

EDITORIAL

Message from the ISCPES President

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The International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES) has maintained a longstanding partnership with the International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW) for more than four decades. Throughout this time, the theme of women in Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport has remained central to our shared agenda. The following highlights reflect the depth and continuity of this valued relationship:

1. At the International Committee for Sport Pedagogy (ICSP), created in 1984 as an advisory group of the International Council for Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE), five organisations (ISCPES, IFAPA, IAPESGW, FIEP, AIESEP) collaborated on numerous joint projects and meetings from the committee's founding until 2018 (López de D'Amico et al., 2014).
2. The ISCPES Book Series featured volumes following both a "mono-national" (or country), so-called 'Area approach' and an international dimension thematic, so-called 'Problem approach' (e.g., Women and Sport). The third volume, *Social Issues in Women and Sport – International and Comparative Perspectives* (2003), exemplifies this latter approach and featured contributions from several IAPESGW members.
3. A particularly noteworthy joint initiative was *Global Voices on Physical Education and Sport*, coordinated by Walter Ho (then president of ISCPES) and conducted between 2009 and 2016. The project engaged participants across all continents and generated several publications in various languages (e.g., Ho et al, 2016; Holzweg et al, 2013).
4. This present volume is a further testament to the productive collaboration of ISCPES and IAPESGW. It features a special issue on women and sport, drawing on selected papers from the 2025 IAPESGW World Conference, which was successfully hosted in the Philippines amid complex weather conditions. The resilience and commitment of the local organisers made a lasting impression on all the participants. I extend my sincere congratulations to the guest editors and the entire team who worked hard to make this volume possible.

On a personal note, as the current President of ISCPES, I am honoured to serve as an Honorary Life Member of IAPESGW, having had the privilege of leading the organisation as its president from 2013 to 2021. It is a great pleasure to see this partnership continue to flourish. Together, these two distinguished organisations and their dedicated volunteers remain steadfast in their support for academics and practitioners who share our common mission and vision.

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