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President's Message –

Jesús Ilundáin-Agurruza, President jilunda@linfield.edu

Gentle Colleagues and Friends,

Many of you are either enjoying or suffering the warmer than normal temperatures that beset much of the northern hemisphere nowadays, and those in the southern one heeding the House of Stark words ‘Winter is Coming.’ For my part, I am grateful for this quiet July 4th US holiday. It

is with much enthusiasm that I look forward to making the trip to the great island of Albion for the 43rd annual meeting of our association.

Under the generous auspices of Cardiff Metropolitan University, and from September 3rd to the 5th, once again we will be able to engage in enthusiastic and stimulating philosophical dialogue with our colleagues, renew our commitment to the discipline and to one another, and welcome new faces to our vibrant community. Alun Hardman and his extremely well organized team, in close collaboration with our very capable Conference Chair John Gleaves, have been working very diligently for many months to ensure that conditions are the best possible to facilitate this. To register, find out about accommodations, and check the program and more see:

<http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/schoolofsport/research/iaps/Pages/Welcome-to-Cardiff.aspx>

As of today, there are 95 papers accepted, quite a few with joint authorship. On your behalf, I express much gratitude to all four Members-at-Large who so thoroughly fulfilled their duties (Kenneth Aggerholm, Chad Carlson, Teresa Lacerda, and Ana Zimmermann). Two reminders follow: One, to register — you still have time to attend at the Early Bird rate (July 31st deadline) — <http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/schoolofsport/research/iaps/Pages/Registration.aspx>. And two, to renew your annual membership; you need to be a current member in good standing to present. This link directs you to the pertinent page: <http://iaps.net/join-iaps/>. Should you find it in your means and heart to make a contribution to the Student Fund, this will help sponsor students' attendance to the conference.

There will be two keynotes this year. David Papineau, Professor of Philosophy at King's College London and the Graduate Center of City College of New York, will deliver the opening keynote: "More than a Game." He will challenge the 'Suitsian Dogma' according to which the value of sport derives from overcoming arbitrary obstacles. Paul Gaffney, Chair of Philosophy at St. John's College in New York and incoming editor for the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport, will treat us with a paper entitled "Playing with Cheaters." We can always learn more about how to handle, philosophically and otherwise, the tricksters.

As for the social program, things kick off, or rather tee off, with a game of golf on the 2nd. Contact Mike McNamee should you be inclined to such endeavors. Other highlights include a performance by the Welsh Choir of the year, a Rugby game between Wales and Italy, and a city tour of Cardiff and the National History Museum. The Welsh coastline is dramatic and beautiful, and while the water's temperature may not be as inviting as northern Brazil's, it still offers plenty of opportunities for seashore walks or water-based activities.

Next, I will briefly discuss a number of issues with which the executive has been or will busy.

Elections

We held elections for a number of key positions at the executive. It is wonderful to see how many of you are actively engaged with the association. After all, those of us who are fortunate enough to hold offices are but a vehicle that expresses your common will. Results will be presented during the AGM general meeting on the conference's closing day.

Social Impact of Sport Philosophy

Many of you were also kind and motivated enough to respond to the online survey on the social impact of sport philosophy. The ad hoc committee (Dennis Hemphill, Jim Parry and Cesar Torres) will work with this feedback, as well any they may receive during the conference's

scheduled panel on this topic. This will help us plan a course of action to best meet incoming challenges as we strive to make our discipline present, pertinent, and prominent beyond the walls of academia.

Constitution

Over the next few months, the current executive and incoming members will undertake a thorough revision of our Constitution to ensure that it conforms to current practices and standards. Any and all suggestions are welcome. Please contact Pam Sailors, our constitutionalist, Char Weaving, or yours truly.

Journal of the Philosophy of Sport Editorship

This is a transitional year for the editorship. Paul Gaffney is ‘shadowing’ John Russell as he prepares to take the reins next year. We could not wish for a better mentor and a better successor.

IAPS sessions at other conferences

As in years past, our discipline was well represented in the American Philosophical Association’s (APA) regional meetings, which are quite large events. On February 19, Shawn Klein organized and chaired a session at the APA Central Division Meeting in St. Louis (Missouri) which had as its central theme Aaron Harper’s paper: “‘You’re the Best Around’: Reconsidering Athletic Excellence in Seasons and Playoffs.” For his part, Douglas McLaughlin organized and chaired a session at the APA Pacific session in Vancouver (Canada) on April 6. John Russell, Paul Gaffney, Jeff Fry, and Jesús Ilundáin-Agurreza presented papers.

Very, very eager to see all of you in enchanting and enchanted Wales in a couple of months, I wish you inspiring and joyful times!

Secretary-Treasurer Message

Charlene Weaving, cweaving@stfx.ca

Greetings all,

Below is the Secretary-Treasurer report for July 2015.

IAPS Members

The IAPS memberships continue to increase, and I encourage everyone to ensure their membership is up to date: <http://iaps.net/join-iaps/>. **In order to present at the upcoming conference, you need to be a member in good standing.**

Student Travel Award

We have been thrilled with the generosity that IAPS members have shown in donating to the Student Travel Award via the online membership donation option. Your support enables student participation at meetings and encourages student involvement in sport philosophy. If you have not renewed yet, consider making a contribution. Small or large—it will be much appreciated by the students.

Call for agenda items for the upcoming IAPS Annual General Business Meeting

According to the IAPS constitution, the July Newsletter should include a solicitation for additional agenda items for the Annual General Business Meeting. Therefore, I encourage you to

submit recommendations and suggestions for agenda items to cweaving@stfx.ca by **August 14, 2015**.

IAPS information sent via email:

All IAPS members in good standing have received information for online voting for IAPS elections via email and a reminder notice. The deadline to vote was July 3, 2015.

If you are missing any information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, cweaving@stfx.ca

I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the upcoming conference in Cardiff!!

News from The Journal of the Philosophy of Sport

J. S. Russell (editor), jrussell@langara.bc.ca

This is my last report as JPS editor. I will make it short. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve IAPS in this capacity for the last 9 years. Yes, it has been that long. I suspect some may think that it *feels* longer. (Certainly, the newsletter editor, Sharon Stoll, could be forgiven for holding this view. She has been "reminding" me about these reports from the beginning. Sharon, I apologize for making your life more difficult and will try to make it up to you. Just don't give me a deadline...) {**Editor's note: Hmmm – I wonder how this will be done☺**}

The nine years have flown by for me. It is a testament to the good will, commitment, and wisdom of the JPS Board, the IAPS Executive, and the IAPS membership that I cannot ever remember thinking that this job was a burden—or even that it was a job. It has been immensely stimulating and rewarding exertion, and there could not be a more congenial and supportive group to serve. I hope, and expect, this spirit will continue. In my experience, it is something rare and should not be taken for granted.

I know we are in the best hands with Paul Gaffney taking over at the annual meeting in Cardiff in September. I will look forward to reading Paul's reports and seeing the direction he takes the journal.

I want to thank previous editors Nick Dixon, Scott Kretchmar, and Bill Morgan for providing sage advice whenever it was called for. Associate Editor, Cesar Torres, has been the most thoughtful and helpful colleague. Charlene Weaving also deserves special mention. She worked closely with Cesar and myself in making the transition to Taylor and Francis. One of the things I am most proud of is the contract that we worked out with Taylor and Francis. It will provide stability and new opportunities for the journal and for IAPS for years to come. I am confident that our best days are ahead.

My very best to all of you. See you in Cardiff soon.

IAPS Conference, 2015

With temperatures (for those of us in the northern hemisphere) heating up, so too is the organizing of the 2015 IAPS conference. Alun Hardman, along with his administrative assistant Jessica Brainch, are busy preparing to welcome sport philosophers from around the world to Cardiff Metropolitan University from September 2-5, 2015. Their effort deserves much thanks

and praise. To register, find out about accommodations, and check the program and more see: <http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/schoolofsport/research/iaps/Pages/Welcome-to-Cardiff.aspx>

In addition to witnessing the work done to produce an ideal venue, I am in the privileged position to see the fruits of so many individual's philosophical efforts as I have spent the last few months with the abstracts and organizing the program. I can safely say that this year's conference promises diverse and interesting works among the highest quality I can remember. I will provide details of the conference program in my Conference Chair Report, but I am most excited that we have accepted papers from scholars in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, Europe, South America and North America. With nearly 100 papers and scholars from six continents, this promises to be an intellectually rich program with papers covering many vibrant subfields of sport philosophy.

As of July 3, there were 95 accepted and confirmed papers. Because of co-authorship, there were 119 authors/presenters. The breakdown in terms of country of origin, and standing, whether student or faculty will be determined once the program and final tally is done in August. This year Easychair was adopted on a trial basis, but as is, it has proven to be quite difficult to extract information for the compilation of the abstract book. The executive will discuss options in this regard at the Executive Meeting.

As far as the program is concerned, there will be two keynote presentations, the opening one by David Papineau from King's College, and another by Paul Gaffney of St. Johns College New York. In addition there will be a roundtable and panel with some elite sportspeople, among them Nicole Cooke, former cycling world champion, and two other panels, one on the social impact of sport and another one on Philosophical Approaches to Skill in Sport and Physical Activity.

Online registration is open, with Early Bird rates being offered until July 31st. Presenters are reminded that they need to be members in good standing before August 1st

As we prepare for the 2015 conference, it is also worth commenting on IAPS conference norms and etiquette. IAPS has always valued inclusiveness and friendly inquiry and we hope to continue this tradition of collegial scholarship. To make sure we all start on the same page, here is a useful link created by David Chalmers that shares guidelines for respectful, inclusive, and constructive philosophical discussions: <http://consc.net/norms.html> Most of these are habits and practices IAPS members have passed down and a few are ones that we might even consider adopting. Please consider refreshing yourself on good habits so that all participants at the 2015 IAPS conference can make the most out their time with an exceptional community of scholars.

Call for Future IAPS Conference Site Proposals

The Honors, Awards, and Future Sites (HAFS) committee still is interested in receiving proposals to host the 2016 IAPS conference. The Committee encourages all those who are interested in hosting a conference in 2016 or 2017 to submit a proposal. Guidelines and forms to assist in the preparation of proposals are available on the IAPS website <http://www.iaps.net/conference>