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European Association for Sociology of Sport



Dear members, colleagues and friends

I trust your new academic year has begun well and wish you a productive period of academic work with your teaching and research.

Some months have passed since our last eass conference in Prague, and I would like to once again thank and congratulate the local organising committee. The 172 participants from 30 countries across all 5 continents enjoyed their time in Prague, with the wide-ranging scientific and varied social program. As President of the eass, I received a lot of positive feedback, and it was a great pleasure to be a part of the conference hosted by Irena Slepíčková and Irena Marfínková and their highly motivated team. The Prague conference was another milestone for our dynamic association and its successful development, which will surely continue over the coming years.

I am very pleased to announce that the 15th European Association for Sociology of Sport (eass) conference will be held in Bordeaux, France, from 23rd to 26th May 2018. The eass is delighted that the Faculty of Sports Sciences of the University of Bordeaux will organise next year's annual congress. I am positive that, once again, local organisers will prepare an inspiring and interesting scientific programme, as well as provide many opportunities to meet with colleagues and to make friends. On behalf of the local organising committee I invite you to contribute your abstract to the program and to attend the next eass conference. I am very much looking forward to welcoming you in Bordeaux in May 2018!

Let me also announce that the 2019 eass conference will be held from 3rd to 6th of June in Boe, Norway. If you are interested in organising our 2020 conference or later, feel free to contact me or any other member of the eass board.

Over the last weeks, all eass members received the new issue 2017/3 of European Journal for Sport and Society (ejss) that includes several interesting articles. Let me finally encourage you to cite and to publish your important scientific contributions in the journal of eass as well as to ensure our high level of academic rigour through your reviews.

You will find further interesting topics in this eass Newsletter. We hope you enjoy your reading.

Best regards,
Siegfried Nagel
(President of eass)

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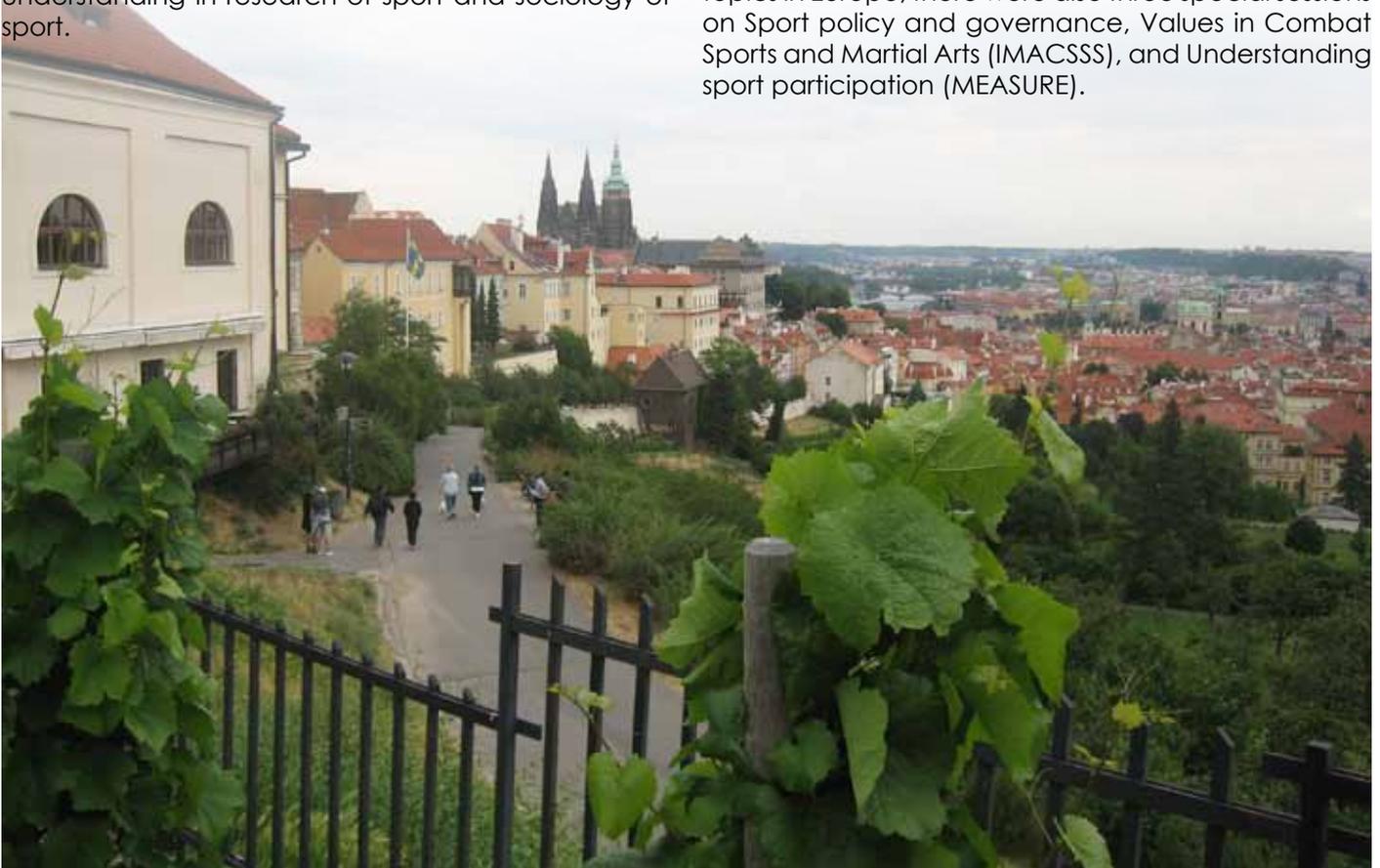
14TH EASS CONFERENCE 2017 IN PRAGUE

The 14th eass conference was held in Prague from 14–17 of June 2017 hosted by the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport of the Charles University. The main theme of the conference was The Values of Sport: between tradition and (post)modernity. The conference gathered altogether 172 participants from 30 countries and all 5 continents.

Keynote speeches were given by Prof. Dr. Niko Besnier (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Dr. Otmar Weiß (University of Vienna), Prof. Dr. Cora Burnett (University of Johannesburg) and Prof. Dr. Jim Parry (Charles University). Prof. Besnier discussed the role and possibilities of sport in the Global South with regards to the top elite sport, especially in economic aspects and changes of traditional values. Prof. Weiß talked about the enormous potential that sport has for identity-formation and on the meaning of sport identity. Prof. Burnett clarified advantages and threats of sport in the 'developing world' where sport plays a crucial role in addressing social, economic and political transformation. The last keynote speaker, Prof. Parry discussed the role of phenomenological understanding in research of sport and sociology of sport.



In 29 sessions, there were 144 papers presented including one walking poster session. In total, 228 authors and co-authors contributed to the conference programme. Based on long-term networks on some topics in Europe, there were also three special sessions on Sport policy and governance, Values in Combat Sports and Martial Arts (IMACSSS), and Understanding sport participation (MEASURE).



The social programme included an opening ceremony that was held in Great hall of the Carolinum, historical building of Charles University in the centre of Prague. It was a pleasure of Prof. Dr. Stanislav Štech, CSc. the Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Czech Republic to give his welcome speech in which he referred to sociology of sport and the contribution of Norbert Elias to this applied sociological discipline.

In the following days the conference participants were also amused by the very entertaining sport rock and roll performance of the Faculty students; a sightseeing tour in the historical tram and a visit to the Prague castle and the historical library of Strahov Monastery surrounded by the spectacular view over Prague.



Photo: Marta Fialová





CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Conference Theme: Sport, Discriminations and Inclusion: Challenges to Face

The 15th European Association for the Sociology of Sport (EASS) Conference will be held in Bordeaux (France), from 23-26 May, 2018.

The main theme of the Conference is Sport, Discriminations and Inclusion: Challenges to Face. The aim of this main theme is to explore the interdisciplinary nature of discrimination in sport and to investigate the different forms of discrimination.

Beyond this main theme, the Conference will also feature a wide range of sessions to give the opportunity to share and discuss your latest research, including (but not limited to):

- Sport and Discriminations
- Sport and Gender
- Sport and Power Relations
- Sport and Violence
- Sport and Media
- Sport and Ethics
- Sport and Health
- Sport and Volunteering
- Sport Policies
- Sport and Governance
- Sport Spectatorship and Fandom
- Sport and Doping
- School Sport and Physical Education
- Sport and New Technologies
- Sport and Disability
- Sociology of Sport and Methodology
- Sport and Sexuality
- Sport and Social Classes
- Sport Business and Management
- Youth Sport
- E-Sports
- Sport and Mega-Events
- Sport and Identities
- Open Themes

The Conference will also feature some special sessions:

- Current Issues in Sport Organisation Research (Special Session / SORN network)
- Measuring leisure-time sport participation and recreational physical activities from a cross-national approach: challenges and opportunities (Special Session / MEASURE network)
- Sport policy and sport politics from a European perspective: a promising academic field (Special Session / POLIS network)
- Innovative interdisciplinary/post disciplinary research methods in sports, physical activity and health (Special Session / ESA)
- Forced Migration and Sport (Special Session / ESA)
- Sport fans: discrimination, inclusion and support (Special Session / ESA)
- Martial Arts and Combat Sports (Special Session / IMACSSS)

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31st January 2018

Further information on the Conference:
www.eass2018.sciencesconf.org

Also save the date:

World Congress of Sociology of Sport
(International Sociology of Sport
Association, ISSA)
June 5-8, 2018 in Lausanne.
Topic: Sports Organizations and
Organizing Sports: Critical Reflections
Further information: www.issa2018.org



Young Researcher Award 2018 – CALL FOR PAPERS

The European Association for Sociology of Sport is proud to announce the 10th 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 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, to be held in Bordeaux, France, 23–26 May 2018. The winning paper may be considered for publication in the European Journal for Sport and Society.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS:

31st January 2018

Selection Committee 2018:

Professor Michael Atkinson (University of Toronto), Dr Louise Mansfield (Brunel University), Dr Kim Wickman (Umeå University), Dr Davide Sterchele (Leeds Beckett University).

All papers should be sent to Dr Davide Sterchele at d.sterchele@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Eligibility:

- Any student who is registered for master or doctoral level graduate work at the time her or his paper is submitted.
- Any researcher, younger than 35, who was awarded PhD not earlier than 5 years before the time her or his paper is submitted.
- The committee will accept only one submission per author.

Awards:

- The winning author will be invited to attend the Eass conference free of charge and to present the paper to the plenary session during the closing ceremony.
- Eass sponsored prize of membership in Eass for the year after which the award is granted.
- The panel of judges may also give one honourable mention. Young researchers receiving an honourable mention will also have their papers accepted for presentation in a parallel session at the Eass conference free of charge.

- Additional monetary prizes may be indicated in the forthcoming announcements of the Eass conference.
- The name of all winning authors will be posted on the Eass website (see: <http://www.eass-sportsociology.eu/award-winners/>)

Requirements:

- Candidates will submit a scholarly paper on a topic that is of interest to the European sociology of sport academic community. Please submit two separate files: the first one must contain the title of the paper and the full contact information of the author; the second one must contain the title, the abstract and the full text of the paper (here the author should remain anonymous).
- Papers with a length of over 8,000 words (references included) will not be considered.
- Papers must be original, i.e. not already submitted elsewhere.
- Authors will submit a letter, signed by her or his academic advisor, verifying their student status or the date of their PhD dissertation (not earlier than 5 years before the time her or his paper is submitted).
- Authors will comply with the publications guidelines of EJSS (see: <http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=ress20>)
- Papers should be sent to the Award Committee Chair in electronic copy (Microsoft Word).
- When sending the full paper for the YRA, those authors who plan to attend the conference regardless of the YRA results must also submit their abstract separately via the on-line submission system of the general conference.

For any enquiry, please contact Dr Davide Sterchele: d.sterchele@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Further information about the Award at: <http://www.eass-sportsociology.eu/awards.html>

AWARDING HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO OTMAR WEISS ZAP VACANCY SPORT MANAGEMENT



During eass-conference in Prague, 14-17 June 2017 our member and colleague Prof. Otmar Weiss has been appointed as honorary member of the European Association for Sociology of Sport. Considering the

outstanding benefits to our community, the Executive Board have decided to award Otmar Weiss with this great honour. Eass President Prof. Siegfried Nagel pointed out in his laudation the large merits of Otmar Weiss for our association:

In addition to his work as Professor of Sports Sociology at the University of Vienna, Otmar Weiss played a central role in the establishment of the eass in 2001. Together with colleagues from Poland as well as Germany, he advocated for stronger integration of Eastern European sports sociology into the community. Starting with a desire to create an independent European society for sports sociology, he invited a group of well-known sports sociologists to Vienna. This led to the establishment of the eass on 16th November 2001, with Otmar Weiss as the founding president. In 2002, he organised the first eass conference in Vienna with the theme of "European Integration and Sport", and with this gave a strong signal for the future development of the field. Under his leadership and in an intensive discussion process by the founding board, the charter of the eass was established. The statutes were then passed by the members in a General Assembly, and subsequently Otmar Weiss accepted the post of President.

Under his presidency between 2001 to 2008, the following conferences were organized: Rzeszow (Poland) in 2004 (persuing the initial concept of stronger integration with Eastern Europe), Jyväskylä (Finland) in 2006, Münster (Germany) in 2007, and Bled (Slovenia) in 2008. Despite some external obstacles and the scepticism of some colleagues, Otmar Weiss' commitment ensured a growing community and the successful development of eass conferences. In 2003, Otmar Weiss together with his colleagues Jütting and Schulze from Münster and the Waxmann publishing house, founded the European Journal for Sport and Society (ejss), the official journal of eass. This eass journal has rapidly become a recognized publication platform. Otmar Weiss has also established a homepage for the eass, and is still responsible for the eass website with his team in Vienna.

INTRODUCTION

The Policy in Sports & Physical Activity Research Group is looking for applicants for a full-time tenured academic position in the area of social science related sport and physical activity research at the KU Leuven Department of Movement Sciences. We are looking for internationally oriented candidates with an excellent research record and with excellent educational competences within the field of management of sport and physical activity. The successful candidate will teach courses within the curriculum of the faculty.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL UNIT

The Policy in Sports & Physical Activity Research Group is embedded within the Department of Movement Sciences. In the past, this department has systematically achieved high rankings for research and educational quality by independent accreditation committees. The department has an extensive national and international network in the academic world.

The Policy in Sports & Physical Activity Research Group can build upon an extensive international network, connections with public authorities and non-profit organisations, a stable offer of highly talented PhD students and a supportive work environment.

UIRL: <http://gbiomed.kuleuven.be/english/research/50000737/index.html>.

For more information on the contents of the job, please contact:

- Prof. dr. Filip Boen, chair of the Department of Kinesiology (filip.boen@kuleuven.be, phone + 32 16 32 91 79)
- Prof. dr. Jeroen Scheerder, head of the Policy in Sports & Physical Activity Research group (jeroen.scheerder@kuleuven.be, phone + 32 16 32 90 50)

The call for applications will be made available from October 25th onwards. Applications can be submitted by making use of the online procedure: <http://icts.kuleuven.be/apps/jobsite/rubriek/9000?lang=en> (-> Biomedical Sciences -> Movement Sciences).

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