Call for Abstracts and 2nd Announcement

The 20th Biennial Conference of the
International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport

Conference Theme:
Current impacts of the global market driven economy on physical education and sport and implications for their future development.

Important Dates:

January 2017  
Call for Abstracts and Registration

31st March 2017  
Deadline for Abstract Submission

17th April 2017  
Notification of Abstract acceptance

30th April 2017  
Close of standard registration

31st May 2017  
Close of Application

20th June 2017  
Conference Opens
**Conference Venue:**

Borovets, Bulgaria

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**Contact Information:**

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Conference Websites:


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The conference organizers have great pleasure to inform you of the 20th ISCPES Biennial Conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES) to be held in Borovets, Bulgaria on 20 - 23 June 2017. You are invited to join leading scholars and professionals from around the world with an interest in Comparative and International Physical Education and Sport Studies in the beautiful resort of Borovets in Bulgaria. Situated approximately 65 kilometres from the capital Sofia and its international airport, Borovets is one of the largest of Bulgaria’s beautiful mountain resorts. It is situated in the Eastern part of the Rila
Mountain. The base altitude of the resort is 1300 m. Located among the century old pine forests, Borovets is an excellent place for relaxation, holiday, and tourism. The twentieth international conference of ISCPES offers a unique chance to meet up with representatives from five continents and inform yourself about the latest practices, policies and issues that shape the delivery of physical education and sport programs around the world. ISCPES conferences traditionally offer a first-rate environment for networking and sharing as well as the latest insights from both research and practice.

**Conference Theme**

*Current impacts of the global market driven economy on physical education and sport and implications for their future development.*

Conference sub-themes:

- Contemporary approaches to developing and managing national sports systems
- Managing and developing high performance sport – global and national strategies
- Sports tourism - a free market space or a matter of public policy?.
- Global physical literacy as a post-millennium goal
- Professional standards for the practice of physical education and sport
- Special needs and the principle of inclusivity in physical education and sport
- The science and value of comparative and international PE and sport

**Registration Information**

ISCPES 2017 Registration is EU340. This includes

1. Participation in conference sessions, ISCPES meetings and coffee breaks
2. A year’s membership of ISCPES
3. Publication of paper (if any) in the conference book
4. Conference materials
5. Lunch on 20, 21, 22 and 23 June 2017
6. Dinner on 20, 21, 22 and 23 June 2017
7. Cultural visit to Samokov

Registration can be completed by downloading and completing the registration form obtainable from [www.iscpes-info.net](http://www.iscpes-info.net) and returning it to info@bces-conference.org. Confirmation of enrolment will be provided following receipt of payment made in accordance with the instructions provided on the registration form. All registration processes will be managed by the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society.
**Keynote Speakers:**

At the time of publishing three exciting keynote speakers have been confirmed. A number of others have been invited and are expected to be confirmed in the coming weeks. Our current list includes

- **Professor John Shuttleworth,**
  *University College, Dublin, Ireland.* Formerly CEO of Sport for New Zealand (Professor Shuttleworth will provide a framework for discussions on global national sporting systems)

- **Professor Daniela Dasheva,**
  *Minister of Youth and Sport, Bulgaria* (Professor Dasheva will provide leadership to the debates on national strategies and involvement in High Performance Sport)

- **Professor Claude Sobry,**
  *Lille University 2, France* Director of the international Research Network in Sports Tourism (IRNIST) (Professor Sobry will be highlighting research opportunities in this rapidly expanding area)
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Call for Abstracts

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for the 20th Biennial Conference of ISCPES 2017. For instructions in preparing abstracts, please read the following carefully before preparing your abstract:

1. Abstract must be written in English.
2. Each presenting author is permitted to submit not more than two abstracts for the 16th ISCPES Biennial Conference in the capacity of main author. If two abstracts are submitted, the best abstract will be considered with first priority and the second one will be allocated in regard to the schedule of availability or may be included as a poster presentation.
3. Figures and tables are not acceptable.
4. Maximum length of an abstract is 250 words. The title should be concise and descriptive of the work to be reported. Do not use any subtitles. Use Times New Roman font (font size 12) to write the text.
5. The author submitting the abstract should appear as the first named author and will be expected to present the work if it is accepted.
6. In the case of an empirical study, the abstract should give the objectives of the study, the approach and the methods used, the results obtained, and the conclusions reached.
7. Review papers should state clearly their purpose, the nature and scope of the evidence consulted, the conclusions drawn and any implications for future work or action.
8. The abstract submission form is available for download at www.iscpes-info.net. Abstracts must be submitted by using the abstract submission form and should reach the organizing committee before the published deadline.
10. The organizers reserve the right to accept or refuse an abstract, to designate papers either as poster or oral presentations and to allocate the presentation to an appropriate session. Notification of the acceptance or rejection of all duly and timely submitted abstracts will be e-mailed to submitting authors by 17th April 2017.
11. Submitting authors must register as conference delegates and pay the registration fee. Where registration fees have not been received in a timely manner, the abstract will not be published in the book of abstracts.
Submission of full papers

There are two possibilities for delegates who wish to have their papers considered for a reviewed publication.

1. Participants who wish to publish their paper in the *BCES Conference Book Volume 15 2017* should follow the procedures outlined at [http://bces-conference.org/Call%20for%20Papers.html](http://bces-conference.org/Call%20for%20Papers.html)

2. Participants who wish their paper to be considered for publication in *International Sport Studies* are invited to consult the advice to authors provided at [http://www.logos-verlag.com/cgi-bin/engtransid?page=/iss-authors.html&lng=eng&id=](http://www.logos-verlag.com/cgi-bin/engtransid?page=/iss-authors.html&lng=eng&id=) They are further invited to discuss their publishing intentions with members of the editorial team who will be in attendance at the conference.

Accommodation

The distance from Sofia to Borovets is 65 kilometres. The bus/car trip takes 1 hour and 15 minutes. The Conference Venue is **Festa Winter Palace Hotel**, which is part of **Festa Hotels** chain. **Festa Winter Palace Hotel prices** (full board):

- single room - 48 euro
- double room - 68 euro

Participants, who would like to stay in Sofia before or after the Conference in Borovets, may reserve rooms at **Festa Sofia Hotel**.

**Festa Sofia Hotel prices** (breakfast incl):

- single room - 41 euro (80 BG lev)
- double room - 52 euro (100 BG lev)
Participants directly contact Festa Hotels as to book their rooms. While making your reservations, please indicate that you are participants in the BCES Conference, June 2017. Reservations at Festa Winter Palace Hotel in Borovets or Festa Sofia Hotel in Sofia should be made directly with the hotel. Please contact:
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