



**International Sociology of Sport Association**  
**Association Internationale de Sociologie du Sport**

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## **ELECTION OF THE 2016-2019 ISSA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Report submitted by the Elections Officer  
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### **Overview**

Trond Sveta Sand Research & Consulting has been in charge of the election for the ISSA Executive Board 2016-2019. The election has been carried out by e-mail (nomination of candidates) and the online survey tool 'Survey monkey' (voting). Below follows an overview of the election procedure.

### **Nominations**

Candidates for the ISSA Executive Board have to have been a member of ISSA for at least four years, and have to receive at least two nominations from members in good standing from at least two different countries.

In November 2014 all ISSA members in good standing (n=91) received an e-mail with the 'Call for nomination for the ISSA Executive Board 2016-2019'. When the nomination was closed on January 31 2015, nine (9) ISSA members eligible to run for the ISSA Executive Board had received the required number of valid nominations:

- Cora Burnett (South Africa)
- Christine Dallaire (Canada)
- Jinxia Dong (China)
- John Horne (UK)
- Helene Joncheray (France)
- Wolfram Manzenreiter (Austria)
- Brent McDonald (Australia)
- Mary McDonald (USA)
- Michael Sam (New Zealand)

All nine nominated persons also confirmed their willingness to stand for the election.

### **Executive Board Election**

The election of the ISSA Executive Board 2016-2019 was carried out by the use of the online survey instrument 'Survey Monkey'. All ISSA members eligible to vote (persons with confirmed memberships of both 2014 and 2015) received an e-mail invitation for the election on February 17, 2015. The e-mail contained a description of the election procedure, a short presentation (<100 words) of each of the nine nominated candidates, and an URL-link to the voting. The members were asked to: 1) vote for up to six candidates; and 2) rank their votes. The latter was only to be used if two or more candidates should have the same final number of votes.

ISSA 2014-members who paid the 2015 membership fee during the election period subsequently received an invitation. The first e-mail invitation was followed by two reminders, on March 10 and March 25, respectively.

When access to the online election was closed on March 31 2015, 112 ISSA members in good standing had received an invitation to vote. Of those, 83 (74.1%) had participated in the election. This is a considerably higher participation rate compared with the last two elections: 48.3% (2011) and 66.7% (2007).

### **Results**

The table below shows the results of the election for the ISSA Executive Board 2016-2019. No candidates had the same final number of votes, so the ranking of votes is not included.

	<b>Number of votes</b>
Christine Dallaire (Canada)	69
Michael Sam (New Zealand)	59
Cora Burnett (South Africa)	47
John Horne (UK)	40
Mary McDonald (USA)	38
Brent McDonald (Australia)	34
Jinxia Dong (China)	32
Wolfram Manzenreiter (Austria)	29
Helene Joncheray (France)	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>375</b>

Copenhagen, April 13, 2015  
Trond Svella Sand, Election Officer

#### **RENEW YOUR ISSA MEMBERSHIP (JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015)**

##### **Among other benefits, all members receive:**

- IRSS (8 issues per year) Print and Online
- Information and discounts on ISSA conferences and publications
- The ISSA eBulletin

**To benefit from the reduced ISSA members registration fee for the 2015 Paris Congress, you must renew your 2015 membership.**

The ISSA membership fee will increase by 15% in 2016. If you renew now for a 2 or 5 year period you will not pay the new membership fee until your next renewal.

Membership category details are available on the ISSA website:  
<http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/membership.html>

Membership renewal details are available on the SAGE – *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* website:

**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. Once your correction location is indicated in the top left hand corner, write 'IRSS' in the search box in the top middle of the page. This will bring you back to the web page for the journal and you can proceed with renewing your membership.

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.

## ISSA 2015 WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT



The International Sociology of Sport Association (ISSA) will **celebrate its 50th anniversary during the ISSA Congress** hosted by the Paris Descartes, Sorbonne Paris Cité university's "Techniques et Enjeux du Corps" (EA 3625) team.

### **Congress program highlights:**

June 9, 4-6pm, Welcome and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation + Keynote Presentation

- **Keynote Presentation** by Genevieve Rail (Canada) *"Wellbeing vs the health imperative: On bioethers, rescue missions and social justice"*

June 9, 6-7.30pm, Opening Reception

June 10, 5.15-6pm, ISSA Annual General Assembly

June 10, 6-7.30 pm, Awards Ceremony and Reception

June 11, Two special panels:

- "The Trajectory and Challenges of the Sociology of Sport"
- "Sport, Disability and Wellbeing"

June 12, 8pm-1pm, Official Gala Dinner (50th anniversary of ISSA)

- Cruise on the boat Louisiane Belle

**More than 375 delegates are now registered and the academic program includes over 300 abstracts.**

**The detailed academic program will be available later in May at [www.ISSA2015.org](http://www.ISSA2015.org)**

## INTERNATIONAL REVIEW FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT

### IRSS Now Publishing Eight Issues a Year!

We are pleased to remind the sociology of sport community that the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, the most longstanding scholarly publication focused on sport and culture, will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year of publication in 2015. In recognition of this milestone, the *IRSS* has expanded publication to eight issues a year, a change that has enabled a 33% increase to 1024 annual pages. As a special benefit to members of the International Sociology of Sport Association, there will be no membership fee increase in 2015 associated with *IRSS* subscriptions included with ISSA membership. While fee increases in 2016 are expected to be small, we encourage scholars who wish to defray fee increases to “lock in” their ISSA membership and *IRSS* subscription for multiple years at 2014 rates by visiting the *IRSS* SAGE Publications site at

<http://www.sagepub.com/journals/Journal200937/subscribe>



### Double Special Issue to Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of ISSA and IRSS

As a benefit to ISSA members and *IRSS* subscribers, a 2015 double special issue of the *IRSS* entitled “50@50: Assessing the Trajectory and Challenges of the Sociology of Sport,” co-edited by ISSA President Elizabeth Pike, past ISSA President Steven Jackson, and *IRSS* Editor Lawrence Wenner, features 50 articles by 50 leading international scholars in a consideration of the state of the field to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Sociology of Sport Association. The print edition of the *IRSS* 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue of approximately 300 pages published in June 2015 and will be available prior to the start of the ISSA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary World Conference in Paris. Articles in the issue will be available for download via SAGE Online First Publication by late April/early May 2015. We encourage all ISSA members download these important articles reflecting on the field and to use them in classes they may be teaching about the field’s development.

### Call for Papers

The *IRSS* solicits research articles seated in the sociology of sport that shed light on social and cultural understandings of sport. Reaching its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2015, the *IRSS* continues as 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 is published 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/>.

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 the ability to get scholarly work promptly disseminated.

Under the guidance of Editor-in-Chief Lawrence Wenner, the *IRSS* has seven distinguished Corresponding Editors from across the globe available for consultation and a 40 member international Editorial Board. Articles considered by the *IRSS* include standard-length research articles as well as shorter research reports. The *IRSS* aims to be an open and attractive place for the 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> .



**International Sociology of Sport Association  
Special Initiatives Application Form**

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

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must have been full members of the association for at least two years. Associate members and student members are not eligible to apply.
- Funding will not be awarded for congress attendance or research projects.
- Initiatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with respect to their commitment to the ISSA mission, and the Executive Board reserves the right not to award any funding.
- Timescale: the deadline for submission of initiatives is June 1<sup>st</sup> 2015; decisions on successful applications will be announced by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2015; all initiatives must be completed, and a full report on activities received, by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Send applications to ISSA President, Dr Elizabeth Pike at [E.Pike@chi.ac.uk](mailto: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/>

<b>Name of applicant</b> <i>Must be ISSA full member</i>
<b>Title of initiative</b>
<b>Amount of funding requested</b> <i>Include breakdown of costs and explanation of why funding is not available elsewhere</i>
<b>Rationale for funding</b> (maximum 1,000 words)  <i>With reference to ISSA mission:</i> <i>To promote international cooperation in the field of sociology of sport.</i> <i>To exchange information among all countries concerning the results of research in the sociology of sport.</i> <i>To convene international seminars or symposia on aspects of the sociology of sport.</i> <i>To prepare and circulate reports about the social background of sport and the status of the sociology of sport in different countries.</i> <i>To cooperate with ICSSPE, ISA and other committees, groups or organizations in order to solve tasks of general interest.</i> <i>To identify sociological problems in sport, and where appropriate, organize international research programmes concerning the same.</i> <i>To oversee and coordinate the official publications of ISSA.</i> <i>To advise and facilitate the establishment of other continental, regional and national sociology of sport societies.</i>

## MEMBERS' NEWS

*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](mailto: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

### **ICSSPE NEWS**

The University of Johannesburg, South Africa informs that the first Olympic Study Centre on the African Continent has been established in partnership with the German Sport University in Cologne.

The organisers of the Centre intend to bring Olympic Studies scholars, experts and practitioners together to engage in knowledge building and sharing. The first workshop of the Centre will be held 27 to 29 May with participation from the German Sport University Cologne and practitioners from National Olympic Committees, UNICEF, development agencies, universities and the NGO-sector to share programmes on rolling out Olympic Education, Life Skill, physical education as well as physical activity programmes.

For further information, please contact Louis Nolte at [lnolte@uj.ac.za](mailto:lnolte@uj.ac.za)

The South African Study Centre is the 38th centre of its kind world-wide.



## Special Issue: Sport, Physical Activity and Public Health



**Guest editors: Dr Louise Mansfield (Brunel University London) and Dr Joe Piggin (Loughborough University)**

The aim of this special issue is to encourage critical discussions about the relationships between sport, physical activity and public health. The late twentieth century resurgence in the importance of physical activity in public health policy is evidenced by the development of increasingly explicit recommendations on physical activity levels in global health strategies and national physical activity policies, continued and updated position statements from specialist medicine and exercise working groups, and intensifying local promotion, delivery and governance of individual and community based sport and physical activity programmes. The sport sector is currently a priority area for increasing population rates of physical activity. However, very little is known about the contribution of sport to physical activity and health. The

relationships between sport, physical activity and health are not neutral but reflect complex struggles over particular political and social ideologies in different spaces / places. It is, thus, timely and significant to raise questions about the politics of the sport/activity/health dynamic.

In this special issue of the *International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics* we will include articles from a variety of disciplinary bases and we propose to include work that engages in critical examinations of sport and physical activity connected to public health policy (including the wellbeing agenda) and to a diversity of public health issues. Papers based on empirical research should be presented within an appropriate conceptual and theoretical framework. If there are sufficient papers of a high standard the guest editors will discuss with T&F the possibility of publishing the collection as both a special issue and, subsequently, as an edited book. The intention is to select 6-8 papers that are theoretically and methodologically diverse and include a brief introduction by the two guest editors, however, shorter research notes or audio-visual reviews are also invited.

The topics covered in this special issue could include the following although the list is not exhaustive:

- state and government policy on sport and physical activity for public health
- the politics of the sport/physical activity/health dynamic e.g. in relation to cancer survivorship, harmful drinking, drug use and misuse, smoking or obesity)
- workplace politics and physical activity for health
- education, sport, physical activity and health
- sport, physical activity and the politics of wellbeing
- the commercial sector, corporate social responsibility and physical activity for health
- sport mega events and health
- sport, physical activity, gender and health
- youth sport, health and wellbeing
- policy and politics of ageing and physical activity
- community programmes, sport and public health
- elite sport policies and the politics of health
- critical issues in evidence-based policy for sport, physical activity and health



**We invite submissions drawing on range of policy and politics related theoretical and methodological perspectives to advance knowledge and understanding in the field.**

### **Submission Instructions**

#### **Key Deadlines**

Full papers (8000 - 10000 words) and research notes / short communications (2000 words max) accepted.

Abstract (250 words) submission **30th June 2015** to either guest editor with completed articles due **30th October 2015**. Publication anticipated late 2016.

Interested parties can contact the editors (louise.mansfield@brunel.ac.uk and j.j.piggin@lboro.ac.uk) by email to discuss potential submissions.

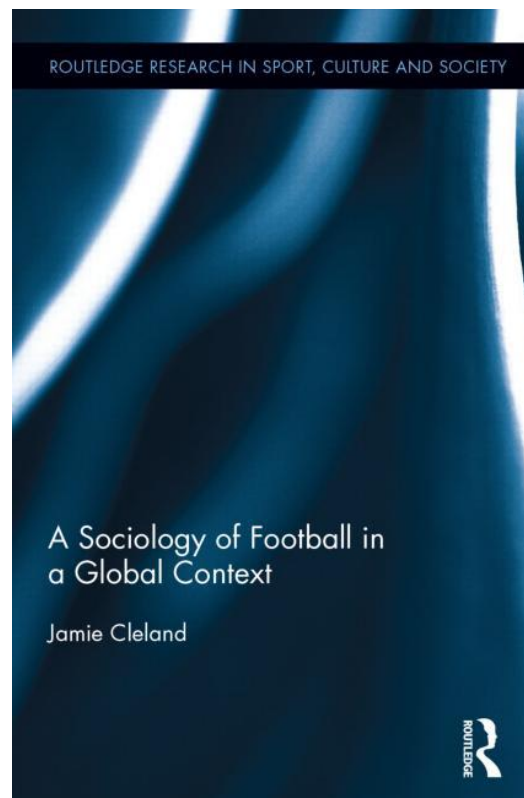
#### **Submissions**

Please consult the inside covers of the International Journal of Sport, Policy and Politics or the website <http://www.tandfonline.com/risp> for guidance.

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### **New Book in the Routledge Research in Sport, Culture and Society Series**

Association football is now *the* global sport, consumed in various ways by millions of people across the world. Throughout its history, football has been a catalyst as much for social cohesion, unity, excitement and integration as it can be for division, exclusion and discrimination. *A Sociology of Football in a Global Context* examines the historical, political, economic, social and cultural complexities of the game across Europe, Africa, Asia and North and South America. It analyses the key developments and sociological debates within football through a topic-based approach that concentrates on the history of football and its global diffusion; the role of violence; the global governance of the game by FIFA; race, racism and whiteness; gender and homophobia; the changing nature of fans; the media and football's financial revolution; the transformation of players into global celebrities; and the growth of football leagues across the world. Using a range of examples from all over the world, each chapter highlights the different social and cultural changes football has seen, most notably since the 1990s, when its relationship with the mass media and other transnational networks became more important and financially lucrative.



For more details see: <http://www.sponpress.com/books/details/9780415855679/>

**BSA Sport Study Group Day Conference  
Sport and Social Protest**



**Friday 15th May 2015, British Library Conference Centre, London**

Time	Speaker	Title	
Introduction			
09.00-09.30	Registration and Coffee		
09.30-09.45	John Horne & Jude England	Introductory remarks	
Keynote			
09.45-10.45	Peter Hain		
Teabreak 10.45-11.00			
Targeting Sport in Protest Campaigns			
11.00-13.00 Panel 1  Chair:	Malcolm MacLean	Sports boycotts, the structure international federations and opportunities for and the character of action	
	Chris Gaffney	An anatomy of resistance: the popular committees for the World Cup in Brazil	
	Gemma Edwards	'Business Before Pleasure': Sport as an Adversary in the British Suffragette Movement	
Lunch 13.00-13.45			
Athletes, Capital, Politics			
13.45-14.45 Panel 2 Chair:	Celia Valiente	Sport as a driver of social protest: The case of Catholic feminist Lili Álvarez in 20th century Spain	
	Stuart Whigham	'Sport for Yes'? The precarious positioning of Scottish athletes in the Scottish independence referendum campaign	
Teabreak 14.45-15.15			
Football Fandom, Collective Memory and Collective Action			
15.15-16.45 Panel 3  Chair:	Matthew Hawkins	Re-imagining the future of San Lorenzo with a stadium on Avenida La Plata: Football supporters use of memory to make a social movement	
	Suzan Gibril & Ekaterina Glorizova	Football fandom as a motive for mobilisation: a comparison of Russian and Egyptian football supporters	
	Jarosław Chodak	"Donald you moron, football hooligans are going to bring your government down". Anti-government protests of football supporters in Poland 2011-2014	
Roundtable 16.45-17.30 Elite sport, mass protest?			
Chris Bolsmann	Graeme Hayes	Mark Doidge	Jean Harvey

**Booking and other details can be found online at: <http://www.britisoc.co.uk/events/bsa-events.aspx>**

**SPACE, PLACE AND SPORT**  
**THE SPORT PROJECT: PROBING THE BOUNDARIES**

Thursday 24th September – Saturday 26th September 2015  
Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom

Call for Presentations:

Sport is a key space for controversies and issues over access and power. It is a key space for the construction of identity, belonging and community, a place for meaning-making. Every year sports events are hosted and won by communities and nation-states. Every year people do sports or watch sports in spaces: sports grounds, fields, back streets and parks. Every year, there is political struggle over funding that goes to the development of sports spaces, whether it is global events such as the World Cup, or informal spaces such as walking and cycling routes in national parks. For this conference, we invite academics, researchers, activists, theorists, policy-makers, journalists and practitioners to critically discuss and present interdisciplinary approaches to examining sport as a space in which tangible and intangible meanings, identities, development, engagement, and community are created. We are interested in interdisciplinary approaches to space, place and sport at the intersections of academic disciplines and subject fields, and invite contributions from academics who approach their work on space, place and sport through an inter-disciplinary lens. We especially welcome voices from beyond the academic boundaries, news from those involved in sport or writing about sport. We also include in that invitation those active in campaigns: for better access to spaces, for more spaces, as well as those fighting to save non-sports spaces from the hands of those who might want to turn them into sports facilities for mega-events.

The aim of this conference is to develop an active network of academics, practitioners and campaigners with an interest in sports geographies. By sports geographies we mean the ways in which we might understand sport as something that creates spaces and places, as well as something that is shaped by spaces and places. An inter-disciplinary sports geography is one that uses the relationship between sport, place and space to tell a story about the meaning of sport, the history of sport and the socio-cultural importance of sport: for example, about the relationship between Le Tour de France, landscapes and French identity. Themes within the conference include:

- Understanding the social and political potential of sport spaces – can sports spaces be places where social divisions are broken down? Who controls sports spaces?
- How sport intersect other spaces – cultures, communities, societies and nation-states
- Geographies of sporting bodies – the growth and development of sports organisations
- The meaning and purpose of sport spaces – what do people use sports spaces for?
- Conflicts over sports spaces – who gets access

We invite abstracts that discuss things like the relationship between sports teams in the context of the local/global debate; stadium architecture (gentrification, class and gendered space within stadia); sport spaces and urban planning; virtual sports; sports clubs and their community outreach initiatives (or relationship to their communities generally); variations in sporting practices and game rules across space and place; sport-driven nationalism as a sense of space and place; and sport as uniting force that breaks down the barriers of space and place.

We would also like to draw your attention to the Special Workshop on Sporting Mega-Events, International Sports Organisations and the Future of Sport which will be just before the conference this year. Details of which can be found here: [Power and Corruption Wednesday 23rd September](#)

2015, Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom.

What to Send:

**300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 1st May 2015.** If an abstract is accepted for the conference, a full draft paper should be submitted by Friday 10th July 2015. 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: SPORT4 Abstract Submission.

Organising Chairs:

Karl Spracklen: [K.Spracklen@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:K.Spracklen@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)

Rob Fisher: [sport4@inter-disciplinary.net](mailto:sport4@inter-disciplinary.net)

For further details of the conference, please visit:

<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/sport/call-for-papers/>

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**6TH ANNUAL EUROPEAN SPORTS DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (ESDN) CONFERENCE**  
**Thursday 3rd September, Leeds Trinity University**

Registration for the 6th annual ESDN conference is now **open!**

To find out more about the conference registration visit [www.esdn2015.com](http://www.esdn2015.com)

Leeds Trinity University is delighted to be hosting the 6th annual European Sports Development Network (ESDN) conference. The one-day conference will take place in the cultural region of Yorkshire.

**Date – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Time- 9.30am – 4.00pm**

ESDN 2015 will be delivered in partnership with **The University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University, West Yorkshire Sport and Leeds City Council Sport and Active Lifestyles**, reflecting the work of key stakeholders working in the field of Sports Development within Leeds.

Registration for the 6th annual ESDN conference is now open!! We are also pleased to offer accommodation in **All Saints Court**.

This year's conference will be priced at £55.00 per person.

The price for guests wishing to stay in the All Saints Court accommodation will be £31.50 per night.

# Edge Hill University

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**British Sociological Association  
Sport Study Group Postgraduate Forum**

**Hosted by  
*Department of Sport and Physical Activity,  
Edge Hill University***

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
9am - 5pm**

**Call for Papers**

The aim of this forum is to continue efforts to develop a postgraduate research community, providing students with the opportunity to develop an appreciation of current postgraduate research within sport and the social sciences.

The BSA Sport Study Group welcome theoretically informed papers from postgraduate research students working in fields of sociology of sport, physical education, coaching, anthropology, pedagogy or related disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. Topics are encouraged from a wide spectrum, including but not limited to, theory, methodologies and discussions of data.

At this forum postgraduate students will be provided with the opportunity to:

- Deliver presentations to peers within a supportive, non-threatening environment.
- Network and share ideas with other postgraduate students within the field.
- Foster social relationships with other postgraduate students

Deadline for abstract submission:	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b>
Notification of acceptance:	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015</b>
Deadline for registration (attendance only):	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015</b>

The forum will run from 9am-5pm and will consist of a number of short presentations of approx. 20 minutes. Please note that lunch will be included.

Delegates can register their intention to attend and submit an abstract for consideration through the following link: <http://surveys.edgehill.ac.uk/sportstudygroupforum/>

Delegates will be informed of the exact room for the conference after the registration deadline on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015. If you require any further information about the event, please contact Dr Melanie Lang on [Langm@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:Langm@edgehill.ac.uk)

## **THIS FORUM IS FREE TO ATTEND**

### **Abstract Guidelines**

Abstract submissions are restricted to registered Postgraduate Research students who are currently members of the BSA and/or Study Group – you can join here: [www.britsoc.co.uk](http://www.britsoc.co.uk)

1. Abstracts should be no longer than **200 words** and should detail the objectives, rationale, and findings (where appropriate) of your PhD research.
2. Candidates within the first year of study may present findings from their Masters dissertation, if conducted within their current or proposed area of Postgraduate Research.
3. Due to time limitations, individuals are only permitted to submit one abstract.
4. All abstracts will be subject to review by the organising committee.
5. Presentations should be approximately 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions. PowerPoint facilities will be available.
6. Copies of abstracts will be provided to all conference attendees.
7. Abstracts should be submitted electronically via the registration form. Available here: <http://surveys.edgehill.ac.uk/sportstudygroupforum/>
8. Abstracts should be submitted by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015**