

# Newsletter 1 2020

# eass

European Association for  
Sociology of Sport

## Words from the President



Dear members of EASS,

I truly hope that all of you are in good health. It has been a challenging period and it will stay challenging for some time. Going on summer holidays is more difficult and different from what it was a year ago or has ever been in the post-war period. Starting up the new year with mostly, if not only, online teaching asks a lot of all of us. And who knows for how long this will be necessary or recommended. Making it much harder to truly connect with the students and engage them in your courses. I wish you all the best in these uncertain times and please know that EASS can provide a platform to share good examples of online teaching or what more.

Normally, just before summer starts, we reflect on another well organised conference by one of our members. This year we had a good organizer in place with Solent University in Southampton, but COVID-19 disrupted all the great plans they had. It would have been great. Now we have to wait another year for this. I want to thank Richard Elliot, Mihaly Szerovay and their team for all the hard work they put into this and their flexibility to reschedule for 2021. Also a big thanks to Szilvia Perenyi who was kind enough to step aside as organizer for the EASS 2021 congress and was willing to organize the

EASS 2023 conference in Budapest. In 2022 there will be a joint conference with ISSA. This congress will be organized in Tübingen (Germany) by Ansgar Thiel, former editor-in-chief of our journal, and his team. The postponement of the congress this year has led to the extraordinary situation that the board of EASS could not host a General Assembly for board (re-)elections. We have discussed this with the current board members and all agreed to stay involved an additional year in their current position. We are very thankful for this commitment and are confident that we will have a General Assembly next year in Southampton.

I want to use this opportunity to highlight the rising relevance and importance of our journal. Adam Evans as editor-in-chief will go more into detail in this newsletter, but I want to focus my attention on the way the editorial team succeeded in connecting with current events. Particularly, the editorial on '[Sport in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic](#)' and the current initiatives to launch a special issue on race/ethnicity and sport in response to the global black lives matter protests, are examples of this. It is good to see how the editorial team and the broader member base of EASS are working together to offer relevant sport sociological perspectives on global matters. The cooperation between members also takes place in the several networks of EASS (e.g. MEASURE, SORN, POLIS, etc.). These networks are still active with book projects, joint research proposals and what more. Some of these publications are about to be printed and distributed and would be interesting reading material for the upcoming holidays. We will keep you informed on this.

All that remains for me now, is to wish you a good summer season to recharge for the new academic year. All the best and stay healthy!

Remco Hoekman  
President EASS

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## UPDATES ON THE EASS CONFERENCES

The very exceptional Covid19-situation has forced to make changes in the timings of the upcoming eass conferences.

- **eass2020 conference in Southampton will be postponed to May 2021.**
- **eass2022 will be organized in conjunction with ISSA (International Sport Sociology Association) in June 2022 in Tübingen.**
- **eass2023 will be held in Budapest.**

Further information about these conferences will be announced later.



## CALL FOR BIDDINGS – EASS CONFERENCES

We warmly invite colleagues and academic institutions to express their interest in hosting the upcoming eass conferences, particularly in 2024 and onwards. Eass conferences offer an excellent opportunity to gather colleagues in social sciences of sport to present and discuss the recent research outcomes, and to further develop new ideas in academic collaboration. The conferences are also good opportunities to enhance visibility and awareness of your academic institutions and cities more broadly.

If you are interested in sending in your bid, please contact the President of eass, Dr Remco Hoekman ([rhoekman@mulierinstituut.nl](mailto:rhoekman@mulierinstituut.nl)) or Secretary General Dr Hanna Vehmas ([hanna.m.vehmas@jyu.fi](mailto:hanna.m.vehmas@jyu.fi)) for further information



## **Young Researcher Award 2020 – WINNERS:**

### **WINNER:**

**Betelihem Brehanu Alemu (University of Bern, Switzerland)**

Social Integration of Ethiopian and Eritrean Women in Switzerland through Informal Sport Setting

#### **Awards:**

☐ Eass sponsored prize of membership in Eass for the year 2020.

Monetary prize of € 500 – sponsored by Eass

Feeless invitation to the Eass conference in Southampton 2021 (to attend the prize-giving ceremony together with next year's winners, and with the possibility to present new research in parallel sessions).

### **HONOURABLE MENTION:**

**Lucy Piggott (University of Hertfordshire, UK)**

"You only go from what you know": Gendered Recruitment and Selection Processes in English Sport Governance

#### **Awards:**

☐ Monetary prize of € 250 – sponsored by EASS

Feeless invitation to the Eass conference in Southampton 2021 (to attend the prize-giving ceremony together with next year's winners, and with the possibility to present new research in parallel sessions).

# Financial report of EASS

by Torsten Schlesinger (Treasurer)

## 1 Situation of EASS memberships

In recent years, EASS memberships has been in a corridor between 60 and 80 paying members. However, there has been a steady decrease in memberships since 2017 from 79 to 66 in 2019 (see figure 1). Currently, we have 41 payments in 2020. Since 2019 we have been sending out personalised invoices to all registered persons in February and we remind once again in October to encourage the payment behaviour of the EASS members. Nevertheless, if we look at the development of revenues through membership fees, we can see a negative trend: between 2017 and 2019 revenue decreased by 17% (see figure 2). The main reasons are: (1) declining or uneven payment behavior of some members, (2) some members leave the EASS due to retirement or changes of institutions to non-academic, (3) the EASS hardly acquired any new (young) EASS members to compensate the drop-out.

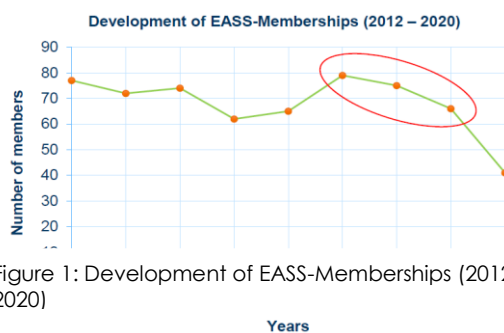


Figure 1: Development of EASS-Memberships (2012-2020)

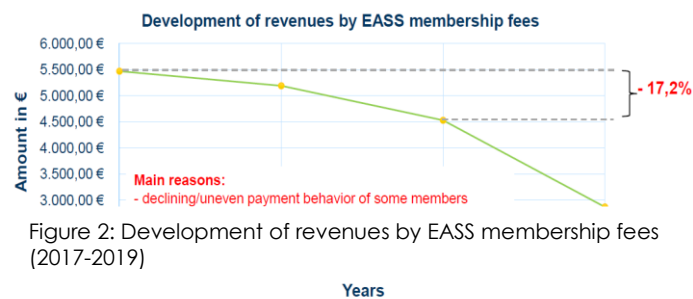


Figure 2: Development of revenues by EASS membership fees (2017-2019)

## 2 Financial situation of the EASS

The EASS is in an healthy financial situation, which give us certain space and flexibility for future investments. If we look at the developments in 2018 and 2019, there are quit similar revenues and expenditure items during the last years (see Tables 1 & 2). Because we don't have any bigger expenditures during the last years, a continuous growth of EASS bank account balance can be seen (+61% since 2017; see figure 3). The main pillar of our revenues are the membership fees (ca. 60% of the whole revenues) and the subsidy for the EJSS editor from the publisher (Taylor & Francis Group), which is forwarded directly to the editor of the EJSS. The main expenses are the prize money for the EASS Young Researcher Award and two invoices for both the printing version as well as the online access to the EJSS for members. Decreasing revenues by membership fees during the last years could be a problem in future. Therefore, improving the payment behaviour of members and the recruitment of new members are essential to ensure a stable and sustained financial situation of the EASS.

Table 1: Revenue-expenditure account for 2018  
Development of EASS-Memberships (2012 – 2020)

Revenues	Amount	Expenditures	Amount
<b>Transfer from 2017</b>	<b>9.507,04 €</b>	Editors of ejss	3.421,27 €
Membershipfee (40,-€)	80,00 €	Invoice Taylor&Francis 2017 (EJSS, online access)	1.000,00 €
Membershipfee (70,-€)	5.110,00 €	Invoice Taylor&Francis 2017 (EJSS)	1.077,00 €
Taylor&Francis Group editorial expenses ejss (3,150 GBP)	3.421,27 €	YRA eass (Sarah Metcalfe)	500,00 €
ENGSO Youth für YRA	250,00 €	YRA Honourable Mention ENGSO Youth	250,00 €
		Flowers for local organizers eass conference Bordeaux	65,00 €
		Account charge by the bank	111,30 €
		<b>Transfer to 2019:</b>	<b>11.943,74 €</b>
<b>Sum</b>	<b>18.368,31 €</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>18.368,31 €</b>

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## Report 2019

Revenues	Amount	Expenditures	Amount
<b>Transfer from 2018</b>	<b>11.943,74 €</b>	Editors of ejss (3,000 GBP)	3.466,82 €
Membershipfee (40,-€)	120,00 €	Invoice Routledge 2018 (EJSS, online access)	935,31 €
Membershipfee (70,-€)	4.410,00 €	Invoice Routledge 2018 (EJSS)	912,50 €
Taylor&Francis Group editorial expenses ejss (3000 GBP)	3.466,82 €	YRA eass	500,00 €
ENGSO Youth für YRA	250,00 €	YRA Honourable Mention (ENGSO Youth)	250,00 €
Repayment Editors Tübingen	70,51 €	Account charge by the bank	22,00 €
		Flowers for local organizers eass Bo	32,00 €
		<b>Transfer to 2020</b>	<b>14.142,44 €</b>
<b>Sum</b>	<b>20.261,07 €</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>20.261,07 €</b>

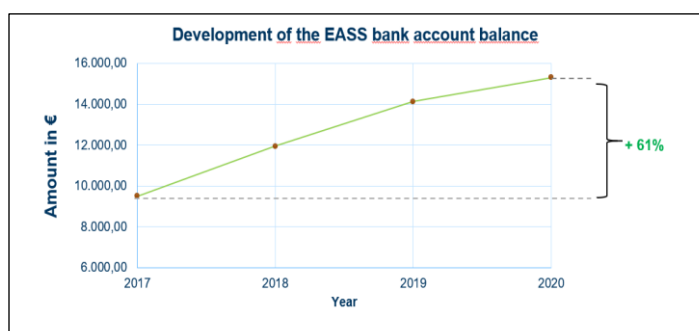


Figure 3: Development of the EASS bank account status  
Development of EASS-Memberships (2012 – 2020)

## Update on EJSS

by Adam Evans (Editor in Chief)

It has been a busy year for the Journal. This year, we bid farewell to Ansgar Thiel, Martin Toms, Lone Friis Thing and Anna Vilanova from the Editorial Board, as well as Monika Raetz, Jannika John and Hendrik Thedinga from the Editorial team. In their stead, we welcomed Josef Fahlen, Maureen Smith and Verena Lenneis to the Editorial Board, and Gareth McNarry, Joanna Blackwell and Laura Wilcock to the Editorial team. In conjunction, we conducted a review of the Scientific Board and seen several long-term contributors step down, and I am happy to welcome a number of new members. I would like to thank those who have contributed over the past year, particularly given the challenging circumstances.

I am happy to report that the Journal continues to improve and gain traction. We have seen a steady improvement according to an increasing number of metrics and measures, concurrent with the general shift away from Impact Factor as a primary measure. The journal received over 32,000 downloads in 2019, which was 65% higher than downloads in 2018, and the most downloaded article had over 8,000. The top Altmetric scoring article in 2019 had a score of 38, and the top cited article had six citations. Also demonstrating our steady progress, the journal's CiteScore has increased from 0.830 in 2018 (ranking it at 107/177 in the Physical Therapy, Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation Scopus category) to 1.7 (now ranking 100/196). Finally, I am happy to say we have not been subject to the gender imbalance in authorship seen in other journals, and numbers of submissions remains

constant. For example, thirty papers were submitted in the first 6 months of this year. Overall, I am satisfied with our progress.

We face a number of challenges moving forward, to which we will continue to rise. It has certainly been more difficult to find colleagues with the time to complete reviews, although we thank the community for its continued support. Without the time and energy of the reviewers, the journal really is nothing. Given the increasingly competitive nature of academic publishing, we will also continue to work to ensure the Journal is registered and indexed at our own institutions and those of our boards. In addition, we will continue to ensure the ongoing promotion of content (through online early, social media and here in the newsletter). Finally, we will continue to engage with cutting-edge issues and social issues through Special Issues and calls for papers.

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