

Interview with ICSSPE's Executive Board Member

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- 1. As Director of the Education Division at the All-China Sports Federation, you oversee education and training across a large and diverse sport system. How has this experience shaped your understanding of the role that sport education and coach development play in strengthening sport systems nationally and internationally, and how does this align with ICSSPE's mission??**

Answer: My experience overseeing sport education in China has underscored that the core mission of sport education is to cultivate high-quality talent for the sports sector. Through systematic coach development, we provide a solid talent foundation for both elite and mass sport, which is the fundamental guarantee for the sustainable development of the entire sports enterprise.

This view aligns closely with ICSSPE's role in advancing global sport science. As a member of the ICSSPE Executive Board, I will leverage the advantages of my position at the All-China Sports Federation to promote ICSSPE's concept and resources on a broader scale. I aim to introduce advanced international coach education concepts into China, while simultaneously sharing China's practical experience in systematic sports talent cultivation with the world through the ICSSPE platform, thereby contributing to the common development of global sport education.

- 2. Coach education is increasingly recognised as a cornerstone of quality sport and athlete development. From your perspective, what are the key challenges and opportunities in modern coach education, and how can ICSSPE support the development of evidence-based, lifelong learning pathways for coaches and educators worldwide??**

Answer: Modern coach education faces challenges such as fragmented training systems, limited capacity at the grassroots level, and insufficient scientific training literacy. The core issue is the need to enhance the quality of talent supply. In China, we benefit from numerous excellent higher education sports institutions and sports science research bodies. We are currently implementing the "sport-education integration" strategy to connect the talent cultivation channels of the sports and education systems, providing broader career development opportunities for coaches.

As a specialized international organization in the fields of sport education and science, ICSSPE can play a crucial role in developing global coaching talent. First, by promoting the mutual recognition of international coach education standards to facilitate cross-border talent mobility.

Second, by converge global research findings to provide referential training curricula for various countries. Third, by establishing exchange platforms that enable mutual learning from different national experiences in coach development. I will continue to promote in-depth cooperation between China's leading sport universities and ICSSPE in relevant areas.

3. In large sport systems, there is often a need to balance high-performance goals with educational, ethical, and social values. How do you see ICSSPE contributing to discussions on integrating values-based education, athlete wellbeing, and long-term development within competitive sport environments??

Answer: Within the Chinese sports system, we firmly believe that cultivating well-rounded athletes is the overarching objective of our sports enterprise. By promoting the Chinese sports spirit, we pursue athletic excellence while placing significant emphasis on athletes' character development and long-term growth. Coaches play a critical role as "educators" throughout this process.

ICSSPE is uniquely positioned to advance the global practice of this concept. In my view, ICSSPE can systematically research how to integrate values-based education into coach training curricula. Furthermore, it can establish a global case repository to share successful experiences from different countries concerning athlete wellbeing and long-term development.

4. With your extensive experience in national sport governance and education, what opportunities do you see for ICSSPE to strengthen international cooperation and knowledge exchange between different sport systems, particularly between Asia and other regions, to advance innovation, inclusion, and quality in sport education?

Answer: Asia is rich in sports talent, yet coach education systems across the region are unevenly developed and lack sufficient exchange. China is willing to contribute to enhancing the overall quality of regional sports talent by sharing its own experience in systematic talent cultivation.

ICSSPE can serve as a bridge in this regard. On one hand, it can focus on the unique needs of Asia to develop guiding frameworks suitable for sports talent cultivation in the region. On the other hand, it can promote bidirectional knowledge exchange between Asia and other regions, enabling Asian experiences to reach the world while allowing internationally advanced concepts to better serve Asia. As an ICSSPE Executive Board member, I will fully dedicate myself to advancing these collaborations, ensuring that ICSSPE's platform serves the development of global sports talent to its fullest potential.