

Message from the ISCPES President

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It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 23rd Biennial Conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES) will take place in Auckland, New Zealand, from December 1st to 4th, 2025. The venue will be Auckland University of Technology (AUT). The primary sponsor is [Thomas Education](#), with additional support from the [Malaki Alatini Trust](#). The conference theme is *Advancing Global Well-being through Physical Education and Sport*, and the subthemes are:

1. **Diversity and Inclusion in Physical Education and Sport:**
 - Promoting equity and accessibility for all
 - Addressing the needs of minority and marginalised groups
 - Overcoming barriers to participation
 - Celebrating diversity in physical activity and sport
2. **Physical Education Curriculum for the 21st Century:**
 - Integrating technology into physical education
 - Developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills through sport
 - Fostering lifelong physical activity habits
 - Adapting curricula to diverse learning styles and abilities
3. **Sport for Youth Development:**
 - The role of sport in character development and social skills
 - Using sport to promote mental health and well-being
 - Combating youth violence and crime through sport
 - Empowering young people through leadership opportunities in sport
4. **Indigenous Education:**
 - Incorporating Indigenous knowledge and culture into physical education and sport
 - Promoting Indigenous physical activities and games
 - Addressing the unique health and wellness needs of Indigenous communities
 - Empowering Indigenous youth through sport and recreation
5. **Physical Activity and Health:**
 - The impact of physical inactivity on global health
 - Promoting physical activity for chronic disease prevention and management
 - The role of physical education in addressing obesity and non-communicable diseases
 - The benefits of physical activity for cognitive function and academic performance
6. **Innovation in Physical Education and Sport:**
 - Emerging technologies in physical activity and sport
 - Innovative teaching and coaching methods
 - New approaches to sport development and management
 - The future of physical education and sport in a changing world
7. **Physical Literacy:**
 - Developing fundamental movement skills
 - Promoting physical literacy for lifelong health and well-being
 - Integrating physical literacy into physical education curricula
 - Assessing physical literacy levels and needs

Please check the conference website at www.iscpes2025.nz; additional information will be available soon. Mr. Fran Serrano is the chair of the LOC; for further information, you can contact him at the following email address: fran@thomas-education.co.nz.

I would also like to communicate that ISCPES has endorsed the conference ‘Fit for Life: Empowering Youth through Physical Education, Sport and Traditional Sports’ that will take place in Goa, India, on February 18th – 20th, 2025. It is jointly organised by the National Sports University, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India, and Goa University, with a partner Institution, Don Bosco College, Goa. For more information, check the web page: www.icffl2025.com or contact Prof. Usha Nair (Vice-Chancellor) at vicechancellor.nsu.imphal@gmail.com.

Finally, I invite you to submit your papers to the [International Sports Studies](#) journal. Let’s spread the word about the continuous work of volunteers who dedicate their efforts to providing a quality publication for scholars in physical education and sport.

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