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ISHPES news

1. President's news

Dear ISHPES members,

Since the successful ISHPES-ISSA congress of the last summer in Copenhagen, four projects have been conducted and are still on the agenda. The first one is the organisation of our ISHPES seminar to be held in Tartu, Estonia (July 2-6, 2008). Under the title of "People in Sport history. Sport history for the People", the challenge there will be to analyse the popularisation of sport history. I urge you to send an abstract and to advertise the seminar around you. For more details, see

<http://www.spordimuuseum.ee/ishpes2008>. Please note that a Council meeting will occur during the seminar.

The second project is the contribution of ISHPES within ICSEMIS, the international convention for sciences, education and medicine in sport, co-organised by ICSSPE, IOC, FIMS and IPC. It will be held in Guangzhou, China, the week prior to the Olympic Games. For ISHPES, the initial plan was to have a joint session in partnership with our colleagues from the International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH) on a "political history of the National Olympic Committees". I defended this idea during the meeting of the ICSSPE Association's board members in Warsaw last September. However, I have received no confirmation up to now and am still expecting more information. In any case, you can have an overview on the convention on

<http://www.icsemis2008.org/>

The third project is the ISHPES congress to be held in Stirling, Scotland, in

July 2009. Our colleague Wray Vamplew, who will serve as host, has actively handled the numerous tasks required by the organisation. After many discussions, the final title is "Sport in History: Promises and Problems"; it will deal with some issues within sport e.g. drugs, child labour, discrimination etc. and how they have been addressed. On the other hand, it will consider how sport has been called upon to alleviate wider social and economic problems and the result of this. All details will be given in the next week on the web site, and present in Tartu as well.

Finally, the last urgent issue for ISHPES is our contribution to the world congress of history in Amsterdam, during the summer 2010 (August 22-28). Although the date seems far, many points had to be fixed recently, the most crucial being of course the recognition of sport history as one of the topics in the program. I attended the ICSH general assembly in Beijing last October to defend it. Despite a strong concurrence of other international organisations in history and more than 200 issues presented, the topic was accepted, thanks to the support of the International Commission of the history of international relations. As a consequence, the session to organise in Amsterdam will focus on "*International Relations in Sport: Historiographical Trends and New Challenges*".

They are still many tasks to achieve within the next weeks and months. The panel of experts for Amsterdam has to be fixed rapidly. The constitution of the scientific committee members for Stirling is also on the agenda and I am still looking

for opportunities to publish a part of the papers presented in Copenhagen. Meanwhile, do not forget to send your ISHPES membership fee for the year. Jean Saint-Martin remains at your disposal.

I wish you a very stimulating New Year and hope to see you soon in Tartu.

Thierry Terret,
President of ISHPES.

Chers membres de l'ISHPES,

Depuis le succès du congrès de l'ISHPES et de l'ISSA l'été dernier à Copenhague, quatre projets ont été développés et sont toujours à l'ordre du jour. Le premier concerne l'organisation de notre séminaire international à Tartu, en Estonie, du 2 au 6 juillet 2008. Sous le titre de "People in Sport history. Sport history for the People", le défi relevé sera d'analyser la popularisation de l'histoire du sport. Je vous engage à envoyer un résumé et à parler de cet événement autour de vous. Pour plus de détails, voir <http://www.spordimuuseum.ee/ishpes2008>. Veuillez noter que durant le séminaire se tiendra une réunion du Conseil de l'ISHPES.

Le second projet est la contribution de l'ISHPES à ICSEMIS, la convention internationale pour les sciences, l'éducation et la médecine en sport, co-organisée par le CIEPSS, le CIO, la FIMS et le mouvement paralympique. Elle se tiendra à Guangzhou, en Chine, la semaine précédant les Jeux olympiques. Pour l'ISHPES, l'idée de départ était d'avoir une session en partenariat avec nos collègues de l'International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH) sur une « histoire politique des comités olympiques nationaux ». C'est ce que j'ai défendu lors de la réunion des membres de l'Association's board du CIEPSS réunis à Varsovie en septembre. Toutefois, je n'ai

pas reçu de confirmation depuis. Dans tous les cas, vous pouvez consulter l'état général de la convention sur

<http://www.icsemis2008.org/>

Le troisième projet est le congrès de l'ISHPES à tenir à Sterling, en Ecosse, en juillet 2009. Notre collègue Wray Vamplew, qui en a la charge, s'est activement attelé à la tâche. Après de nombreuses discussions, le titre final est le suivant : « Le sport dans l'histoire : promesses et problèmes ». Il traitera d'aspects internes au monde du sport tels que l'usage des drogues, le travail des enfants, la discrimination, etc. et comment ils ont été pris en considération. Par ailleurs, il s'attachera à analyser la manière dont le sport a été mobilisé pour régler des problèmes sociaux et économiques plus larges et avec quels résultats. Tous les détails seront prochainement disponibles sur Internet et présentés également à Tartu.

Enfin, le dernier point sur l'agenda de l'ISHPES est notre contribution au congrès mondial d'histoire à Amsterdam, pendant l'été 2010 (22-28 août). Bien que ces dates semblent loin, plusieurs décisions ont du être prises récemment, la plus importante pour nous étant évidemment la reconnaissance de l'histoire du sport comme l'un des thèmes du programme du congrès. J'ai participé à l'assemblée générale du CISH à Pékin, en octobre dernier, pour défendre sa place. Malgré la forte concurrence d'autres organisations internationales en histoire et la proposition de plus de 200 thèmes, l'histoire du sport a été retenue, en bénéficiant notamment du support de la Commission internationale pour l'histoire des Relations internationales. En conséquence, la session à organiser à Amsterdam portera sur « Les relations internationales dans le sport: tendances historiographiques et nouveaux défis ».

De nombreuses tâches demeurent à réaliser dans les prochaines semaines et les

prochains mois. Le panel d'experts pour Amsterdam doit être choisi rapidement. La constitution du comité scientifique pour Sterling est aussi à l'ordre du jour et je suis toujours à la recherche d'une opportunité pour publier une partie des actes de Copenhague. En attendant, je vous engage à renouveler votre inscription annuelle à l'ISHPES. Jean Saint-Martin se tient pour cela à votre disposition.

Je vous souhaite une très stimulante nouvelle année et j'espère vous voir à Tartu.

Thierry Terret,
Président de l'ISHPES.

Liebe ISHPES Mitglieder,

seit dem erfolgreichen ISHPES-ISSA Kongress letzten Sommer in Kopenhagen, wurden vier Projekte durchgeführt und weitere sind in Bearbeitung.

Das erste Projekt ist die Durchführung unseres ISHPES-Seminars, das in Tartu, Estland (2.-6. July 2008) stattfinden soll. Unter dem Titel „People in Sport history. Sport history for the People“ wird dort die Herausforderung sein, die Popularisierung der Sportgeschichte zu analysieren. Ich bitte Sie dringend darum, einen Abstract einzureichen und für dieses Seminar zu werben. Weitere Informationen sind unter

<http://www.sportdimuseum.ee/ishpes2008>

zu finden. Bitte beachten Sie, dass während des Seminars ein Council Meeting organisiert wird.

Das zweite Projekt ist der Beitrag von ISHPES innerhalb ICSEMIS, der internationalen Tagung für Wissenschaft, Bildung und Medizin in Sport, die von ICSSPE, IOC, FIMS und IPC mitorganisiert wurde. Diese Veranstaltung wird in Gaungshou, China in der Woche

vor den Olympischen Spielen abgehalten werden. Ursprünglich war für ISHPES geplant, eine gemeinsame Session mit unseren Kollegen von der International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH) über die „political history of the National Olympic Committees“ („politische Geschichte der nationalen Olympischen Komitees“) abzuhalten. Zuletzt setzte ich mich für diese Idee während der ICSSPE Vorstandssitzung im letzten September in Warschau ein. Allerdings habe ich bisher noch keine Bestätigung bekommen und erwarte weitere Informationen. In jedem Fall kann man sich einen Überblick über die Tagung unter <http://www.icsemis2008.org/> verschaffen.

Das dritte Projekt ist der ISHPES-Kongress, der im July 2009 in Stirling in Schottland stattfinden soll. Unser Kollege Wray Vamplew, der hierfür verantwortlich ist, hat die zahlreichen organisatorischen Aufgaben übernommen, die hierfür verlangt werden. Nach vielen Diskussionen lautet der Titel schließlich „Sport in History: Promises and Problems“; dabei wird es um Probleme innerhalb des Sports gehen, wie z. B. Drogen, Kinderarbeit, Diskriminierung usw. und wie man mit diesen umgegangen ist. Des weiteren soll untersucht werden, wie der Sport genutzt wurde, um breitere gesellschaftliche und ökonomische Probleme zu vermindern und zu welchem Ergebnis dies geführt hat. Alle Details finden Sie nächste Woche auf der Website und sie werden auch in Tartu präsentiert.

Das letzte wichtige Projekt für ISHPES ist schließlich unser Beitrag zum Weltkongress der Geschichte im Sommer 2010 (22.-28. August) in Amsterdam. Obwohl das Datum noch weit entfernt scheint, mussten vor kurzem viele Punkte geklärt werden. Der für uns wichtigste Punkt war natürlich die Anerkennung der Sportgeschichte als eines der Themen im Programm. Ich nahm an der ICSH-Generalversammlung in Beijing letzten

Oktober teil, um mich dafür einzusetzen. Trotz einer starken Konkurrenz der anderen internationalen Geschichtsorganisationen und der über 200 vorgeschlagenen Themen, wurde die Sportgeschichte - dank der Unterstützung der „International Commission of the History of International Relations“ - angenommen. Daraus ergibt sich, dass sich der in Amsterdam durchzuführende Arbeitskreis auf „International Relations in Sport: Historiographical Trends and New Challenges“ konzentrieren wird.

Während der nächsten Wochen und Monate gibt es noch viele weitere Aufgaben zu erledigen. Das Expertengremium für Amsterdam muss dringend bestellt werden. Des Weiteren steht die Zusammensetzung des

Wissenschaftlichen Komitees für Stirling auf der Tagesordnung. Zudem bemühe ich mich noch um eine Möglichkeit, einen Teil der Vorträge, die in Kopenhagen präsentiert wurden, zu veröffentlichen.

Bitte vergessen Sie in der Zwischenzeit nicht, Ihre ISHPES Mitgliedschaftsgebühr für dieses Jahr zu überweisen. Jean Saint-Martin steht Ihnen zur Verfügung.

Ich wünsche Ihnen ein sehr anregendes neues Jahr und hoffe, Sie bald in Tartu zu sehen.

Thierry Terret,
ISHPES-Präsident.

2. ISHPES report on the Awards Committee (August 2007 – Copenhagen)

First my thanks go to the committee who helped me select the winners for the ISHPES scholar and the junior scholar awards. – Annette Hofmann, Gerry Gems and Tara Magadalinski.

The winner of the Sport scholar award was Leena Laine, well known sport history researcher from Finland whose deft, thoughtful and well focused work on Women in Finnish sport organizations has made an international impact upon the field. Leena has had a series of teaching and research positions in Finland and her research projects on the history of the Finnish Worker Women's sports movement as well as sport organizations more generally and their political and social impacts has added new and important dimensions to our work on gender and sport from a historical perspective. In particular she has advanced feminist research through the use of narrative methods, generating a rich and illustrative set of histories of Finnish

women and the values they have placed on movement and sport.

The winner of the Junior Scholar award by a slight margin is Cesar Torres, from SUNY College at Brockport, USA. His topic was "The Endurance of the Nation – Juan Carlos Zabala's 1932 Olympic Marathon Victory and Argentine Nationalism. It is a well written essay with an extensive use of primary sources that address multiple discourses and focuses upon the role of sport and Olympic victory in the promulgation of national identity in Argentina.. The study is nuanced in its investigations of cultural adaptations and contested cultures in Argentina and is a welcome addition to the growing body of research on Latin America.

Two runners up deserve praise for their interesting and well researched essays, Russell Field's "As Much a Part of the game- A Profile of Ice Hockey Spectators in 1930s Toronto," and Pascal Delheye, "Statistics, Gymnastics and the Origins of Sport Science in Belgium, 1830-1914."

Russell Field's essay on sports spectators in the 1930s addresses a topic that has not been a critical concern to sports historians and his paper makes a nice contribution to understanding, not simply the emotional bond between fan/spectator and team/games but the class and gender make-up of those in attendance. This provides some very useful data as a point of contrast to those who mythologize the working class history of spectatorship that is under threat from the commodification of sport and the corporatisation of spectating.

Pascal Delheye's study of statistics and gymnastics in Belgium is well written and a fascinating study of the growth of the discipline of sport science and the importance of the work of Quetelet to the discipline. His use of primary sources in the study is excellent and his style interesting. We were only held back because he does not really answer the

question posed by his essay but the new light thrown upon the process of knowledge development, statistics and anthropometry is fascinating.

Some comments to the Council

We have solved the difficulties of language by selecting jurors once the essays are in, such that we can arrange a committee of whatever languages are needed.

More problematic is the need to generate more essays for the competition, and to be more precise about our expectations of the entrants and the winner, especially in their relation to ISHPES and their attendance at the conference. We must expect the winner to be in attendance at the conference to give his/her paper and promote the junior ranks of ISHPES for the future. We may need to assist in travel for this Award.

Patricia Vertinsky.

3. Minutes of the ISHPES Council, 1st August, 2007, Copenhagen (17h15-19h)

Present: T. Terret ; A. Hofmann, P. Vertinsky, J. Saint-Martin, R. Cox, H. Aigner, T. González Aja, Y. Daren (represented), J. Gems, G. Gori, M. Lämmer (represented), L. Laine, T. Magdalinski, G. Pfister, M. Smith, K. Szikora, E. Trangbaek, B. Woltmann.

Invited: Sun Yue (china), Angela Teja (Italie), Kenth Sjöblom (Finland), Vray Wamplew (Scotland), Karl Lennartz (Germany), Kalle Voolaid (Estonia).

Excused: J. Riordan, A. Guttmann, F. Lebed,

1. Information (T. Terret)
2. Copenhagen 2007 (E. Trangbaek)
3. Proceedings of Cologne (M. Lämmer) and Lubljana
4. Award committee (P. Vertinsky)
5. Preparation of Tartu 2008 (L. Laine)
6. Project ISHPES-ICA-SPO on the sports archives (K. Sjöblom/ A. Teja)
7. Applications for 2009 and vote (R. Cox, V. Wamplew)
8. Participation in ICSSPE-FIMS-IOC-IPC Convention (China 2008) and linked project ISHPES-ISOH on the

- history of the NOCs (T. Terret, K. Lennartz)
9. Bulletin (A. Hofmann),
10. ISHPES Website and Sport list (R. Cox)
11. Preparation of the General Assembly (August 2)
12. Others

The order of day is accepted

1. Information (T. Terret) :
BBSH (Sterling, annual congress of BBSH): In August 2007, T. Terret will

participate at a round table with different presidents about the future of sport history institution.

ICSH (Beijing, September 2007): T. Terret will participate to the discussion about the World congress in History in Amsterdam in 2010. The topic 'sport and disabled body: sport, body, normality and abnormality', was not accepted among the 15 chosen by ICHS. TT asks the Council to have an official subvention by ISHPES to go to Beijing (400 euros) and to try to have sport history recognised as a topic within the next World congress of ICSH (August, 22-28, 2010).. UNANIMITY

ICSSPE, association board, Warsaw, October, 2007 : The contribution of ISHPES to the so-called "ICSSEMIS" (International Convention in Sport Science, Education and Sport Medicine) is not clear: TT will defend the opportunity of having a joint session ISHPES-ISOH on a political history of the national Olympic committees. See point 8

2. Copenhagen 2007 :

E. Trangbaek presents a report and recalled the two conditions which were discussed in Urbino: that Copenhagen would organise the congress if there was only one language and no proceedings.

T. Terret suggests that other solutions might be found to edit a part of the papers presented in Copenhagen.

E. Trangbaek invites more persons to participate in the social program.

3. Proceedings of Cologne and Ljubljana

Evelyn Mertin, representing Manfred Lämmer and the team of Cologne, brought the proceedings of 2005 in Copenhagen.

T. Terret informs the council on the proceedings of Ljubljana 2006, which will be published in late 2007) or early 2008. There might be several volumes; the printer has not been selected yet.

4. Award committee (P. Vertinsky)

P. Vertinsky presents the ISHPES Award winners for 2007: Leena Laine. The Junior scholar award goes to Cesar Torres .

P. Vertinsky wishes the winners to participate effectively in the congress? The decision is removed to Tartu.

5. Preparation of Tartu (seminar, 2008)

Kalle Voolaid presents the first announcement. One hundred copies will be diffused during the General Assembly.

6. Project ISHPES-ICA-SPO on the sports Archives

K. Sjöblom (vice president of ICA-SPO) and A. Teja (CESH) present a project in five points:

- a petition to the EU

- a Statement addressed to culturally oriented, worldwide organisations like UNESCO, to support and help in raising awareness of Sports Archives and their importance for sports Research.

- a Statement addressed to International Sports Organisations (FIFA, IAAF, UEFA, etc.) to include the safeguarding of Sports Archives in their working programme.

- a Statement/petition to the IOC to spread awareness to and put pressure on National Committees to take care of the Olympic Archives.

- A charter on the importance and value of Sports Archives and the means to improve these.

T. Terret proposes to create a working group on this issue with A. Teja, R. Cox and T. Terret.

7. Applications for ISHPES Congress 2009

There is only one application. Wray. Vamplew presents the application of Sterling, in Scotland. The congress will be organized in July 2009 (7-11). Topic to be chosen. All official ISHPES languages will be accepted

Vote : UNANIMITY

8. Participation in ICSSPE-FIMS-IOC-IPC Convention (China 2008) and linked project ISHPES-ISOH on the history of the NOCs (T. Terret and K. Lennartz)

T. Terret and K. Lennartz have presented a project of session on the history of the NOCs, to be included in ICSSEMIS, in Guangzhou, China, 1-5 August, 2008. However, the organisers wish to have a panel rather than a more traditional session. Opportunities to have the planned session in another location

might be looked for. The project could lead to a more ambitious systematic and editorial work in the future.

9. Bulletin

A. Hofmann asks everyone to send papers and information for the bulletin.

10. ISHPES Website and Sport list

R. Cox presents a project of renovating the ISHPES Website, to make it more interactive.

J. Saint-Martin

Reports and Announcements

1. Third meeting of Transnational Scholars for the study of Gender and Sport: Historical Perspectives (Urbino, 2007)

Set against the background of the Italian university city of Urbino, which is steeped in history and tradition, the third meeting of the Transnational Scholars for the Study of Gender and Sport took place from 30 November to 1 December 2007. On invitation by Gigliola Gori, a good 25 scientists and a group of interested students from the Facoltà di Scienze Motorie came to the Carlo Bo University to sample varied insights into the work on Gender & Sports from the perspective of a classical history scholar Luigi Bravi (Italy). The well-organised conference also provided participants with the opportunity of taking a closer look at research projects in recent and present-day history.

The conference mainly focussed on biographical case studies. In their stirring lectures Susan J. Bandy (USA), Annette R. Hofmann (Germany), Katalin Szikora (Hungary) and Jan Todd (USA) covered an extraordinary range of subject matter from sporting *Sister Engeltraud* to *She-Woman Katie Sandwina*, as a result of which sport in the everyday lives of many different

women from the past to the present was very vividly, almost tangibly, presented.

The opening lecture by Roland Renson (Belgium) on the development of basketball - with particular reference to women's basketball - sparked off a row of lectures on the emancipation struggles of women in and through sport (Antonella Cagnolati/Italy, Leena Laine/Finland). The focus lay not only on the role of female athletes, but also on that of female spectators (Gigliola Gori/Italy). The contributions of Gerd von der Lippe (Norway) and Martha Saavedra (USA) provided further, more differentiated insight into these issues.

In addition to the international participants, several female researchers from Italy presented their work on the situation of sporting Italian women, covering the Auxiliary Female Service during Italian fascism (Roberta Vescovi), the varied predilection of Italian men and women for different types of sports (Ivana Matteucci), the co-educational training of those studying sport (Anna Rita Calavalle) through to the professional training of

Italian female primary school teachers (Nadia Carlomagno). The lectures were rounded off with contributions by Katja Schmitt and Sandra Winheller (Germany) who presented the results of their empirical research into the situation of female primary school physical education teachers both in Germany and abroad.

Following the chamber music concert, the cultural programme culminated in a surprise Christmas party and the ceremonial presentation of the festschrift *Gender, Body and Sport in Historical and Transnational Perspectives* dedicated to Gigliola Gori and edited by Susan J. Bandy, Annette R. Hofmann & Arnd Krüger, published by Kovač Verlag. Nineteen European and North American scholars, who had been part of Gigliola Gori's scientific career, explore a variety of

subjects including the influence of fascism on the arts, the Olympic Games, and intersections of the body, gender, and ideology in sport.

In addition to the scientific programme, the founding of the Transnational Working Group for the Study of Gender, Sport, and Physical Culture was also discussed. Further discussions have been scheduled for the fourth meeting of the research team to be held in the early winter 2008 at the Pädagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg in Germany.

Andrea Bruns & Katja Schmitt (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen).

2. Honourable Honoris Causa Title for Gertrud Pfister at the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences, Semmelweis University



Professor **Gertrud Pfister**, the internationally acknowledged, outstanding representative of sport sociology and sports history graduated in Sport Sciences, Latin Language and History at the Ludwig-Maximilian-University München. She carried out her doctoral studies in ancient history of sport and received her PhD title 'magna cum laude' at the University of Regensburg. Her university career started at the Ruhr-University Bochum in 1980, where she received another PhD degree

with summa cum laude at the department of social sciences. The topic of her dissertation was gender, co-education and socialisation and gender studies have been among her main fields of interest during her scientific career. A special focus was the historical and sociological investigation of women and sport. In addition, she researched and published extensively in the field of sports history with a special focus on the 19th and the 20th centuries.

She became a professor at the Institute of Sport Sciences at the Freie Universität Berlin in 1981. There she built up a sport history research centre which cooperated with the “Forum of Sport History” and had such a large impact on the sport historical efforts in Berlin. At the free University she served as head of the Institute and in several influential committees, among others the research committee which was responsible for the funding of research for the whole university.

In 2001 she was offered a position as professor at the Institute of Sport Sciences at the University of Copenhagen, which is one of the leading universities in Europe. She accepted the offer and built up a sport historical and sport sociological research group. In 2006 she was offered a position as the dean of the history and culture department at the university of Oslo, which she declined. From 1993 to 2000 Gertrud Pfister served as president of the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport (ISHPES) In 2004 she was elected as president of the International Sport Sociology Association (ISSA). Since 2003 she had served in the scientific board of the interdisciplinary European College of Sport Sciences as well. Gertrud Pfister has participated in numerous PhD evaluations, she was a member of several professor assessment committees and she participated in the evaluation of sport institutes of four universities (Göttingen, Vienna, Basel, Keunas). In addition, she is member of the editorial board and/or the review panel for more than 10 national and international journals, among others International Journal of the History of Sport, Sport History Review, and International Review of Sport Sociology. These offices show that her work is accepted and appreciated in a broader area of sport sciences.

Her main field of research has been women’s sport and gender studies from sociological, sport sociological, historical

and methodological perspectives. She explored, among other things, the development of women’s sport in Germany and Europe, especially the role of women and women’s sport in political, social and cultural-historical changes, the participation of women in the Olympic movement, the gender relations in decision making committees of sport organisations, the representation of female athletes in mass media, etc.

Gertrud Pfister has published 50 books as author or editor and around 250 articles in scientific books or journals. Most of her publications are in German or English, but some papers have been translated in Portuguese, French, Mandarin, Japanese, Dutch etc.

The titles of some of her publication show us the broad range of her interests and areas of expertise: ‘From outsider to idols: ‘Women at the Olympic Games’; ‘Opportunities and Barriers for Women in Sports in Turkey’; Integration and Gender’; ‘The Everyday Lives of Sportswomen: Playing Sport and Being a Mother’; ‘Doing Sport is Doing Gender – Sport and Socialisation from a Constructive Perspective’; ‘Women and Sport in Comparative and International Perspective’. Currently she is working on a book about “Understanding American Sport – on the (gendered) sport structures and practices in the USA”.

Professor Pfister got into contact with the TF in the beginning of the 1990ies, and there are still intensive scientific contacts with the Department of Social Sciences of our Faculty. As a president of ISHPES she held lectures both at our university and at the Hungarian Olympic Committee. She had a great impact in the decision to conduct a world congress in Hungary. Thus our university could organize the 6th World Congress of the International Society of Sport History in 1999. The proceedings of this congress we edited together.

Since that time she has been the invited lecturer of several sport historical

and sport sociological conferences, scientific forums, and university courses here in Hungary, and has been the consultant for some of our PhD students. She invited several Hungarian students to participate in the International Summer School, which takes place every August in Copenhagen. Hungarian PhD students also participated in the International Congress

of Sport Sociology, which took place in Copenhagen in 2007.

Gertrud Pfister is the second woman to receive the honourable *Honoris Causa* title at the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences /TF/, awarded by the Senate of the Semmelweis University.

Katalin Szikora

3. Honorary Doctorate Degree for Patricia Vertinsky at the University of Copenhagen

Professor Dr **Patricia Vertinsky** is Professor of Human Kinetics and Distinguished University Scholar at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. She is widely recognized internationally as an outstanding social and cultural historian who has made an exceptional contribution to the fields of women's history, sport history and sociology, and the history of health and medicine - always with her insightful focus on gender and body culture. The broad focus of her innovative, interdisciplinary and theoretically sophisticated work has centered on the historical role of physical activity in sustaining health which is a potent social issue world wide. Her extensive scholarly writings, some of which are classics in the field, have advanced understandings of the complex social and cultural determinants of health and exercise in society - especially her discerning analyses of gender, racial stereotyping and ageing in relation to physical culture. Professor

Vertinsky's professional career has been characterized by leadership, innovation, commitment and international service and she has received numerous distinguished research prizes and awards. The first time she visited University of Copenhagen was a decade ago and since that time she has maintained particularly close ties with the Department for Exercise and Sport Sciences. She has supported and inspired the researchers and the students at the Institute, integrating colleagues and students there into international scientific research and professional networks and facilitating visits to the University of British Columbia. In particular, she has been instrumental in enhancing the development of research and teaching in the historical fields at the Institute where some of the leading and most productive scholars in the field are now located.

Else Trangbaek

4. A week of scholarly fun: "To remember is to resist:"* 40 Years of Sport and Social Change, 1968-2008," and the annual NASSH conference.

The North American Society of Sport History will meet for their annual conference in Lake Placid, New York on May 23-26, 2008. Abstracts have been reviewed and the program is being finalized. A draft of the program will be

available on the NASSH website (www.nassh.org) on February 2, 2008. Over 150 scholars from a number of countries (including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Korea, and United States) will be

presenting papers over the 4 day conference.

The NASSH conference is being preceded by a conference, "To remember is to resist:"* 40 Years of Sport and Social Change, 1968-2008," hosted by the University of Toronto, May 20-22, 2008.

This conference will commemorate and critique the aims and achievements of

past and current human rights movements in sport. Keynote addresses and individual presentations will explore the past and reflect on current efforts at social change; participants will also be encouraged to suggest future directions and debate the

5. The Centenary Conference of Rugby League in Australia, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, 7-8 November 2008.

This is a preliminary call for papers and contributions to a conference recognising the cultural, historical and social significance of rugby league in Australia 1908-2008. The convening group, the Tom Brock Bequest Committee, a group which promotes the scholarly study of rugby league, is seeking support and sponsorship from significant cultural institutions within Australia .

Deadline for abstracts: (250 word) :
1 March 2008

Deadline for papers for publication:
1 May 2008.

(5000 words maximum, as MS Word document, in final polished form for refereeing. It is proposed that a publication, consisting of contributions to the conference, will be provided to all participants as part of their registration fee and will be available on the first day of the conference.. Therefore the above

merits of including sport in campaigns for human rights.

This conference will bring together academics and activists, practitioners and academics, including scholars from a variety of disciplines and perspectives whose research interests touch upon issues of sport and physical activity, human rights and social change.

Submit abstracts and any questions to the Conference Organizer, Russell Field, at: russell.field@utoronto.ca or 1-416-978-5548.

submission date is non-negotiable.) It is further proposed that the conference also feature a non-academic stream of contributions from former players, journalists, and others who may not wish to contribute to the publication.

Abstracts should specify whether it is your intention to submit a 5000 word paper for refereeing.

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6. ICSEMIS, 2008.

For more information of the upcoming conference, please visit the website.

<http://www.icsemis2008.org/>

7. Tartu (2008)

The ISHPES Seminar for year 2008 will be held in Tartu, Estonia from 2-6 July. The title of the Seminar is "People in Sport History – Sport History for People". The main task of the Seminar is to deal with the theoretical challenges in popularising sport history, the challenging

ways of understanding sport and its heritage, the sport history and educational ideologies and the preservation and presentation of sport and movement history.

More information and the organisers' contacts are available on the Seminar Website :

www.spordimuuseum.ee/ishpes2008

8. Japan and Asian announcements :

The **22nd conference of JSSH** (The Japan Society of Sport History) is to be held in the Conference Hall of "Corasse Fukushima", 22-23 November, 2008. The organizer: prof. Yasuhiro Sakaue, Fukushima University. □

For more information:

<http://www.soc.nii.ac.jp/jssh/>

or Keiko Miyauchi Ikeda, one of the executive committee members of □ JSSH: □kikeda@yamaguchi-u.ac.jp □ □

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The **Asia-Pacific Conference on Exercise and Sports Science 2007** was □held in □Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan, 6-8 December, 2007 which included the section of history of sport: keynote lecture on this section was "Leisure and Transformation" by Christopher R. Edginton, Ph.D, □Secretary General of World Leisure and Recreation Association □Professor and Director, School of Health, Physical Education and □Leisure □Services, University of Northern Iowa, USA. □

The need of making an emphasis upon the section of history of sport □was □discussed among the new board members (Keiko Miyauchi Ikeda, one of the new board members of APCESS). □

More informations on this organization:

<http://www.aces.org/>

The **Spring Seminar of the Historical Research Section of Japan □Society of Physical Education, Health and Sport Sciences**, 2008 is to be held in □Biwako Seikei Sport College, 17-18 May, 2008. □

The organizer: Prof. Hiroshi Arai. □(Cf. The venue of 59th Congress of JSPEH&SS is Waseda University).

For more information:

<http://www.taiikushi.org/>

or Keiko Miyauchi Ikeda, a board member of the directors of □the Historical Reserch

9. International Cycling History Conference (ICHC) (20th), Freehold, New Jersey, USA, 2009.

The 20th ICHC will be held in Freehold, New Jersey (USA), July 29 to August 1, 2009. All persons interested in the history of bicycles and the people involved with bicycles are cordially invited to attend (see www.cycling-history.org).

Freehold, New Jersey (USA), is the home of the Metz Bicycle Museum (see www.metzbicyclemuseum.com), and was the home of A. A. Zimmerman, the first World Cycling Champion. Freehold, NJ, is the county seat of Monmouth County and is located about 50 miles south of New York City. Freehold is located in an area of New Jersey that is undergoing rapid urbanization, but which is also rich in American heritage.

The 20th ICHC will feature a reception at the Metz Bicycle Museum with ample time to absorb the abundance of bicycle history displayed in this museum; the conference itself will be held in a restored historic hotel; a trip to Smithville, NJ, where the Star bicycle was

manufactured (optional); a banquet with a special presentation; and a bicycle ride around Manhattan (New York City) after the close of the conference (optional).

Persons interested in presenting papers on any aspect of bicycle history are invited to submit an abstract of their paper to Gary Sanderson by email (garysanderson@comcast.net) by January 30, 2009, for inclusion in the program. The papers presented at this conference will be published under the title "Cycle History 20" by Van der Plas Publications so manuscripts of these papers should be sent, or handed, to Gary Sanderson no later than the time of the presentation.

Information on how to register for the 2009 ICHC will be available after July 2008. In the meantime, you can contact Gary Sanderson by email (garysanderson@comcast.net), or by phone (1-973-857-3447), for general information.

Books, Journals

Sandra Günter: Geschlechterkonstruktion im Sport. Eine historische Untersuchung der nationalen und regionalen Turn- und Sportbewegung des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts. Schriftenreihe des Niedersächsischen Instituts für Sportgeschichte Hoya e.V. 2004, 336 pages.

Im Zentrum des Buches steht die Analyse der sozialen Konstruktion von Geschlecht und Geschlechterverhältnissen in der deutschen Turn- und Sportbewegung des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts. Obwohl die Untersuchung ein bereits mehrfach behandeltes Thema aufgreift, wird in verschiedener Hinsicht wissenschaftliches Neuland betreten. So werden im ersten Teil aktuelle Diskurse der Sport- und der sozialwissenschaftlichen Frauen- und

Geschlechterforschung aufgegriffen und im Rahmen eines interdisziplinären Theorieansatzes reflektiert. In erster Linie wird die Frage zu klären versucht, ob Turnen und Sport zur Konstruktion oder zur Dekonstruktion der tradierten Geschlechterverhältnisse beigetragen haben.

Die qualitative Erweiterung der bisherigen Erkenntnisse wird im zweiten Teil der Arbeit durch eine

regionalhistorische Fallstudie zur Entwicklung des Frauenturnens in Bremen geleistet. Die Ergebnisse werden im theoretischen Kontext der Arbeit interpretiert und diskutiert. Dieses Buch, das auf der Dissertation der Autorin beruht, stellt einen wichtigen Beitrag zur

Geschlechterforschung innerhalb der deutschen Sportgeschichte dar, deren Aufarbeitung noch weiter forciert werden sollte.

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Helmut Digel/Ommo Grupe (eds.) : On Ethics, Globalization, Peace and Olympism. Über Ethik, Globalisierung, Frieden und Olympismus, Tübingen/Köln, 2007, 162 pages.

A remarkable event took place in 2006. On the occasion of the 6th world ethos speech with IOC President Jacques Rogge, world sport met world ethos, represented by Hans Küng. Olympic sport, with its virtues of fairness, mutual respect, solidarity and internationality, regardless of ethnicity, gender or political and religious convictions, has been included in the discourse of world ethos. In this process Olympic sport will have to clarify

its own patterns of meaning, ensuring its inherent values. It is the purpose and objective of this book to grant the public access to this discourse, stimulating and encouraging people to reflect on questions and problems concerning Olympic top-level sport. The book is divided into English and German parts.

Text from the back cover of the book.

Susan J. Bandy, Annette R. Hofmann & Arnd Krüger (eds.). Gender, Body and Sport in Historical and Transnational Perspectives. Hamburg, Verlag Dr. Kovač, 2008, 336 pages.

In *Gender, Body and Sport in Historical and Transnational Perspectives*, honouring the Italian sport historian Gigliola Gori, nineteen European and North American scholars explore a variety of subjects of fascism on the arts, the Olympic Games, and intersections of the body, gender, and ideology in sport. This collection of original essays marks a shift

from national to transnational perspectives in sport research, and many of the essays explore the ways in which the forces of history fashioned the development of sport and the sporting lives of relatively unknown yet important figures in sport.

Text from the back cover of the book.

Stephan Wassong: Playgrounds und Spielplätze. Die Spielbewegung in den USA und in Deutschland 1870-1930. Aachen: Meyer & Meyer, Verlag, 2007, 314 pages.

The history of American sports is of interest to some European researchers. One current example is the work of German scholar Stefan Wassong, who searched for links between the American playground movement and the German "Spielplatzbewegung" between 1870 and 1930.

In the late 19th century, a time marked by industrialization and urbanization, which led to a rising crime rate, disease, and problems between different ethnic groups, the construction of public playgrounds was intended to counteract these developments. Through playgrounds, educators intended to give children the chance to improve their state

of health, introduce them to moral values, and foster social aims through individual and team sports. Physical educators soon found interest in this phenomenon. Curtis, Gulick, Lee and Johnson were well-known supporters of the movement. The founding of the Playground Association of America (PAA) in 1906 as a national organization led to a rise in urban playgrounds all over the US.

Wassong not only elaborates on the rise of the playground movement in the US, he also pursues the question of whether the PAA had any influence on the German "Zentralausschuss zur Förderung der Volks- und Jugendspiele (ZA)" (Central Committee for Folk and Youth Games and umbrella of the German playground movement) and vice versa. This is not a far fetched assumption. Henry S. Curtis collected information on the ZA during a study trip to Germany in 1902 "which would connect and coordinate the individual actions of the urban playground associations" (p. 279). According to Wassong, Curtis brought from Germany the "structural stimulation for improving the degree of organisation of the playground movement in order to give it a growing impulse at national level" (p. 280).

From the German side it was Carl Diem who, in 1913, went on a one-month trip to the US to study the American sport structures. During this trip he visited various playgrounds in New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Boston. Surprisingly in his later publications he neither mentions the journal *The Playground* nor his conversations with Lee, Curtis, and Gulick (p. 233). Diem's most intensive studies on urban American

playgrounds seem to be on the ones in Chicago's South Park System. Very detailed elaborations can be found on these playgrounds, which in 1912 were frequented by almost 5.5 million visitors. This park system consisted, according to Diem, of indoor gymnasiums, outdoor gymnasiums, swimming pools, assembly halls, and club rooms. Five hundred "Spilleiter" were professionally in charge for these playgrounds.

Back home in Germany, Diem and Berner published *Städtische Sportanlagen. Ein Wegweiser für den Bau von Spiel- und Sportangelegenheiten* (1914). In the chapter „Das Vorbild der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika“ („The U.S. as a role model“) they highlighted the playgrounds as a place for health, moral, and social education of urban youth. Diem also started a campaign to foster the German *Spielplatzbewegung*. His original aim was to have *Spielplätze* in each village with more than 5000 inhabitants for free usage, with four square meters per inhabitant. He even tried to implement a law relating to this, but was unsuccessful. Despite these difficulties, the number of playgrounds in Germany rose between 1914 and 1928, which Wassong attributes to Diem's idealization of the American playground movement and its contribution to the national well-being.

Wassong ably notes the influences that both movements had on each other. It would be very interesting to know what happened to the American playground movement and the German *Spielplatzbewegung* and where they are today.

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