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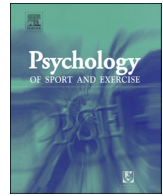
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Welcome to this issue of the FEPSAC Newsletter – *Fédération Européenne de Psychologie des Sport et des Activités Corporelles* (European Federation of Sport Psychology).

## Happy New Year

The European Federation of Sport Psychology (FEPSAC) wishes everyone a wonderful New Year and we hope that 2017 will be filled with great happiness and success for you inside and outside the world of sport psychology. Please see below the benefits of joining FEPSAC. In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [office@fepsac.com](mailto:office@fepsac.com).

- Reduced registration fees for the BASES-FEPSAC Conference in Nottingham in November and at the ECP-Congress in Amsterdam in July
- Participation in the Young Researcher Award bestowed at the Conference in Nottingham
- The right to participate and vote in the General Assembly taking place in March
- Monthly Newsflash with information about FEPSAC activities, upcoming conferences & congresses, academic courses, latest vacancies and a summary about all articles published in the latest PSE issue
- Opportunities to share information with our community in our Newsletter in the FEPSAC journal Psychology of Sport and Exercise (PSE)
- FEPSAC Newsletter published in PSE every two months
- You can send info to [office@fepsac.com](mailto:office@fepsac.com) which we post on our FEPSAC notice board and via our social media (Facebook & Twitter)
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**Physical activity and sport: current discourses and practices from a human and social science perspective (2016 Summer School, Université Paris-Est, France)**

By Sascha Leisterer (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) and Kahar

Abula (Technische Universität München).

The summer school took place in Paris from June 27th to July 3rd and attracted fifteen PhD students and two Master's students from nine different countries. The summer school addressed a broad range of scientific fields and enabled participating students to present and discuss their current research on physical activity and sport. A wide range of different events during this summer school enabled participants to expand their knowledge in different areas of sport sciences. The courses during the summer school mainly focused on the current discourses and practices in sports science, methodology and theories. Among them were three lectures by two sport psychologists from the University of Copenhagen, Professor Anne-Marie Elbe and Professor Reinhard Stelter. In her lecture about Talent Development, Professor Elbe systematically introduced key aspects of talent development from a sport psychological point of view and addressed the ongoing debate on the early specialization among athletes. Professor Stelter's lecture on Body, Self and Identity focused mainly on the challenge of identity in the context of current globalization and social change. In his methodological lecture on Qualitative Research in Sport, he systematically introduced different aspects of qualitative research methods and their applications in the research.

In addition to the academic lectures, two lectures on soft skills also proved fascinating: *Funding Opportunities for Research in Europe* by Professor Daphné Bolz and a lecture on publishing: *Publish or Perish* by Professors Gertrud Pfister and Annette Hofmann. Additionally, every student had the opportunity to present his/her work to the audience and have individual supervisions by the experts regarding their PhD/Master's projects, which provided invaluable feedback for their research and future career plans. Most importantly, spending one week together, all participants enjoyed this special opportunity for some international networking, not only during the lectures and presentations but also during the social activities, like a fantastic visit to central Paris (thanks to Professors Cécile Collinet and PearlAnn Reichwein), watching the EURO 2016 matches together and taking part in other sport activities.

Overall, the participating students of the 2016 summer school enjoyed a week full of possibilities to gain insights in the field of sport sciences. Furthermore, they had the opportunity to meet other young researchers from across the globe. The 2016 summer school enabled participants to gain experience and to develop academic skills, by for example visiting the ISHPES Congress, which the Université Paris-Est hosted simultaneously, by networking with

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other young international researchers and by presenting their own work to a wider international academic audience.

The summer school will also take place this summer in Paris, 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> of June: <http://acp.u-pem.fr/summer-school-sport/>.

### **AASP student conference in Winchester**

By Kirsty Brock (Conference committee chair).

On the 20th and 21st of May 2017 the University of Winchester will be hosting the second ever Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) student conference to be held in the UK. Founded in 1986, the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) is an international, multidisciplinary, professional organization with over 2300 members in 57 countries. AASP promotes the development of science and ethical practice in the field of sport psychology. In this student conference we aim to give a platform for undergraduate, postgraduate and early career researchers in the field of sport and exercise psychology to present their work, meet other researchers in their areas of interests and attend talks and workshops on a range of current and exciting research from all disciplines of sport and exercise psychology.

Conference delegates will have the opportunity to hear about research across the themes of:

- Psychology of sport performance
- Psychology of exercise and health
- Motor learning and skill acquisition
- Leadership and pedagogy

- Psychophysiology and neuropsychology.

This conference will provide the perfect opportunity for students and new researchers to present their work in a safe and supportive environment and will present many enrichment activities and opportunities to learn about topics that they may not have come across before.

We are open for abstract submissions now and deadlines are 28th February 2017 for oral presentations and 5-min challenge presentations and 31st March for poster presentations. Further information about the conference can be found at [www.aaspwinchester2017.co.uk](http://www.aaspwinchester2017.co.uk) or follow us on twitter @AASP-Winch2017 or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AASPWinch2017/>.

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On behalf of the MC, we would like to thank all those who contributed to the making of this Newsletter. We look forward to receiving more contributions for forthcoming Issues so do not hesitate to send them by email to [office@fepsac.com](mailto:office@fepsac.com).

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