

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It gives me great pleasure to share some of the activities we have been developing this year. In addition to the special issue on Gender that we published early this year in partnership with IAPESGW, the elected ISCPES Board has been undertaking various responsibilities. ISCPES continues its work in three main directions: publication, research and events.

In terms of publication, the journal *International Sport Studies* has continued its regular publication schedule, and interest in publishing in it has increased enormously! Our Co-Editors-in-Chief, Maria Luisa M. Guinto and Richard Peter Bailey, together with the editorial team, have been doing a great job coordinating the workflow and maintaining quality. We appreciate the addition of Walter Ho as Associate Editor to the editorial team.

Our ISCPES Book Series, published by Routledge, is also proud to announce the publication of *Physical Education in India. Tradition, Development, and Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Usha Nair. The book features nearly 50 contributors, and Usha Nair has done an impressive job coordinating its compilation. We have two more book proposals in progress at this stage!

On March 12th, we celebrated our first 2026 webinar. On International Women's Day, the theme of the webinar was: 'Empowering Women Through Sport: Student Voices on Women's Participation in Sport'. The event was held together with the students from the Master Program in Sport Administration of the Russian International Olympic University (RIOU), who served as speakers. We had speakers from China, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, The Gambia, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Thanks to the logistical support from Ms. Iya Macharadze and the technical team from RIOU. In August, we will celebrate our 2nd webinar. For more information, please check our webpage!

In terms of research, the International Study on Quality Physical Education (ISQPE), coordinated by Dr Walter Ho, was launched in July 2026. The purpose of the research project is to develop a benchmark and evaluation tool that can be used internationally to investigate the overall performance and developmental proficiency across four issues in physical education: 1. Inclusion in QPE, 2. Extended Learning in Sport, Exercise and Physical Activities, 3. Classroom Learning, and 4. Use of the Latest Technology in Physical Education. The invitation to participate as a researcher is still open!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that our ISCPES 24th Biennial Conference will take place from 6 to 8 October 2027 in the beautiful city of Monterrey, Mexico. It will be hosted by the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (Autonomous University of Nuevo León) at the Faculty of Sport Organization (FOD). Please include it in your academic agenda for 2027. Further information will be available on our website!