Science, Faculty of Health, York University

The School of Kinesiology and Health Science, York University, invites highly qualified candidates to apply for a professorial stream tenure-track position in **Physical Culture and Health Technologies in Datafied Societies** at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor level, to commence July 1, 2022. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and demonstrated competencies. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

We seek a candidate with expertise in the critical socio-cultural study of health and/or physical culture with a focus on digital studies/data science. Expertise in any of the following, as related to

health and/or physical culture, is welcome: surveillance technologies; technology policy; digital archival work; AI and algorithmic bias; social media analysis; analytics; digital activism; data justice; digital methodologies; and/or other related areas. Competencies in methodologies that are grounded in principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization would be considered an asset.

Candidates must hold a PhD (or have successfully completed all doctoral degree requirements within 6 months of their appointment) in Kinesiology or a relevant discipline (e.g., Physical Education, Science and Technology Studies, Sociology, Cultural Studies, Health, Political Science, Indigenous Studies, Gender Studies, Race and Ethnicity Studies, etc.) so long as their expertise is focused on critical socio-cultural study of health and/or physical culture with a focus on digital studies/data science. Post-doctoral experience preferred.

Additionally, candidates must demonstrate excellence or promise of excellence in:

(1) scholarly research of a recognized international calibre – as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications (or forthcoming publications) and presentations at major conferences, research funding, non-peer reviewed publications, policy documents, or other knowledge mobilization activities in non-traditional and non-academic domains, awards and accolades, and strong recommendations from referees of high standing;

(2) teaching and/or supervision at the undergraduate and/or graduate level – as evidenced by ability to mentor and provide research training to students and/or teaching awards; and strengths and abilities in increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion in curricula (including, but not limited to, decolonial, transnational, and Indigenous theories and praxis), and/or supporting diverse students. Pedagogical innovation and competency in experiential education and/or technology-enhanced learning is preferred.

The position will involve graduate teaching and supervision, as well as undergraduate teaching and the successful candidate must be suitable for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

York is a leading international teaching and research university, and a driving force for positive change. Empowered by a welcoming and diverse community with a uniquely global perspective, we are preparing our students for their long-term careers and personal success. Together, we can make things right for our communities, our planet and our future.

York University has a policy on [Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#) and is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and to expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. Candidates who require accommodation during the selection process are invited to contact Dr. Angelo Belcastro, Chair, School of Kinesiology and Health Science at kinchair@yorku.ca.

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA Program, which applies to women, members of visible minorities (racialized groups), Aboriginal (Indigenous) people and persons with disabilities, can be found at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. Applicants wishing to self-identify as part of York University's Affirmative Action program can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the form found at: <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/self-identification-form>.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, permanent residents and Indigenous peoples in Canada will be given priority. No application will be considered without a completed mandatory Work Status Declaration form which can be found at <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/work-authorization-form>.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **January 4, 2022**. Applicants should send a covering letter specifying the position for which they are applying, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching philosophy, a statement of research program goals, three relevant reprints, and contact information for three references to: **Dr. Angelo Belcastro, Chair, School of Kinesiology and Health Science, at kinchair@yorku.ca**. Further information about the School of Kinesiology and Health Science can be obtained at www.kinesiology.yorku.ca and www.yorku.ca/kahs.

Requests for Contributions: Tell us about your promotion, research grant success and recognition

Have you been promoted recently? Have you received a prize or other recognition for your achievements as a sociologist of sport? Have you had success in an application for research funding in a sport-related area? Let us know and send your news to communications@issa1965.org. Your news will be featured in bulletins on a rolling basis.

To get us started here are some great news from members.

Promotions

Hélène Joncheray has successfully obtained her Habilitation à diriger des recherches (HDR) by the Université de Paris.

Research Grant Success

Elizabeth Pike has been awarded £62,500 from the UKRI Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, for a project titled 'The Contribution of Physical Activity to Social Connectivity and Wellbeing in Older Adults Living with Dementia' (Nov 2020-Oct 2021).

Mikhail Sinyutin has been awarded €14,500 from the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR), <https://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/eng> to support a PhD student (Aleksandr Gonashvili) to work on a project entitled 'Sports socialization of the Russian intelligentsia: problems, challenges, contradictions' (two years from September 2020).

Awards and Expert Appointments

Aleksandr Gonashvili (University of St Petersburg) has been awarded a medal for "Best Young Scientist of the CIS-2021" by the International Association of Young Scientists with the support of the Association "Nationwide Movement "Bobek" (Kazakhstan) for his contribution to the development of research and education.

Mikhail Sinyutin has been appointed to the Corpus of Advisers of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) <http://www.ras.ru/> to contribute his expertise in *inter alia* sociology of sport

Emmanuelle Tulle has been appointed to the Observatory for Sport in Scotland <https://oss.scot/> as a Research Associate.

Book Review

***Mega-Events, City and Power* (Routledge, London, 2021) by Nelma Gusmão de Oliveira**

Reviewed by John Horne

This is an English language translation, adaptation, and fully up-dated revision of a book first published in Brazil in Portuguese in 2015, *O Poder dos Jogos e os Jogos de Poder: Os interesses em campo na produção da cidade para o espetáculo esportivo*. Drawing on an award winning doctoral thesis, de Oliveira has produced an excellent contribution to scholarly and political debates about mega-events, especially of the sports variety, including the Summer and Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the FIFA Men's Football World Cup. These mega-events have increasingly attracted critical scrutiny in the past twenty years. It has been known for decades that mega-events carry considerable economic, political and reputational consequences, not just for the organizers and the sports associations involved, but also, and perhaps especially, for the host cities and nations involved in staging them. This book explores in great detail and with great theoretical verve the background story to the production of the sport spectacles that results for cities that engage in hosting them. It offers valuable insight into the key actors and institutions that have been responsible for the bidding and staging of mega-events in the past twenty years.

The book is theoretically framed by the work of the late French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu (1930-2002). The concept of 'field' in Bourdieu's work, and in de Oliveira's book, refers to an environment or a set of relations between people competing or acting in a similar activity. The concept of field thus can refer to economic markets, educational disciplines, different forms of culture (art, music, film, sport) or even, as in this case, the production of spectacular sports mega-events. Importantly a field has a structure and an internal dynamic with competition between different people involved, and relative autonomy (its own history and culture). It is the relative autonomy of the production of sports mega-events field that this book thoroughly investigates and reveals with tremendous rigour and sophistication.

De Oliveira considers the field of production of sports spectacles at two scales: the global and the local. The first part of the book (consisting of three chapters) explores the historical processes that contributed to the formation of the relations and connections (that is, the field) that determines the conduct of the agents who act in the production of sports spectacles. She notes three broad connections between the production of sporting spectacles such as the Olympic Games and the production of the city that developed over time. The mobilization of political and economic capital interest in the field of sport itself took time but was consistent with developments in capitalism during the 20th century. The IOC could use this interest to attract local and national leaders to compete to host an Olympics. Finally with greater public reach and eventually global transmission, spectacularisation of the sports mega-event on the largest possible scale could be achieved. As de Oliveira notes, "the Olympic movement entered the second decade of the twenty-first century with a perfectly elaborated institutional structure that gave it the capacity to impose constraints on the political and legal order of host countries and cities" (p. 37).

One of the most useful contributions that the book makes to furthering our understanding of the production of mega-events is in chapters 2 and 3 where she discusses the 'players and their strategies' and the connection to urban politics of the production of sports mega-events. She reveals the agents, groups and coalitions that have started to operate within the field of the production of sports mega-events from the 1980s onward, and especially since 2000. A network of specialists has developed which both promotes competitions for mega-events among cities and at the same time

dictate the standards and requirements established by the IOC and its partners. Urban projects based on these criteria have often been agreed between these specialists and political authorities at city and national levels before the local communities affected most by them can be involved. At the same time both the IOC and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) have adopted a strategy of transferring financial responsibility away from organisers to the local and national governments responsible for hosting. A key instrument in all this has been the Host City Contract (discussed on pp. 90-92). This is the formal, legally binding, instrument by which the sport spectacle retains its own autonomy and imposes judicial and financial constraints on territories that receive its events. Both the IOC and FIFA seek to maintain the spectacle and satisfy sponsors and broadcasters by “controlling the cities that finance the spectacles they sell” (p. 97). In this way de Oliveira argues, the field of producing sport spectacles and the field of producing the neoliberal city have converged.

The second part of the book (a further three chapters) reveals in more detail the basis for the creation of what she calls ‘cities of exception’ that host mega-events. She argues that “places that host mega-events produce profound regulatory and institutional ruptures and realignments across multiple scales of power” (p. 15). To illustrate this de Oliveira provides detailed consideration of Rio de Janeiro as a case study and examines the politicians, private entrepreneurs, real estate promoters and speculators, construction firms, services and technical and design specialists and media involved in the pursuit of mega-event hosting that began in the 1990s and resulted in the hosting of sports mega-events in 2007 (Pan American Games), 2014 (FIFA World Cup) and 2016 (Olympics and Paralympics). As noted in the first part of the book, the IOC and FIFA have increasingly transferred a greater share of financial responsibilities to host cities and countries. Developments in the production of sports mega-events fitted well with the increasingly market-oriented logic in urban planning theory and practice, often referred to as urban entrepreneurialism. Additionally she demonstrates how through the “condition of emergency and depoliticization that mega-events make possible in the cities and countries that host them” (p. 145) cities of exception are created.

At the time of writing this review it is too early to judge whether the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020, staged in 2021, will be remembered in the future as a regrettable and forgettable COVID Olympics or as a triumph during a time of the global pandemic. It was certainly unlike any other Olympics as they have developed in recent decades. The banning of all spectators in Tokyo, restrictions on spectators in the few other areas staging events not covered by the emergency measures, the absence of international spectators, reductions in the number of officials, media, movement and so on all had major consequences for the event. The Games as a TV spectacle can still attract audiences, however. NBC in the USA, for example, invested billions of dollars in securing exclusivity of US Olympic coverage until 2032 and went to great efforts to ensure audiences were watching to enhance the advertising revenue during the 2021 broadcasts.

The Japanese public remains divided over whether the country should ever host the Olympic and Paralympic Games again, a survey conducted shortly after the Games finished in September 2021 by the Nomura Research Institute concluded. The city of Sapporo, on the northern island of Japan, has been tipped to bid for the 2030 Winter Olympics and Paralympics, and the President of the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, Seiko Hashimoto, has said she hopes that this will happen. Many objected to the Games going ahead during the pandemic, but often people in Japan who wanted a taste of the action, and who were not allowed to actually enter the sports venues, were seen gathering outside the venues. However critical opinion remains fairly clear that the Games went ahead primarily because of the money at stake.

Arguably, Tokyo 2020 has starkly revealed the relationship of the host city with the IOC and the tight contractual stranglehold the IOC holds in that relationship, and this will have long lasting impacts – possibly deterring other potential hosts and boosting critics of the mega-event. The value of de Oliveira’s analysis is that it clearly and dispassionately details the games behind the games and ultimately the negative consequences of hosting for cities.

[This is a revised and much reduced version of a review to be published in the *Revista Brasileira de Estudos Urbanos e Regionais / Brazilian Journal of Urban and Regional Studies*]

New Book Announcement

Women in Rugby edited by H  l  ne Joncheray



This is the first book to introduce key themes in the study of women’s rugby from multi-disciplinary perspectives, including history, sociology, gender studies, sport development and sport science.

Featuring contributions from leading researchers and former international players from across Canada, England, France, New Zealand and the USA, the book opens with a global history of women’s rugby, locating the game in the wider context of the development of women’s sport and exploring important social issues such as race, gender and violence. The book then looks at training and performance analysis at pitch level, helping the reader get a sense of the game from the ground up, before focusing on women’s rugby through the eyes of others (such as rugby coaches), women’s experiences of rugby’s culture and promotional culture.

This is fascinating reading for anybody with an interest in women’s sport, rugby, sport and social issues, sport development, or sport history.

Regular ISSA Calls

International Sociology of Sport Association Honorary Member Award 2022

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Executive Board invites nominations for an Honorary Member award in the International Sociology of Sport Association. This award honours 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 long career of service to the International Sociology of Sport Association, and
- 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 honouring 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 <https://issa1965.org/awards/#Honorary%20Member%20Award>

Nominations

Nominators should submit a 1 to 2-page document (letter) 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 to Mike Sam at President@issa1965.org

There is no deadline for nominations. We will be considering them on their own merit, as they come in. So get nominating!

Contributing to IRSS



Our journal's general editor, Dominic Malcolm, encourages the submission of diverse research articles seated in the sociology of sport, broadly defined, that shed light on social and cultural understandings of sport.

Book/Media Reviews

Authors wishing to review books or media (films, videos, interactive media) or contribute to a comparative review, please contact the book and media reviews editor directly: Dr. Kass Gibson, Plymouth Marjon University, kgibson@marjon.ac.uk

Manuscripts for both research articles and book/media reviews may be submitted [here](#)

Becoming a Reviewer

Being a reviewer gives you an insight into the publication process and a better understanding of how to develop your own research and publications. The easiest way to become a reviewer is to create an account through [this link](#)

Managing your Account

If you already have an account for the *IRSS* do remember to keep it updated.

Please visit the journal website for more information about its Aims & Scope, the Editorial Board, manuscript submission guidelines, and sample issues [here](#)

Call for ISSA Archives

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 either in digital or hard copy format. 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. We are particularly hoping to obtain copies of ISSA Congress programs and Books of Abstract prior to 2011. For further information about the Archive and/or to donate items, please contact Mike Sam president@issa1965.org

Share Your Reading Recommendations

Have you read a good sports related book lately? Send us your favourite titles (not your own books, see earlier announcement!) that you think ISSA colleagues might also be interested in reading, with a short blurb to entice us.

Contact Emmanuelle Tulle communications@issa1965.org



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