ICSSPE

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ABOUT ICSSPE

ICSSPE was founded in the late 1950s with the aims of maintaining an inclusive perspective across the disciplines of sport, sport science, and physical education, and of fostering ongoing collaboration among them. It brings together a wide range of scientific and professional organisations across various sports branches and disciplines, creating the possibility for interdisciplinary collaboration.

Values

In pursuance of its mission and strategic goals, ICSSPE shall abide by the principles of

- Inclusion,
- Reliability,
- Cooperation,
- Transparency,
- Accountability, and
- Equality.

Vision

ICSSPE is a leader of the global movement educating for a sustainable quality of life for all through physical activity and sport

Mission

The mission of ICSSPE is to:

- Integrate research to enhance physical activity and sport.
- Educate for improved quality of life and health for all people through physical activity and sport.
- Promote policies for active lifestyles, human performance, and good governance in physical activity and sport.

Legal Status

ICSSPE is a registered non-profit organisation under German law listed at the Court of Registration in Berlin-Charlottenburg. Donations to ICSSPE are tax-deductible.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Prof. Dr. Annette R. Hofmann



Dear members, partners and friends of ICSSPE,

The years 2024 and 2025 were a period of both continuity and renewal for the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education. Throughout the biennium, ICSSPE continued to connect scientific knowledge with policy and practice, advancing physical activity, physical education, and sport as important contributors to healthier, more inclusive and sustainable societies.

Having contributed to this work as Vice-President, I was deeply honoured to be elected President of ICSSPE at our 32nd General Assembly in July 2025. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my predecessor, Dr Uri Schaefer, for his committed and principled leadership. His work, together with that of the outgoing Executive Board and Development Committee, has provided a strong foundation on which the newly elected governing bodies can build.

A particular highlight of the biennium was the Sport and Health Capacity Development Initiative, undertaken with the International Olympic Committee, the World Health Organization and the University of the West Indies. This important cooperation exemplifies ICSSPE's distinctive role in connecting international institutions, scientific expertise and professional practice to strengthen the contribution of sport and physical activity to health and well-being.

Alongside this major initiative, ICSSPE contributed research, specialist knowledge, capacity development and practical resources in areas including active cities, gender equality, inclusive sport, sustainability and intercultural education. Our projects, publications and online events helped make knowledge accessible across borders. Our engagement with international and national institutions ensured that evidence from sport science and physical education informed important policy and professional discussions.

Letter from the President (cont.)

The activities presented in this report reflect the breadth of ICSSPE's work and the contribution of our projects, partnerships and international engagement. They also demonstrate the value of our membership network, whose collective expertise enables ICSSPE to bring together perspectives from different disciplines, sectors and regions.

In a period shaped by social inequality, conflict, climate change and pressure on public resources, ICSSPE's ability to connect reliable scientific knowledge with policy and practice remains especially important. We must continue to examine where our work makes a meaningful contribution, learn from our experiences and communicate our results with clarity and responsibility.

Together with our members, the newly elected Executive Board and the Development Committee, we will now define the priorities for ICSSPE's next strategic period. This process will build on our existing strengths while exploring how we can deepen member participation, strengthen cooperation across regions and disciplines, and improve the visibility and application of scientific knowledge.

None of the achievements presented in this report would have been possible without the expertise and commitment of our members, volunteers, project and institutional partners, funders, and Executive Office. I thank them all for their confidence, their ideas, and their continued contribution to our shared mission.

I invite you to read this report not only as a record of the past two years, but as a foundation for the next phase of ICSSPE's development.

Prof. Dr. Annette R. Hofmann
President
International Council for Sport Science and Physical Education

MESSAGE FROM ICSSPE PARTNERS

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)



UNESCO values its long-standing relationship with the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education, which was established under UNESCO's auspices in 1958 and has since served as an important bridge between science, policy and practice.

During 2024 and 2025, this cooperation found practical expression in the "Stronger Together – Creating Youth Champions to Transform Communities through Grassroots Sport" project, supported through UNESCO's Participation Programme. Bringing together emerging grassroots sport leaders from Namibia, South Africa and Zambia, the project combined online learning, mentoring, cross-cultural exchange and a face-to-face workshop in Cape Town. It supported participants in strengthening their leadership and communication skills and enabled them to revise the "Let's Get Moving Together" toolkit, translating scientific and academic expertise into a practical resource for inclusive and culturally responsive grassroots sport.

The initiative reflects UNESCO's conviction that sport and physical education can significantly contribute to inclusion, education, peace, wellbeing and youth empowerment. It also demonstrates the value of connecting young leaders, academic experts, civil society and community organisations across countries.

UNESCO commends ICSSPE for its expertise and global network, which have come together to realize the "Stronger Together" project. We value ICSSPE's continued engagement in our work on sport and quality physical education through the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), the World Conference of Sport Ministers, MINEPS, and our Fit for Life Sport Alliance. I look forward to advancing evidence-informed, as well as inclusive, equitable, and safe sport and physical education policies and programmes together.

Philipp Müller-Wirth
Chief of the Sport Section
Secretary of CIGEPS
Chief a.i. of the Anti-Doping Convention Section
UNESCO

MESSAGE FROM ICSSPE PARTNERS

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)



Across the world, increasing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in physical activity and sport remain an important public health and sustainable development priority. Regular physical activity contributes to better physical and mental health, supports learning and development, strengthens social connections and communities, and can help reduce inequities when opportunities are accessible, inclusive and safe. Yet too many people remain insufficiently active, underscoring the need for continued commitment and coordinated action across sectors.

No single organisation or sector can address this challenge alone. ICSSPE plays an important role through its longstanding commitment to connecting research, policy and practice across the sport and physical activity fields. Progress requires collaboration between health, sport, education, recreation, transport, urban planning and community organisations, supported by strong partnerships at local, national and international levels. By bringing together diverse expertise and perspectives, partnerships can help strengthen understanding, share experiences and identify practical approaches to creating more active societies.

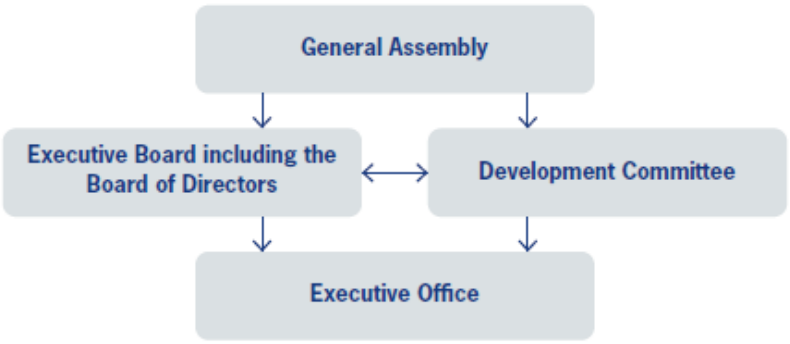
Through the collaboration established under the Memorandum of Understanding between the World Health Organization and the International Olympic Committee, ICSSPE contributed to efforts to strengthen dialogue and exchange between the sport and health sectors. Across 2024-2025 the Sport and Health Capacity Development Initiative provided an opportunity to engage professionals from different disciplines and regions in shared learning and knowledge exchange, while exploring how collaboration across sectors can support physical activity promotion and broader health and well-being objectives.

While there is still much work to be done, initiatives such as these help build connections, foster mutual understanding and reinforce the importance of working together towards common goals. Continued dialogue and collaboration across the sport, health and physical activity ecosystem, with organisations such as ICSSPE contributing alongside others, will be important in advancing opportunities for everyone, everywhere, to be more active and enjoy the many benefits that physical activity and sport can bring.

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Physical Activity Promotion and Alcohol Harm Prevention,
Department of Health Determinants, Promotion, and Prevention,
World Health Organization.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

Structure



ICSSPE is a membership-driven organisation. The organisation's decision-making organ is the General Assembly, which is comprised of ICSSPE members.

Governing Body and General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the Council and consists of all the members of the Council. It shall meet every two years as a face-to-face event, virtually, or in a combined form. It may meet in extraordinary session if summoned by the Executive Board or upon the request of one-third of its members. The General Assembly has the power to make decisions on the rules for voting and all the documents related to the working programme developed by the Development Committee and approved by the Executive Board as well as by the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall approve the budget. It shall elect the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, six additional members of the Executive Board and nine members of the Development Committee. It shall be the final authority on questions regarding the Council and its activities.

ICSSPE's governing bodies consist of the Executive Board and the Development Committee. The Executive Board monitors the administrative and business affairs of the Council between General Assemblies and is responsible for implementing its decisions. It approves the working programme developed by the Development Committee and adopts any measure needed to facilitate the successful outcome of ICSSPE's activities and, in particular, in relation to the working programmes. It receives reports concerning the execution of the projects of the Council.

The Development Committee is a forum for interdisciplinary exchange and cooperation that is charged with developing and enhancing ICSSPE's profile. It promotes ICSSPE's vision and activities to ICSSPE members and its partners at large. It is responsible for the quality and the standard of ICSSPE's programmes and activities. The Development Committee devises and implements scholarly programmes, research and publication projects, and events. The Development Committee devises policy and position statements.

IThe Executive Board and the Development Committee are composed of the following delegates:

Executive Board

Prof. Dr. Annette R. Hofmann, Germany
President



Prof. Dr. Rares Stanescu, Romania
Vice President



Prof. Dr. Maria Beatriz Ferreira, Brazil
Vice President



Prof. Dr. Karen Petry, Germany
Member



Dr. Kishore Gopinathan, India
Member



Dr. Ruth Crabtree, UK
Member



Executive Board

Dr. Claire Boursier, France
Member



Ms. Fan Yinghua, China
Member



Prof. Angela Schneider, Canada
Member



Mr Patrick Stolpmann, Germany
Executive Director

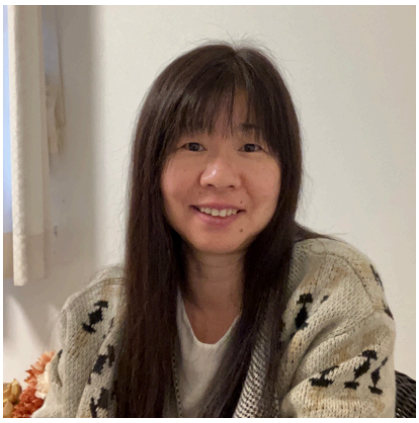


Development Committee

Prof. Dr. Maria Beatriz Ferreira, Brazil
Vice President



Prof. Dr. Keiko Ikeda, Japan
Member



Prof. Dr. Kwok Ng, Finland
Member



Ms. Jennifer Wong, UK
Member



Prof. Dr. Vincent Onywera, Kenya
Member



Ms Jackie Lauff, Australia
Member



Development Committee

Prof. Dr Mauricio de Arruda Campos, Brazil
Member



Dr Usha Nair, India
Member



Prof. Dr Mickey Scheinowitz, Isreal
Member



Good Governance

Since 2021, ICSSPE has adopted a Code of Ethics and a Code of Conduct, further strengthening its overall Governance structure and thus underlining its reliability and accountability as an organisation in general and as a project partner specifically. The Code of Conduct is composed of various policies and instructions for action. These include office management measures, conflict resolution mechanisms, grievance procedures, sexual harassment procedures, and gender equality measures. A whistleblowing platform guaranteeing anonymity was also established. The Executive Board regularly reviews the effectiveness of these measures, acting as required.

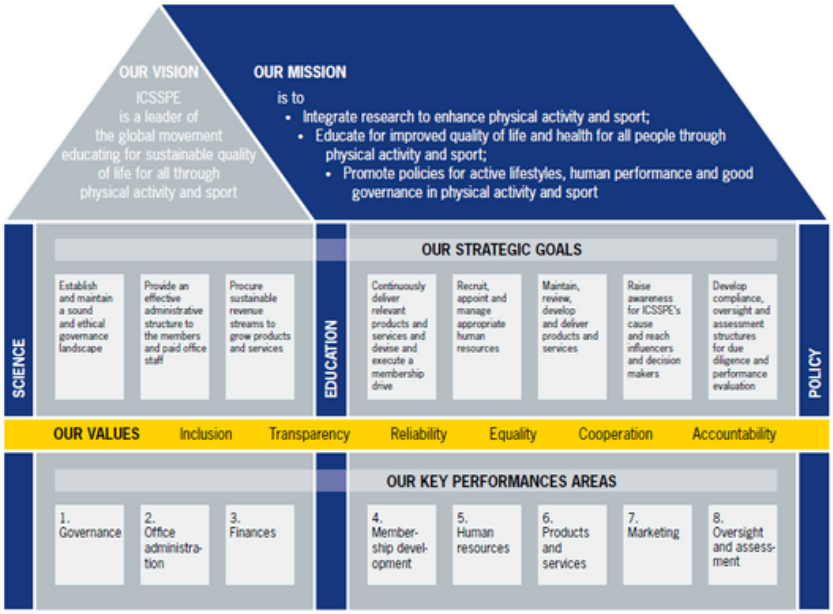
Gender equality in the planning and implementation of all activities is a prerequisite, with the further promotion and strengthening of girls and women being an essential part of all ICSSPE projects and endeavours. Several governance documents, as part of the Code of Conduct, regulate the protection or advancement of women. Amongst others, ICSSPE membership requires organisations that are applying for membership to have gender equality policies in place that allow women and girls to participate and take on leadership roles in the organisations.

In addition to the Statutes, the Codes of Ethics and Conduct, and the Bylaws, there are rules for a safe, effective and efficient sustainable working environment, including an anti-corruption and an anti-doping clause.



Strategic Plan

The world and we, its inhabitants, are facing enormous challenges, climate change, wars, and diseases, which require our prompt and responsible action. We at ICSSPE understand that we need to adapt our activities to these developments. In 2024 & 2025, our activities have been guided by the 2021–2024 strategic plan, which outlines eight Key Performance Areas. The plan is visualised as a Strategic House and offers clear, valuable guidance for members and partners on ICSSPE's goals, procedures, products and services, and other key performance areas.

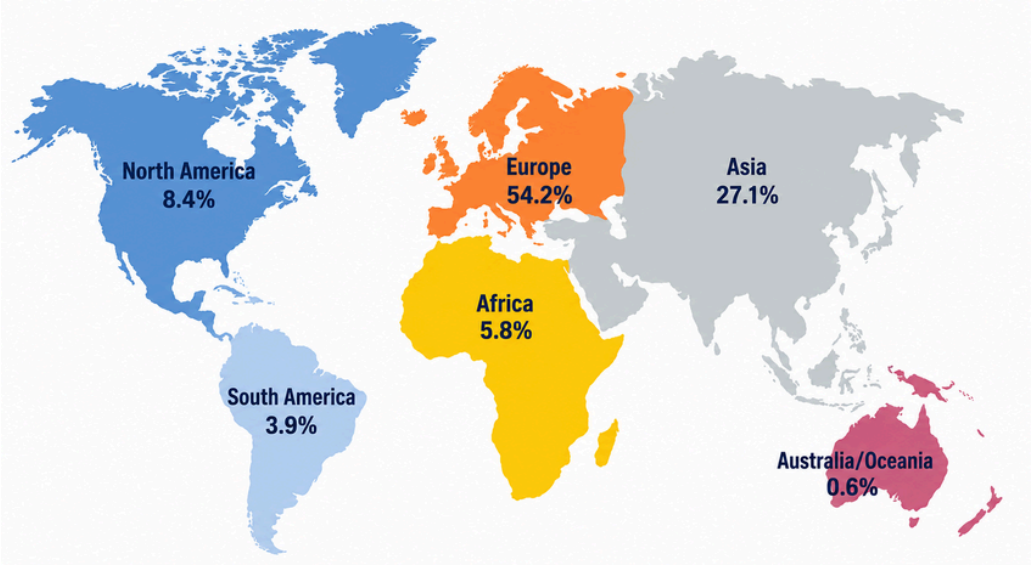


Biennial Working Plan

In addition to the Strategic Plan, ICSSPE delegates during the 2024 General Assembly extended the biennial working programme established in 2021 for the years 2024 & 2025. The main objective and overall topic of this programme is to support Sustainability in and through Sports, Physical Activity, and Physical Education. It acknowledges ongoing activities at the global and regional levels, as well as at governmental, non-governmental, and intergovernmental levels for sustainable development.

Identified priority areas are Urbanisation, Demographic developments, Climate change, Resource pressure, and Green technology. In this framework, several projects are being conducted, among others, research activities, the collection or production of resources or content for educational purposes, the development of new frameworks for policy development, etc. All results, research findings, resources, educational materials, or policy recommendations may be used by ICSSPE and its members for delivery and policymaking in a variety of international contexts.

Membership at a Glance



Benefits of ICSSPE Membership

At the heart of all ICSSPE activities are its members. They are part of a large network comprising approximately 170 national and international, governmental, non-governmental organisations and institutions of sport, sport science, and physical education. They cooperate with colleagues in the fields of sports science, policy and physical education and jointly design activities such as research and policy development projects as well as education. Through their membership, they also make use of ICSSPE's members' knowledge and networks for their own projects.

Member organisations use their membership to:

- Participate in international projects and policy development of international relevance.
- Promote knowledge transfer and interdisciplinary exchange on relevant research results, innovations, and publications.
- Publish relevant sport science, policy, and physical education topics, research, and project results in collaboration with other members.
- Increase their visibility, e. g., through ICSSPE patronage.
- Increase income sources through joint project development.


International Projects


Knowledge Transfer


Publishing


Visibility


Income Sources

ICSSPE Expert Directory

ICSSPE members showcase their services and competencies in ICSSPE's Expert Directory. The Directory serves as an excellent tool to find expertise and competencies among ICSSPE member organisations as well as project and cooperation partners.

Membership

Membership fees vary depending on the type of organisation:

- Governmental sport, health, and education authorities: € 450 p. a.
- Non-governmental sport organisations: € 270 p. a.
- Scientific and educational organisations and institutions: € 270 p. a.

New Members

Together, these new members enrich ICSSPE's diverse community and contribute to its mission of advancing sport science and physical education worldwide. Welcome to all!
All members can access information about competent contacts and engage in exchanges through the Expert Directory, both readily available in the Member Area.

2024

- **International Association of Combative Sports (IACS)**: A leading authority in the field of combative sports, IACS is committed to promoting excellence, safety, and fair play in combat sports worldwide. With a focus on athlete development, coaching education, and regulatory standards, IACS plays a crucial role in advancing the practice and understanding of combative sports.

- **Haitian School Sports Federation (HSSF)**: Dedicated to fostering youth development through sports in Haiti, HSSF is a driving force behind school-based sports programs that promote health, education, and social integration. By providing opportunities for participation and competition, HSSF empowers Haitian youth to develop essential life skills and pursue their athletic aspirations.

- **International Traditional Karate Federation (ITKF)**: As a global governing body for traditional karate, ITKF is committed to preserving and promoting the rich heritage and values of traditional karate-do. Through its emphasis on technical excellence, character development, and cultural appreciation, ITKF serves as a beacon for practitioners seeking authentic karate training and competition experiences.

2024

- **Asian Society of Kinesiology (ASK)**: ASK promotes interdisciplinary research, education, and practice in kinesiology across Asia, aiming to enhance understanding of human movement and improve health outcomes. By joining ICSSPE, ASK will have the opportunity to collaborate with our global network, sharing expertise and contributing to initiatives in sport science, physical education, and physical activity.

- **World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation (WBPF):** WBPF is the international governing body for bodybuilding and physique sports. Founded in 2009, it unites over 148 member countries to manage disciplines like men's bodybuilding and women's model physique. the WBPF aims to globally expand and democratically govern bodybuilding, fitness, and physique disciplines without discrimination, while fostering close cooperation with international Olympic organizations.

- **Free University of Bozen-Bolzano:** The Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (unibz) is a trilingual public university in South Tyrol, Italy, founded in 1997. Renowned for its international outlook, it offers over 30 undergraduate and postgraduate programs. It aims to serve as a multilingual, cross-border gateway for education and innovation by bridging the German, Italian, and English-speaking academic worlds. Its mission centers on delivering multilingual excellence in teaching and research and cultivating highly employable global citizens who can seamlessly navigate diverse cultural and professional environments.

- **Haiti Hockey Federation (HHF):** The HHF is the official national governing body for field and indoor hockey in Haiti. Founded in October 2013, the organization aims to introduce, develop, and institutionalize field hockey across Haiti by providing structured sports training and athletic opportunities for the nation's youth.Its primary mission extends beyond sports, strategically utilizing hockey as a powerful vehicle for social transformation, youth development, and community rehabilitation amidst ongoing socio-economic and natural challenges.

2025

- **KCA University (KCAU)**: As a member of ICSSPE, KCA University gains recognition, visibility, opportunities for international collaboration, and hence strengthens its internationalization efforts in line with the university's vision and mission. This development solidifies the university's place on the global map and opens up numerous opportunities for growth and development.

- **Azerbaijan Sports Academy (ASA)**: ASA is the first higher educational institution in the Southern Caucasus in the field of sport, as well as the only fully sports-profiled university in Azerbaijan. ASA offers higher education in three main languages: Azerbaijani, English, and Russian. The Academy offers 7 majors at the bachelor's level, 6 majors at the master's level, and 3 majors at the doctoral level.

- **International School Sport Federation (ISF)**: The ISF is an international non-profit sport organisation, acting as the umbrella organisation and governing body for national/regional school sport organisations around the world, organising sporting and educational events for youth aged 11 to 18. It also creates and delivers quality education and capacity-building activities for physical education teachers, national school sport representatives, coaches, officials, and students around the world.

Building Strategic Partnerships

We extend our sincerest gratitude to our supporters and partners in the name of our members, project teams, volunteers, and sports enthusiasts. Many of our activities only become reality because of the support of our partners and their confidence in our work. Thank you to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for their continued support.

Partnership Opportunities

ICSSPE continues to seek long-term business partners and is looking for lasting partnerships that support our vision. We are interested in joining forces with organisations that want to cooperate with us in the education for improved quality of life and health for all people through physical activity and sport, the promotion of policies for active lifestyles, human performance and good governance in physical activity and sport, as well as the integration of research to enhance physical activity and sport.

What Can You Expect

Research in sport science, the education of professionals, and the promotion of safe sport and physical activity are at the heart of ICSSPE and its members. Their combined knowledge and networks offer our partners many opportunities and benefits.

- An international multidisciplinary network of experts dedicated to physical education, physical activity, sport, and sports science.
- A long record of programmes and activities which have led to stable relationships with leading research, sport, governmental, and intergovernmental bodies.
- Good governance mechanisms to ensure that the Code of Ethics, values, and mission are respected in all activities.
- Openness and flexibility for new and sustainable joint ventures.
- A bag full of ideas for meaningful partnerships.

Get in Touch

Building a trusting relationship takes time. If our organisation's profile and programmes have sparked your interest, please contact us. All partnerships shall align with ICSSPE's mission and values of Inclusion, Reliability, Cooperation, Equality, Transparency, and Accountability.

Interested parties are encouraged to get in contact with ICSSPE if they:

- Share our goal of improving people´s lives through physical education, physical activity, and sport.
- Share our mission and relate to our values.
- Are interested in integrating research findings into their activities, products, and services.
- Are interested in meeting and connecting with our members who represent sport science research centres, non-governmental sport organisations, and governmental sport authorities all over the world.
- Are genuinely interested in starting initiatives within their company to improve employees' health and access to physical activity.



Projects

With its longstanding expertise in sport science, physical education, physical activity, health promotion and policy development, ICSSPE continued to contribute to a diverse portfolio of international projects throughout 2024 and 2025. Through cooperation with universities, governments, international organisations and civil society partners, ICSSPE supported research, education, capacity development and advocacy initiatives aimed at promoting healthier, more inclusive and sustainable communities through sport and physical activity.

INTERCOMP
Intercultural Competences for Educators



The Erasmus+ INTERCOMP project was established to strengthen the intercultural competencies of educators working in schools, universities and informal education settings, with particular attention to professionals supporting students from migrant and refugee backgrounds. By combining research, consultation and training, the project sought to equip educators with the knowledge and practical approaches required to create more inclusive and culturally responsive learning environments.

ICSSPE's Contribution:

- Collected German data on educators' intercultural competencies and contributed to the project's research findings.
- Hosted training activities supporting educators in applying intercultural approaches in practice.
- Delivered content on innovative approaches to intercultural education.
- Led Quality Assurance and supported the development of policy recommendations.
- Project findings subsequently contributed to peer-reviewed research on the needs of educators working with migrant and refugee communities.

Impact:

- 40+ educators recruited per partner country for multiplier activities
- 28 educators and mediators involved in subsequent research interviews
- 1 Training of Multipliers hosted by ICSSPE in Berlin
- 1 project Quality Assurance workstream led by ICSSPE
- 1 set of policy recommendations developed

Projects

PACTE+
Promoting Active Cities Throughout Europe



The PACTE+ project aims to encourage cities across Europe to take a proactive approach to promoting physical activity, with the overarching goal of improving individual and collective well-being. The project builds on the legacy of its predecessor by developing an adapted matrix that helps municipalities analyse and improve their physical activity policies and practices.

ICSSPE's Contribution:

- Provided specialist expertise on Active Schools and supported participating cities in developing school-based physical activity approaches.
- Co-organised the Active School Workshop in Fredrikstad, connecting educators, policymakers and physical activity experts.
- Supported the development and refinement of the project's Matrix for Change.
- The Matrix enables municipalities to assess existing policies, identify gaps and develop their own Active City Action Plans.
- Pilot activities demonstrated how approaches such as Physical Active Learning can integrate movement into the wider school day.

Impact:

- 4 pilot cities (Limerick, Ireland| Graz, Austria | Angers, France | Fredrikstad, Norway)
- 4 Active City priority areas (Active Schools | Active Mobility | Active Governance | Active Workplaces)
- 1 interactive Matrix for Change
- 1 Active School Workshop organised with ICSSPE
- 2025 project completion

Lasting Deliverable:

PACTE+ Matrix for Change – An interactive resource that can continue to be used by cities, municipalities, urban planners, and health organisations beyond the original four pilot cities.

Projects

GAP-Women
Gender Action Plan for Women in Sport





The GAP-Women project aims to promote women's participation in sport, increase the number of women registered with sports federations, and foster inclusive and sustainable sport environments.

ICSSPE's Contribution:

- Conducted research examining barriers affecting women's participation in sport.
- Developed stakeholder mapping to identify relevant organisations and target groups.
- Supported surveys, focus groups, and awareness-raising activities.
- Connected project findings with wider audiences through ICSSPE's Women Leaders in Sport online event.
- Helped translate research findings into practical resources that sport organisations can apply internally.

Impact:

- 3-year European initiative
- 1 systematic literature review led by ICSSPE
- 1 stakeholder mapping
- 1 free online educational course
- 1 practical gender equality handbook
- 1 Equality Action Plan
- 2025 final conference in Barcelona

Lasting Deliverables:

Sport organisations now have access to:
Online training | Gender equality strategies | Equality Action Plan | Research findings | Communication resources

These materials can support clubs, federations, coaches, managers and volunteers in creating environments in which women are better represented and supported.

Projects

KESCAB
Knowledge and Experience Sharing and Capacity Building Online Hub



The KESCAB project aims to build an online hub that supports project partners' members, their stakeholders, and the wider Sport for All and physical activity movement in strengthening cross-sectoral cooperation. TAFISA leads the two-year project and includes partners from Slovenia, Spain, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Hungary.

ICSSPE's Contribution:

- Led Work Package 2, focused on scaling up knowledge sharing and capacity building.
- Mapped existing Sport for All education and capacity-building initiatives.
- Identified gaps in available learning opportunities and areas where international cooperation could be strengthened.
- Supported the development of the Hub's educational priorities and functionality.
- Contributed to making educational opportunities available to a wider multilingual audience.

Impact:

- 2-year Erasmus+ project
- 1 Online Hub developed
- 1 major Work Package led by ICSSPE
- 1 capacity-building and knowledge-sharing mapping report produced by ICSSPE
- 4 languages used for subsequent leadership training
- 12 weeks of leadership training offered through the platform

The KESCAB Online Hub progressed from project development to an operational international platform, providing access to:
Courses | Webinars | Training | Resources | Advisory services | Networking

Projects

GREEN TEAM
Sustainability and Inclusive Sport Events



The GREEN TEAM project aims to raise awareness among stakeholders regarding the significance of environmentally friendly and inclusive sports events. A key output of the project is the development of a sustainability seal for sport confederations and federations across Europe, along with online training resources to support organisations in adopting more sustainable practices.

ICSSPE's Contribution:

- Served on the project's Steering Committee.
- Led Work Package 2, contributing research and identifying good practices in sustainable sport.
- Supported the development and review of practical sustainability resources.
- Contributed to testing approaches that could be applied directly during sporting events.

Impact:

- 11 European partner organisations
- 3-year Erasmus+ project
- 10 languages available for the online course
- 100+ participants at the final online conference
- 1 sustainability seal framework
- 1 online educational course
- 2025 project completion

The project encouraged sports organisations to introduce measures such as:
Waste reduction | Reusable equipment | Sustainable transport | Accessible venues | Responsible procurement | Local food | Inclusive participation

GREEN TEAM produced:
Multilingual online training | Practical guidelines | Federation resources | Audiovisual materials | GREEN TEAM Sustainability Seal framework

These resources allow sport organisations to continue improving event sustainability after the formal end of the project.

Projects

SHCDI
Sport and Health Capacity Development Initiative



The SHCDI initiative is a landmark collaborative initiative involving the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the University of the West Indies (UWI). The initiative aims to strengthen cooperation between the sport and health sectors, helping professionals use sport and physical activity more effectively to promote community health and well-being.

ICSSPE's Contribution:

- Coordinated international consultation with professionals from both sport and health sectors.
- Gathered regional expertise from the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa and the Pacific.
- Ensured that professionals working in different cultural and institutional contexts could contribute directly to course development.
- Used consultation feedback to refine learning content and strengthen its practical relevance.

Impact:

- 3 international consultation and co-creation workshops in Jamaica, Kenya, and Fiji
- 3 global regions involved
- 25 organisations represented in Nairobi
- 39 participants at the Nairobi workshop
- 8 countries represented in Nairobi
- 28 organisations represented in Fiji
- 10 countries and territories represented in Fiji

A Continuing Professional Development programme was designed to strengthen professionals' ability to:

- Promote healthier lifestyles
- Use community sport for health promotion
- Improve policy and programme delivery
- Strengthen sport-health cooperation

Projects

Stronger Together

Creating Youth Champions to Transform Communities through Grassroots Sport





The project aims to enhance the leadership capabilities of young leaders in Southern Africa to use grassroots sport as a tool for community transformation, immersing a diverse cohort of academics and practitioners in a cross-cultural learning environment supported by international experts.

ICSSPE's Contribution:

- Connected young academics and practitioners with international experts.
- Strengthened participants' knowledge of leadership, management and inclusive grassroots sport.
- Combined online learning with an intensive onsite workshop at the University of the Western Cape.
- Enabled young participants to contribute their own regional experiences and perspectives to an international educational resource.

Impact:

- 3 participating countries (Namibia, Zambia, and South Africa)
- 6 online expert sessions
- 1 international onsite workshop
- 1 grassroots sport toolkit updated
- 1 new chapter developed on intercultural communication

Topics Covered:

- Leadership
- Inclusion
- Governance
- Partnerships
- Fundraising
- Sustainability
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Intercultural Communication

ICSSPE's Let's Get Moving Together! – A Toolkit for Grassroots Sport:

Participants contributed directly to the second edition of the toolkit. The revised toolkit includes a new chapter on Intercultural Communication in Grassroots Sport, meaning that knowledge generated by the project can now benefit grassroots sport practitioners beyond the original participant group

Online Events & Webinars

Throughout 2024 & 2025, ICSSPE continued to deliver a rich programme of online events and webinars, building on the success of its digital engagement strategy. In collaboration with the World Association for Sport Management (WASM) through the Global Teaching Excellence (GTE) initiative, ICSSPE offered a series of open online sessions designed to foster discussions, elevate best practices in teaching, and deepen understanding across the sport and physical activity domain. The following provides an overview of the key online events hosted during the year

2024

GTE Online Session
Women Leaders in Sport



In celebration of International Women's Day on 8 March 2024, and as part of ICSSPE's Erasmus+ GAP-Women project, ICSSPE hosted a compelling roundtable discussion under the theme "Women Leaders in Sport" as part of its Global Teaching Excellence (GTE) series. The event was chaired by Ruth M. Crabtree, an Associate Professor with over 30 years' experience in higher education and an advocate for teaching excellence in the global sport industry.

The session brought together distinguished speakers including Helen Mann, Senior Lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University; Eva Werthmann, Head of Corporate Communications at the German Olympic Sports Confederation (NOC Germany); and Garima Joshi, an International Para Athlete and Motivational Speaker from India. The roundtable shared results of the literature review, survey, and focus group discussions conducted in the context of the GAP-Women project, mapping the challenges faced by women across various areas of sport. The event attracted wide participation and provided valuable insights for promoting gender equity in sport leadership.

Online Events & Webinars 2024

GTE Online Event
Embracing Olympism



On 24 June 2024, in celebration of Olympic Day and in anticipation of the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, ICSSPE hosted a Global Teaching Excellence (GTE) event on the topic "Embracing Olympism: Cultivating Olympic Values and Olympic Education Beyond the Games". The event was chaired by Prof. Dr. Annette R. Hofmann, ICSSPE Vice-President, and attracted more than 120 participants from over 50 countries.

The session delved into the foundational principles of Olympism and highlighted the pivotal role of education in promoting these values globally. Distinguished panellists included Maria Bogner (Germany), Head of the Olympic Studies Centre; Prof. Dr. Katia Rubio (Brazil), Faculty of Education, University of São Paulo; Prof. Jim Parry (UK/Czech Republic), Faculty of Physical Education and Sport, Charles University in Prague; and Prof. Bruce Kidd (Canada), Professor Emeritus of Sport Policy at the University of Toronto. Their contributions enriched the discussion on how Olympism inspires positive societal change and upholds the principles of ethics and solidarity.

Online Events & Webinars 2024

September 2024: Active School Workshop

Fredrikstad, Norway



On 24 September 2024, ICSSPE, in collaboration with the City of Fredrikstad, Norway, organised the workshop "Active School: The Foundation for a Life-Long Physically Active Lifestyle", held in Fredrikstad and simultaneously streamed online. The event was part of the EU-funded PACTE+ project and brought together experts, policymakers, educators, and stakeholders from across Europe to discuss the critical role that schools play in fostering a lifelong commitment to physical activity. ICSSPE Executive Director Patrick Stolpmann delivered a presentation highlighting ICSSPE's work and initiatives, while Sport Science Research Manager Pascal Camara presented on the topic "Designed to Move: The Proven Benefits of Physical Activity in School". The workshop provided valuable insights into evidence-based strategies for promoting active lifestyles and fostering active cities across Europe.

Online Events & Webinars 2024

October 2024: GTE Online Event

The Paralympic Games



On 7 October 2024, ICSSPE hosted a Global Teaching Excellence (GTE) online event titled "The Paralympic Games – Where It's Been and Where It's Going", chaired by Prof. Dr. David Legg. The session attracted participants from over 40 countries and offered a comprehensive exploration of the evolution of the Paralympic Movement, covering key milestones such as the establishment of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the integration of various impairment categories, and the advancement of gender equity within Paralympic sport.

Panellists also addressed ongoing challenges including classification clarity and ensuring global accessibility in Paralympic sport. The webinar was recorded and made available on the ICSSPE YouTube channel for participants unable to attend live.

2025

July 2025: GTE Online Session

Balancing Gold and Green



On 2 July 2025, in celebration of Olympic Day, ICSSPE hosted a Global Teaching Excellence (GTE) online session titled "Balancing Gold and Green: Sustainability Challenges of the Olympic Games". The session brought together leading experts and a wide international audience, welcoming around 50 participants from across the globe for a compelling discussion on the environmental impact of mega sporting events such as the Olympic Games.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy

In 2024 & 2025, ICSSPE continued to strengthen its role as a global leader in sport science, physical education, and policy advocacy through active engagement with key international institutions and events. The following highlights key achievements and contributions made by ICSSPE and its representatives throughout the year.

2024

March 2024: BRICSESS 2024 Conference – Keynote by Former ICSSPE President



In March 2024, Former ICSSPE President Dr. Uri Schaefer delivered a keynote address at the 3rd BRICSESS Conference 2024, held in the Delhi NCR region of India. The conference, themed "Advances in Holistic Health and Sport for Children and Youth: Innovation, Integration, and Sustainability through Science", brought together experts from around the world to exchange knowledge and ideas on advancing health and sports sciences globally.

Dr. Schaefer's keynote underscored the critical importance of promoting holistic, sustainable physical education and physical activity for children and youth worldwide. The address shed light on the global impacts of physical inactivity, offered insights into the reasons behind teenage physical inactivity, and provided actionable recommendations for fostering a culture of physical activity.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2024

May 2024: EPAS Annual Meeting – Council of Europe



In May 2024, ICSSPE, as a member of the Consultative Committee, participated in the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) Annual Meeting of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee, held at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 29–30 May 2024. Former ICSSPE President Dr. Uri Schaefer represented the organisation and presented ICSSPE's projects in alignment with the European Sports Charter's goals of promoting inclusivity, gender equality, and youth engagement in sport.

ICSSPE exercised its right to vote, contributing to the selection of new leadership within the EPAS Consultative Committee, including the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Bureau members, and the Gender Equality Rapporteur. This participation underscored ICSSPE's direct influence on the strategic direction and priorities of the committee.

June 2024: ICSSPE Collaborates with the Berlin Senate on Sports Development



On 20 June 2024, ICSSPE engaged in a productive meeting with the Sports Development and Sports Infrastructure Department of the Berlin Senate Department for the Interior and Sport. Discussions highlighted a mutual commitment to promoting physical activity and inclusion and explored innovative strategies for community sports programmes. ICSSPE's global expertise in sport science and physical education, combined with Berlin's strong dedication to sports development, was identified as a strategic asset for addressing rising concerns of physical inactivity and social isolation. The meeting reinforced ICSSPE's position as a key partner in advancing Berlin's vision as a leading sports metropolis.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2024

August 2024: Strengthening Ties with Berlin's Sports Community



In August 2024, ICSSPE's Executive Director met with Nicola Böcker-Giannini, the State Chairperson of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in Berlin, to discuss a range of sport-related topics. Discussions focused on engaging local stakeholders to align ICSSPE's research and projects with the specific needs and interests of Berlin's community, as well as leveraging ICSSPE's international network to promote Berlin as a leading sports metropolis. This meeting represented a further step in ICSSPE's ongoing efforts to strengthen its ties with the local sports community and ensure meaningful and sustainable impact in the regional sports sector.

September 2024: Former ICSSPE President Delivers Keynote at EOA Congress 2024



Former ICSSPE President, Dr. Uri Schaefer, delivered a keynote address at the 6th European Olympic Academies (EOA) Congress, held in Olympia, Greece, from 24 to 28 September 2024. Themed "Perspectives of the Olympic Movement after the Paris Games", the congress brought together leaders from academia and sport organisations to explore the future of the Olympic Movement.

In his address, Dr. Schaefer highlighted ICSSPE's key projects, including the PACTE+ initiative and the GAP-Women project, and underscored the organisation's commitment to promoting health, education, and inclusion through sport. He concluded by praising the Paris 2024 Games for their inclusive achievements and called for continued collaboration to uphold Olympic values and inspire future generations to live healthier, more active lives.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2024

September 2024: Participation in UNESCO High-Level Conference on Disability Sport



ICSSPE participated in the International Disability Inclusion Conference: "Harnessing the Transformational Impact of Para Sport", held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 27–28 August 2024. Organised by UNESCO and the International Paralympic Committee, the conference focused on leveraging Para sport as a driver of disability inclusion, in alignment with the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. ICSSPE's participation reinforced its commitment to championing inclusivity and ensuring that the voices of persons with disabilities are represented in international sport policy.

September 2024: ISHPES Meets ICSSPE – Annual Congress in Brazil



ICSSPE was represented at the annual congress of the International Society for the History of Sports and Physical Education (ISHPES), held from 10 to 13 September 2024 in Curitiba, Brazil. The congress, organised at the Federal University of Paraná under the theme "Cultural Transfers and Circulation of Knowledge: Debates and Controversies in the History of Physical Education", was attended by approximately 80 sport historians from 14 countries. ICSSPE's participation reinforced its ongoing relationships with academic and research communities at the forefront of sport and physical education history.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2024

November 2024: ICSSPE Attends the 75th Anniversary of the DSLV



On 22 and 23 November 2024, ICSSPE was represented at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the German Sport Teacher Association (DSLV) by Honorary President Prof. Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper, Executive Board member Martin Holzweg, and Executive Director Patrick Stolpmann. The event highlighted the DSLV's longstanding role in advancing quality physical education, fostering inclusion, and promoting active, healthy communities in Germany. ICSSPE expressed its pride in supporting national organisations that share its commitment to collaboration and innovation in physical education, sport science, and inclusion.

November 2024: ICSSPE Attends Parliamentary Evening on Disability Sport Inclusion



On 13 November 2024, ICSSPE attended the German Disabled Sports Association's (DBS) Parliamentary Evening in Berlin, themed "Revolution of Inclusion" in recognition of the achievements of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. The event featured discussions led by Federal Minister Nancy Faeser and DBS President Friedhelm Julius Beucher, emphasising the importance of increasing support for accessible sports opportunities and advancing collaborative action towards a more inclusive environment for people with disabilities. ICSSPE reaffirmed its commitment to championing inclusivity and fostering meaningful social change through sport.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2024

December 2024: Prof. Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper Receives Honorary Membership from DOSB



At the 21st General Assembly of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB), held in Saarbrücken on 7 December 2024, ICSSPE Honorary President Prof. Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper was awarded honorary membership in recognition of her unparalleled contributions to sport, physical education, and her enduring leadership within ICSSPE and other global organisations. Prof. Doll-Tepper's work has significantly shaped national and international policies and practices, leaving a lasting impact on the world of sport and education. ICSSPE warmly congratulated her on this well-deserved recognition and celebrated her inspiring legacy.

December 2024: ICSSPE Strengthens Advocacy at the UNESCO International Conference of NGOs



From 17 to 19 December 2024, ICSSPE participated in the 2024 International Conference of NGOs at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, themed "Building Capacity for Action". The conference gathered global NGOs to strengthen advocacy and foster partnerships in alignment with UNESCO's mission. ICSSPE was represented by Development Committee member Claire Boursier, who played an active role by moderating a panel discussion within the Communication and Information sector of UNESCO's programme.

ICSSPE also contributed to the conference's culminating document, the Recommendations of the International Conference of NGOs 2024 to the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, thereby shaping future collaborative frameworks between civil society organisations and UNESCO.

2025

January 2025: ICSSPE and iNADO Discuss Collaboration on Sport Integrity



In January 2025, ICSSPE's Executive Director met with Dr. Peter Van de Vliet, the new CEO of the Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (iNADO), to explore potential areas of collaboration and shared objectives. Discussions covered the promotion of integrity in sport and the challenges of NGO administration. iNADO, the international member body of National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs), promotes best anti-doping practices among its members, fosters inter-connectivity, and serves as their collective international voice. With shared missions in promoting ethical, inclusive, and safe sport, ICSSPE and iNADO look forward to fostering collaboration that advances integrity at all levels of physical activity.

March 2025: ICSSPE Attends European Sport for All Forum



ICSSPE participated in the TAFISA European Sport for All Forum, held in Frankfurt in March 2025, engaging with leaders and organisations committed to promoting Sport for All across Europe. The Forum explored key themes such as inclusion, youth engagement, knowledge sharing, and capacity building, fostering collaboration and innovation towards a more active and inclusive society.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

April 2025: ICSSPE Participates in EU Sport Forum 2025



On 10–11 April 2025, ICSSPE took part in the EU Sport Forum 2025, held in Kraków, Poland, bringing together leading stakeholders from across the European sport sector to discuss the future of sport policy and development. ICSSPE supported the call for a renewed model of sport that upholds core values such as solidarity and inclusivity, while fostering transparency, equity, and long-term sustainability in sport systems.

April 2025: ICSSPE Attends the Global Disability Summit



On 2–3 April 2025, ICSSPE attended the Global Disability Summit 2025 in Berlin, where almost 4,000 participants from around the world gathered to drive meaningful and lasting change for people with disabilities. ICSSPE submitted its own commitment to the Summit, "Fostering Awareness on Adapted Physical Activity and Sport through Multidisciplinary Research and Implementation", reaffirming the organisation's dedication to ensuring that adapted physical activity and sport are recognised as essential tools for inclusion.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

May 2025: ICSSPE Engages in EPAS Annual Meetings and Sport for All Launch Event



From 14 to 15 May 2025, ICSSPE took part in the annual plenary meetings of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), held at the Council of Europe's Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg. As a Consultative Committee member, ICSSPE joined fellow members in discussions on key developments in European sport policy. Following the EPAS meetings, ICSSPE Executive Director Patrick Stolpmann participated as a panellist at the high-level launch of the Council of Europe's new initiative, "Sport for All: Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities", contributing to the panel "Best Practices at International Level" by sharing ICSSPE's perspective and showcasing tools developed by the organisation on inclusive sport.

May 2025: ICSSPE at the World Teacher Games Conference



The first edition of the World Teacher Games took place in France from 5 to 10 May 2025, bringing together hundreds of teachers and education professionals from over 30 countries in a celebration of teachers through sport, combining sporting competitions, cultural exchange, and professional development workshops. As a partner of the event, ICSSPE was actively involved in the accompanying World Teacher Games Conference, held on 10 May under the theme "The Training of Physical Education Teachers, at the Centre of Public Health Priorities for School Students". ICSSPE Development Committee member Claire Boursier represented the organisation on the expert panel "Physical Activity and Sport at School", sharing tools, programmes, and best practices developed in collaboration with global partners to empower physical education teachers in promoting physical activity among children and youth.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

May 2025: ICSSPE Attends 30th EFPM Congress and World Fair Play Day Celebrations



ICSSPE participated in the 30th European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) Congress, held on 18–19 May 2025 at the International Olympic Academy in Ancient Olympia, Greece. Representing ICSSPE was Executive Board member Gerald Fritz, who contributed to discussions on promoting fair play and ethical values in sport. The two-day event, themed "Fair Play Education for the Promotion of Fair Play", featured keynote addresses by Anne Marcellini (University of Montpellier) and Mike McNamee (KU Leuven) on inclusion and ethical challenges in sport, alongside a roundtable discussion with contributions from Manfred Lämmer, President of the European Olympic Academies, and Dimosthenis Tampakos, President of the Hellenic Olympic Academy.

June 2025: ICSSPE at the Inaugural Olympism365 Summit



From 3 to 5 June 2025, Lausanne welcomed over 300 participants representing more than 100 organisations and 70 countries to the first-ever Olympism365 Summit: Sport for a Better World, convened by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). ICSSPE joined global partners working to harness the power of sport across health, inclusion, peace, and environmental sustainability. ICSSPE's Executive Director also met with Dr. Jane Thornton, Director of the IOC Health, Medicine & Science Department, to explore joint support for Olympic Agenda 2020+5 and the Olympism365 strategy.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

June 2025: ICSSPE Leads Global Dialogue on Inclusive Physical Education at ISAPA



ICSSPE took an active role in the International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA) 2025, held in Kerry, Ireland, from 16 to 20 June, which brought together leading voices from around the world to advance inclusion, equity, and transformation in the field of adapted physical activity. On 18 June, ICSSPE Executive Director Patrick Stolpmann delivered a keynote address, followed by a panel discussion he moderated titled "Global Gaps in Inclusive Physical Education: Time for Real Change". The panel explored the structural, cultural, and policy barriers that continue to hinder inclusive physical education globally, with central themes including fragmented teacher training, limited implementation of adapted curricula, weak policy enforcement, and the continued disconnect between academic research and real-world practice. ICSSPE's participation at the symposium was further complemented by an interview feature, "ICSSPE at ISAPA 2025: Bridging Global Gaps in Inclusive Physical Education", with Catherine Carty.

June 2025: ICSSPE Strengthens Political Ties at the German Federal Parliament



ICSSPE representatives visited the German Federal Parliament and met with Tina Winklmann, Member of Parliament for Alliance 90/The Greens. The conversation focused on shared priorities, including the empowerment of women and girls in sport through ICSSPE's GAP Women project, and environmental sustainability in major sporting events, a key theme of the Green Team project. The visit underscored the strong alignment between ICSSPE's work and current policy goals, opening new avenues for collaboration in the areas of sport, gender equality, and sustainability.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

July 2025: ICSSPE Hosts Workshop on Inclusivity in University Sport at FISU World Conference



On 19 July 2025, ICSSPE hosted a workshop titled "An Inclusive Approach to University Sport: Defining the Path Forward" as part of the FISU World Conference, held in Bochum within the Rhine-Ruhr Region of Germany. The session, moderated by Prof. Dr. Ruth Crabtree (Sheffield Hallam University and ICSSPE Executive Board member), brought together experts, athletes, and academics from around the world to examine the barriers faced by underrepresented groups, the influence of institutional policies and cultural practices on participation, and innovative strategies for fostering inclusive sport environments.

September 2025: ICSSPE Hosts Delegation from the Korean Institute of Sport Science



ICSSPE welcomed a delegation from the Korean Institute of Sport Science (KISS) to its headquarters in Berlin in September 2025. The visit, attended by Dr. Yongnam Park and Mr. Wan Young Lee, both from the Department of Sport Policy at KISS, provided an opportunity to exchange knowledge and expertise on sport policy, education, and community development, further strengthening international cooperation in the field of sport science.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

October 2025: ICSSPE Vice-President Highlights Olympic Education at the 7th EOA Congress





ICSSPE Vice-President Prof. Rareş Stănescu participated in the 7th Congress of the European Olympic Academies (EOA), held from 6 to 10 October 2025 in Prague, under the theme "Current Issues and Developments of the Olympic Movement – Commemorating the Olympic Congress in Prague, 1925: Lasting Legacy and Ongoing Challenges". The Congress gathered representatives from over 30 National Olympic Academies and numerous partner organisations as an influential platform for dialogue on Olympic education, values-based leadership, and cross-sector collaboration. During a dedicated workshop, "EOA as a Beacon of Olympic Education in Europe: Building Bridges with Universities and Schools", Professor Stănescu proposed innovative approaches to strengthening cooperation between Olympic Academies, educational institutions, and research communities, emphasising the integration of Olympic values into formal and non-formal education systems, the creation of joint academic and research initiatives on Olympic studies and ethics in sport, and the potential of digital and community-based learning models to extend the reach of Olympic education.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

October 2025: ICSSPE at the Gender Equality & Sport+ Conference



ICSSPE Executive Director Patrick Stolpmann participated in the Gender Equality & Sport+ Conference 2025 – Connecting for Change, an event bringing together leaders, policymakers, and advocates dedicated to advancing gender equality in sport. Stolpmann contributed as a panellist for the session "Change Making – Shaping the Future of Sport and Gender Equality", focused on strategies to drive systemic change in sport, physical activity, and physical education. The discussion, moderated by Francine Raveney of the Council of Europe, highlighted the actions needed, from grassroots activism to global policy initiatives, to ensure a fair and inclusive future for sport, with Stolpmann sharing insights from ICSSPE's ongoing efforts to integrate gender equality into sport science, education, and policy frameworks.

October 2025: ICSSPE Hosts Delegation from Kennesaw State University



ICSSPE welcomed a group of graduate students from Kennesaw State University (KSU), USA, to its headquarters in Berlin, continuing the long-standing tradition of cooperation between the two organisations. The students, enrolled in the Master of Social Work programme, were accompanied by Dr. Alan Kirk, a long-standing ICSSPE collaborator and academic partner. During the visit, ICSSPE delivered a presentation introducing the organisation's history, mission, structure, and current portfolio of projects and global partnerships, sparking an engaging discussion on how sport and physical activity intersect with social work, community building, and international development.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

November 2025: ICSSPE at the European Sport Congress – Advancing Quality Physical Education



ICSSPE Executive Director Patrick Stolpmann delivered a keynote at the European Sport Congress 2025 in Lille, France, an event bringing together leaders, policymakers, educators, and researchers dedicated to advancing sport, physical activity, and education across Europe. His keynote, "Advancing Quality Physical Education", focused on the global importance of high-quality physical education and highlighted ICSSPE's role in shaping research, policy, and practical tools to promote inclusive, developmental, and evidence-based physical education programmes, positioning ICSSPE as a key voice in discussions around sport science, education, and health promotion at the Congress.

November 2025: ICSSPE President Delivers Keynote at IAPESGW World Congress



ICSSPE participated in the 20th Quadrennial International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW) World Congress, held from 5 to 7 November 2025 in Cebu, Philippines, under the theme "Equity in Action: A Global Dialogue on the Advancement of Women and Girls in Physical Education and Sport Innovation". ICSSPE President Prof. Dr. Annette Hofmann delivered a keynote titled "From Tradition to Innovation: Digitalisation, Inclusion and the Future of Physical Education for Girls, Women and Indigenous Communities", highlighting how technological innovation and inclusive strategies can transform access to sport and education for traditionally underserved groups.

Vice-President Prof. Dr. Beatriz Ferreira contributed to a panel on "Redesigning the Game: Inclusion and Adaptation of Sport Practices and Policy", presenting strategies to make sport and physical education more inclusive and equitable, and was awarded Honorary Membership of IAPESGW during the Congress. ICSSPE Development Committee member Usha Nair also joined the "Redesigning the Game" panel, focusing on development-oriented approaches to overcoming structural barriers and promoting the global participation of girls and women in sport.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

November 2025: ICSSPE Participates in the Driving Passion and Profit Forum



ICSSPE took part in the "Driving Passion and Profit: Impact Investment in and through Sport" Forum in Brisbane, Australia, hosted by Sport Matters (CEO Jackie Lauff, ICSSPE Development Committee member) in collaboration with For Impact Capital Investment Company and the Sport4Impact International Network. The two-day event, held at The Precinct in Brisbane, brought together leaders in sport-for-development, ESG, impact investment, academia, and community engagement across the Asia-Pacific region. ICSSPE was represented by Vice-President Prof. Dr. Beatriz Ferreira, who, on 24 November, presented "Measuring Social and Cultural Impact Through the Indigenous Peoples' Games in Brazil" as part of the Forum's Roundtable on Impact Measurement, offering an important opportunity to introduce ICSSPE to a wide network of professionals, investors, researchers, and community leaders in the region.

December 2025: ICSSPE Strengthens EU Collaboration at the Erasmus+ Sport Info Day



On 11 December 2025, ICSSPE Executive Director Patrick Stolpmann joined the Erasmus+ Sport Info Day 2026 in Brussels, Belgium, hosted by the European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). The annual event brought together the European sport community, both in person and online, offering updates on Erasmus+ Sport, practical guidance, and networking opportunities.

Achievements, Representation, and Advocacy 2025

December 2025: ICSSPE's Executive Director Appointed as IFAPA Disability Community Liaison



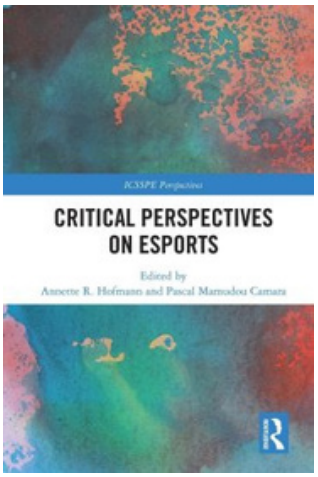
ICSSPE announced that its Executive Director, Patrick Stolpmann, has been appointed to a voluntary leadership role with the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA), one of ICSSPE's active member organisations. Stolpmann will serve as IFAPA's new Disability Community Liaison, supporting global engagement with disability communities and strengthening cooperation across international sport and physical activity networks. In this voluntary position, he will support IFAPA in amplifying the voices, priorities, and expertise of disability communities across research dissemination, professional development, and policy advocacy, contributing to the coordination of initiatives that ensure disability perspectives are meaningfully incorporated within IFAPA's global activities. ICSSPE congratulated Patrick on this appointment, celebrating the essential role that voluntary work plays in advancing inclusive sport worldwide.

Publications

In 2024 and 2025, ICSSPE continued to advance knowledge in the fields of sport science, physical education, and sustainable sport through the publication of significant academic and research outputs. The following provides an overview of key publications released during the years.

2024

April 2024: Critical Perspectives on Esports



In April 2024, ICSSPE launched a new title in its Perspectives series: "Critical Perspectives on Esports", published by ICSSPE's longstanding publishing partner, Routledge. The multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary publication encompasses perspectives from sociology, pedagogy, philosophy, economics, and other sport science disciplines and offers a diverse geographic viewpoint with contributions from 23 authors across four continents.

ICSSPE Vice-President Prof. Annette R. Hofmann and Sport Science Research Manager Pascal Camara edited the publication. To mark its launch, a one-hour online session was held in April, chaired by Prof. Hofmann, in which contributing authors were given the opportunity to share their motivations, approaches, and chapter contributions. The publication represents a significant contribution to the growing body of academic literature on esports and its implications for sport science and society



Publications

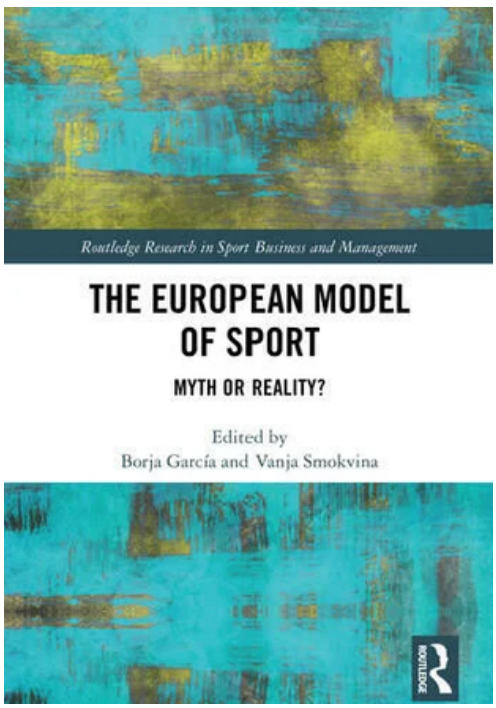
2024

July 2024: How to Reduce the Environmental Impact of Sport Events?

In July 2024, the GREEN TEAM project published an article titled "How to Reduce the Environmental Impact of Sport Events?", with a particular focus on the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games. The article offered valuable strategies and considerations for minimising the ecological footprint of large-scale sport events, and shared recommended practices for promoting environmental sustainability in sport. The publication is part of the wider GREEN TEAM project, which aims to raise awareness among stakeholders regarding environmentally friendly and inclusive sport events and to develop a sustainability seal for sport confederations and federations in Europe.

2025

June 2025: Contribution to New Routledge Volume on the European Model of Sport



ICSSPE's Sport Science Research Manager, Pascal Camara, in collaboration with Professor Louis Mustakas (University of Applied Sciences Kufstein) and Dr. Maximilian Seltmann (German Sport University Cologne), co-authored a chapter for the recently released Routledge volume "European Model of Sport: Myth or Reality?", edited by Borja García and Vanja Smokvina. Their chapter, titled "The African Sport Model: Between Pan-Africanism and European/Olympic Hegemony", offers an in-depth analysis of how African nations have historically engaged with, adapted, and at times resisted dominant global sport structures. The chapter contributes to the growing discourse on regional models of sport, highlighting both convergences and tensions between African and European/Olympic frameworks.

32nd General Assembly



On 20 July 2025, the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education convened its 32nd General Assembly at the German Sport University Cologne, one of the world's leading institutions in sport and exercise sciences, and a long-standing partner of ICSSPE. As the highest decision-making body of the organisation, the General Assembly brings together ICSSPE's member organisations every two years to review the work of the preceding biennium, assess the financial position of the organisation, and set the strategic priorities and direction for the years ahead. The 2025 Assembly marked a particularly significant occasion in the history of ICSSPE, bringing together approximately 50 delegates from across the globe, who joined either onsite in Cologne or via online participation, reflecting the truly international character of the organisation's membership. Countries represented at the Assembly included China, Brazil, India, Australia, Kenya, Japan, Azerbaijan, and the United States, among others, underscoring the breadth and diversity of ICSSPE's global community of sport science, physical education, and policy professionals.





32nd General Assembly

A central agenda item of the 32nd General Assembly was the full election of all members of the Executive Board and Development Committee, marking a comprehensive renewal of the organisation's volunteer leadership. Following a thorough review process and the presentation of candidates in the months preceding the Assembly, members exercised their democratic mandate to elect a new Executive Board and Development Committee, whose collective expertise, international perspectives, and shared commitment to ICSSPE's mission will guide the organisation throughout the next biennium and beyond.



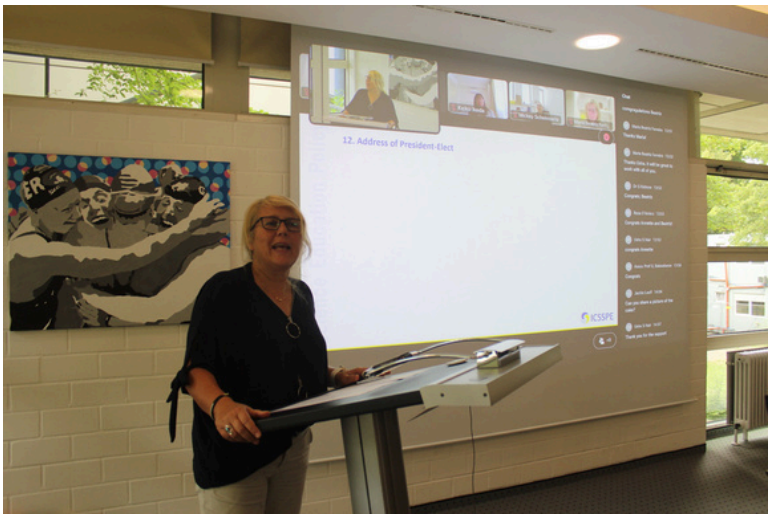
The Assembly also served as a deeply meaningful occasion to honour and pay tribute to Dr. Uri Schaefer, who formally concluded his tenure as President of ICSSPE after more than a decade of dedicated service. First elected President in 2014, Dr. Schaefer provided consistent and visionary leadership through a period of significant transformation for the organisation, overseeing the development and implementation of ICSSPE's Strategic Plans for 2021–2024, the expansion of its project portfolio through Erasmus+ and other international funding mechanisms, the strengthening of key partnerships with organisations such as the International Olympic Committee, UNESCO, and the World Health Organization, and the organisation's resilient adaptation to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under his leadership, ICSSPE grew its global membership, enhanced its advocacy role in international sport policy, and reaffirmed its position as a trusted voice at the intersection of science, education, and policy in physical activity and sport. The ICSSPE community expressed its profound gratitude for Dr. Schaefer's unwavering dedication, his tireless commitment to advancing the values of the organisation, and his lasting contribution to the global movement for physical activity and sport.





Newly Elected ICSSPE Members

As ICSSPE embarks on this new chapter, the organisation warmly welcomes the leadership of its newly elected President, Prof. Dr. Annette R. Hofmann, a distinguished scholar and long-serving member of the ICSSPE Executive Board, who brings with her extensive experience in sport science, sport history, and international sport governance. Together with the newly elected Executive Board and Development Committee, Prof. Dr. Hofmann will lead ICSSPE as it continues to pursue its mission of integrating research, education, and policy in support of physical activity and sport for all, and to uphold the values of inclusion, transparency, reliability, equality, cooperation, and accountability that underpin all aspects of the organisation's work.



The Executive Board monitors the administrative and business affairs of the Council between General Assemblies and is responsible for implementing its decisions. It adopts any measure needed to facilitate the successful outcome of the Council's activities, in particular in relation to the Biennial Working Programmes.
The President, two Vice-Presidents, and the 6 newly elected members will serve on the Board for a four-year period (2023–2027).



Newly Elected ICSSPE Members

Newly Elected ICSSPE Executive Board:

- President: Prof. Dr. Annette R. Hofmann – Germany (International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport – ISHPES)
- Vice-President Executive Board: Prof. Dr. Rares Stanescu – Romania (National University of Physical Education of Sport of Bucharest)
- Vice-President Development Committee: Prof. Maria Beatriz Ferreira – Brazil (International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women – IAPESGW)
- Prof. Dr. Karen Petry – Germany (German Sport University Cologne)
- Dr. Claire Boursier – France (International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity – IFAPA)
- Dr. Kishore Gopinathan – India (Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education – LNCPE)
- Dr. Ruth Crabtree – UK (World Association for Sport Management – WASM)
- Prof. Angela Schneider – Canada (International Association for the Philosophy of Sport – IAPS)
- Ms. Fan Yinghua – China (All-China Sports Federation)

Newly Elected Development Committee Members:

- Prof. Keiko Ikeda – Japan (International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport – ISHPES)
- Prof. Dr. Koyo Fukasawa – Japan (Japan Society of Physical Education, Health and Sport Sciences)
- Dr. Kwok Ng – Finland (International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity – IFAPA)
- Prof. Mickey Scheinowitz – Israel (Tel Aviv University)
- Mrs. Usha Nair – India (International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport – ISCPES)
- Prof. Vincent Onywera – Kenya (KCA University)
- Ms. Jackie Lauff – Australia (Sport Matters)
- Ms. Jennifer Wong – UK (Loughborough University London)
- Prof. Mauricio de Arruda Campos – Brazil (International Fitness & Bodybuilding Federation)

Thank you to Outgoing Executive Board Members

- Dr Uri Schaefer, President, Israel.
- Prof. Dr Cesar Torres, Vice President, USA.
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- Katongo Moonga Bwyalya, National Organisation for Women in Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation, Zambia.
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Thank you to Outgoing Members of the Development Committee

- Dr Claire Boursier, MOOVEN, France.
- Dr Verena Burk, International University Sports Federation, Germany.
- Prof. Dr Ruth Crabtree, World Association for Sport Management, UK.
- Dr Maria Dinold, International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity, Austria.
- Prof. Dr Stefka Djobova, National Sports Academy “Vassil Levski”, Bulgaria.
- Prof. Dr Junko Tahara, Japanese Society for Physical Education, Health and Sport Sciences, Japan.

ICSSPE Communication Channels

Website and Newsletter:

The website includes current news and information, an international calendar of events, teaching and learning materials, and policy documents, as well as an Expert Directory. It is available in English and, since 2022, also in Spanish.

ICSSPE's Expert Directory provides a comprehensive overview of the expertise and competencies among ICSSPE's member organisations. It offers interested parties the opportunity to find, e.g., project partners by filtering organisations according to services offered, their areas of expertise or languages spoken.

The event calendar provides an overview of upcoming events around the world in the areas of sport science, education, and policy.

The website also includes the monthly newsletter that is sent out with sport science news, dates, and information about upcoming events.

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Social Media Channels:

ICSSPE communicates and engages regularly via Facebook and LinkedIn accounts with its members and partners in education, sport practice, and policy development. Social media activities provide information about research results as well as sports policy measures and enable representatives of sport to disseminate their information internationally in a targeted manner.

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