

# IAPS Newsletter October 2009

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## 1. President's Message -

It is with a great sense of responsibility, pleasure and enthusiasm that I communicate with all of you as president for the first time. It is a distinguished honor and a privilege to have been elected as president of IAPS. I feel humbled by your support and confidence. I am looking forward to serving all of you as well as advancing the Association's purpose over the next two years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Danny Rosenberg, our immediate past-president, for his able leadership and dedicated service to IAPS. The other outgoing members of the Executive Council to thank are Doug McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer, along with Heather Reid and Stephen Finn, members-at-large. I would also like to welcome the incoming members of the Executive Council: Charlene Weaving, secretary-treasurer, and Leslie Howe and Lev Kreft, members-at-large. Members of the Executive Council who continue their service include: Doug Hochstetler, conference chair, John Russell, journal editor, Mike Austin, elections chair, Emily Ryall, webmaster, Sharon Stoll, newsletter editor, Peter Hager and Takayuki Hata, members-at-large. Joan Forry is joining Mark Hamilton and Milan Hosta on the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee. I, as well as all IAPS members, appreciate your dedication to the Association.

The last annual conference in Seattle was inspiring and enjoyable. The papers and the ensuing discussions they gave rise to were of high caliber. I would like to express my gratitude to Doug Hochstetler, the conference chair, and all the members of the organizing committee at Seattle University for their untiring efforts that lead to a brilliantly planned conference. To the delight of attendees, Nick Dixon and Sigmund Loland delivered two exciting *Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Lectures* and Danny Rosenberg treated us to a thought provoking Presidential Address. During the conference, Heather Reid received the *Distinguished Service Award* and was given a standing ovation for her long and continuous commitment to IAPS.

Next year's annual conference in Rome, Italy promises to be a memorable one. Please note that the dates have been confirmed: September 15-19, 2010. So, mark your calendars and make your plans accordingly! Heather Reid and Emanuele Isidori are working hard, setting up the conference. The conference's program will include a *Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Lecture* by Claudio Tamburrini.

I would like to remind and encourage those who are interested, to submit a proposal to host future annual conferences. Receiving these proposals in a timely manner facilitates the planning of our conferences.

Sport philosophy is undergoing a period of expansion. Thanks to the efforts of numerous scholars and teachers, sport philosophy has become, in the last four decades or so, a respected and established academic discipline. The numbers of scholars dedicated to the philosophic study of sport is growing in different parts of the world. There are new regional associations and conferences, and scholars have now multiple venues to publish the fruits of their labor. With plenty of books published each year in the philosophy of sport, the discipline is increasingly cited in the popular press. Sport philosophers are sought after by journalists and, in some cases, by policy makers. Yet IAPS has seen its membership decline over the last few years. Considering the discipline's expansion, the fact that IAPS's annual conferences are well attended, and that the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* is approaching its tenth anniversary as a biannual journal, this is puzzling. It is worth noting that institutional subscriptions for the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* have been on a slight increase. Part of the decline in membership has to do with miscommunication and a somewhat confusing renewal system. Part of it has to do with Human Kinetics' failure to send renewal notices. To address this situation the Executive Council has taken the following steps:

1. In late September, IAPS launched a redesigned website with new and exciting features. Please visit the website at [www.iaps.net](http://www.iaps.net). We encourage you to share ideas and information about the philosophic thinking concerning sport through the website. In this regard, I would like to thank Emily Ryall for her great work as webmaster.
2. Following the discussion in Seattle, IAPS has now moved to a calendar year membership. Memberships expiring on 30/09/2010 have been automatically extended to 31/12/2010. If you are not a member or have not renewed your membership, we encourage you to attend to your new or renewed membership promptly.
3. We have asked Human Kinetics to send renewal notices in a timely manner. In addition, we will also send renewal reminders by e-mail and post such reminders on the website. It seems preferable to err on the side of repeated notices.

We are confident that these changes will improve communication among IAPS members and increase membership thereby reflecting the vibrant international community of scholars and teachers in the philosophy of sport that constitutes IAPS. However, each one of us has to do his/her part to help IAPS flourish. Please be proactive with your membership. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact Charlene Weaving, the secretary-treasurer, at [cweaving@stfx.ca](mailto:cweaving@stfx.ca), or Human Kinetics' Kim Scott at [kims@hkusa.com](mailto:kims@hkusa.com) or Jackie Moore at [jackiem@hkusa.com](mailto:jackiem@hkusa.com).

A terrific piece of news is that after years of discussion, IAPS has finally instituted the Student Travel Award to help graduate and undergraduate students defray the cost of travel and accommodation at the Association's annual conferences. Six students received \$100 each to present at this year's annual conference in Seattle. IAPS has committed to fund the Student Travel Award for three years (\$250 per year plus interest earnings from IAPS bank account). With regards to this year's awards, an anonymous donor contributed the rest of the funds so that each of the six students would receive \$100. In an effort to create a Student Travel Award fund, the indefatigable Heather Reid is spearheading a fundraising effort among IAPS past-presidents. However, anyone is welcome to contribute to the fund. Please contact Heather at [reid@morningside.edu](mailto:reid@morningside.edu) for details about her fundraising initiative. Students are the future of both IAPS and the philosophy of sport, so please consider donating to the fund.

To conclude, I would like to thank you once again for the opportunity to lead IAPS over the next two years. I welcome the challenges and opportunities ahead, and look forward to working for and with

you to strengthen the Association, its purpose, and the discipline. If you have any concerns, ideas, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [crtorres@brockport.edu](mailto:crtorres@brockport.edu).

## 2. Secretary's Message

Greetings.

The following bits of information are outlined in this message: 1) The official launch of the new IAPS website, 2) Joining/renewing IAPS membership dues, 3) IAPS on Facebook, and 4) Minutes from the General Business Meeting and the Executive Business Meeting (August. 2009 in Seattle).

1. On behalf of the IAPS executive council, we are very pleased to announce the revamped and improved IAPS website: [www.iaps.net](http://www.iaps.net). We encourage you to check it out and provide any feedback. A special thank you to Emily Ryall for her continued excellent work as webmaster.

### 2. Joining/renewing IAPS membership

After our meeting in Seattle, the executive council and general membership decided that it would be beneficial to move to a **CALENDAR YEAR** membership and have done so with Human Kinetics. This change should help to clear confusion with membership status. Therefore, we encourage you to **JOIN or RENEW** your membership for 2010!!

The following are some general comments to help with this transition:

- a) If you recently renewed your 2009-2010 IAPS membership, it will be extended to 12/31/2010 at no additional cost.
- b) If you are an International (non-USA) member and recently renewed or tried to---you were charged an extra 10\$ shipping fee---this was an error and has been rectified by Human Kinetics.
- c) If you **did not renew your membership** for 2008-2009---we encourage you to do so immediately and you will receive the 2 (spring and fall)- 2009 issues of the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* (JPS). For the time being, you will have to proceed with filling out the following form if you wish to renew for 2008-09 <http://iaps.net/wp-content/uploads/2009/01/2009-IAPS-Membership-Form.pdf>
- d) Human Kinetics has sent out email messages to all members indicating renewal status. If you did not receive an email from them, this implies that you are not a current member.
- e) If you are a member of IAPS and have not received JPS journals, please notify me at [cweaving@stfx.ca](mailto:cweaving@stfx.ca)

### 3. [Minutes of IAPS Executive Board Meeting \(August 27. 09\)](#)

### 4. [Minutes of IAPS AGM from Seattle University, August 2009](#)

## 5. Journal of Philosophy of Sport

Editor's Report (J.S. Russell, Langara College, [jrussell@langara.bc.ca](mailto:jrussell@langara.bc.ca))

### 1. *Future Special Section Topics for the JPS.*

I would be grateful to hear proposals from members and others for topics for the special

sections that we publish each year in the fall issue (volume 2) of the *JPS*. For fall 2010, I am considering a number of topics, but I am currently leaning toward inviting several authors who contribute to philosophy of sport in non-English-speaking countries to ask them to inform our readers of recent leading developments in the sport philosophy literature that have been published in their language. Other possible topics include sport and the environment and gender issues in sport. However, I welcome further suggestions (and advice on any matters related to the *JPS*).

## 2. *Sport and Technology Conference.*

Gabriela Tymowski, Angela Schneider, and I organized a conference on the topic of "Sport and Technology: Philosophical Dimensions" which was held at Langara College in Vancouver BC in May. About 25 papers were presented, six of which have been published in a special section in the current issue of the *JPS* (table of contents below). Miller Brown and William Morgan gave keynote talks, and Miller kindly agreed to guest edit the special section (thanks for an outstanding job, Miller!). The quality of the papers at this conference was extremely good. Please have a look through the papers in the special section, much of which is focused on sport and genetic enhancement, which has been an emerging topic in sport philosophy and gets careful treatment in this issue.

## 3. *Table of Contents for JPS Volume 36 Issue 2*

### **The Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Lecture**

Mike McNamee, *Beyond Consent? Paternalism and Pediatric Doping*

### **Special Section on Sport and Technology, Guest Editor, W. Miller Brown**

W. Miller Brown, *The Case for Perfection*

Leon Culbertson, *Genetic Enhancement in the Dark*

Sigmund Loland, *The Ethics of Performance-Enhancing Technology in Sport*

William J. Morgan, *Athletic Perfection, Performance-Enhancing Drugs, and the Treatment-Enhancement Distinction*

James Rupert and Angela J. Schneider, *Constructing Winners: The Science and Ethics of Genetically Manipulating Athletes*

Pamela R. Sailors, *More than a Pair of Shoes: Running and Technology*

### **Articles**

Allan Back, *The Way to Virtue in Sport*

Stephen, Schmid, *Reconsidering Autotelic Play*

### **Review Essays**

*Sport*

(By Colin McGinn)  
*Reviewed by Scott Kretchmar*

*Sports, Virtues and Vices: Morality Plays*  
(By Mike McNamee)  
*Reviewed by Heather L. Reid*

## **6. 2010 IAPS Conference – Dates in Rome**

The Honors, Awards and Future Sites Committee is pleased to announce that the 38<sup>th</sup> annual IAPS conference will take place between Wednesday, September 15, 2010 and Sunday, September 19 at Università degli Studi di Roma "Foro Italico" – IUSM in Rome, Italy.

Heather Reid and Emanuele Isidori will Chair the Site Organizing Committee and Doug Hochstetler will serve as the Conference Chair. A conference website will soon be posted at the IAPS web-site ([www.iaps.net](http://www.iaps.net)), and additional information will be forthcoming in future newsletters and via the e-mail list serve. In the meantime you will find conference information at: (<http://iaps.net/2009/09/38th-annual-conference-rome/>).

## **2010 IAPS Conference - Call for Papers**

The International Association for the Philosophy of Sport invites the submission of abstracts to be considered for presentation at the 38th annual 2010 IAPS meeting. The conference will be held in Rome, Italy between September 15-19, 2010. Abstracts are welcome on any area of philosophy of sport, including metaphysics, epistemology, aesthetics and ethics, and from any theoretical approach, including analytic philosophy and critical theory. In addition to abstracts for papers, proposals for round table and panel discussions, including a tentative list of participants, are also welcome and should follow the same format as paper abstracts. Graduate students and emerging scholars are encouraged to submit works in progress. Abstracts should be 300-500 words long (in either **English** or **Italian**) and must be received by April 1, 2010. The preferred mode of submission is by e-mail. Please send the abstract as an attachment, preferably in Word. Contributors who do not have access to e-mail should feel free to send a hard copy instead. Please submit e-mail copies of abstracts to the Conference Chair at: [dxh174@psu.edu](mailto:dxh174@psu.edu)

Please send hard copies (only if e-mail is not available) to:

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**Associate Professor of Kinesiology**  
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**Fogelsville, PA 18051**

Abstracts will be reviewed by a Program Committee of three IAPS peers. Contributors will be notified about the status of their abstracts by May 14, 2010.

## **7. Call for Future IAPS Conference Proposals**

The Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee invites you to submit proposals (as soon as possible) for the 39th Annual Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport to be held in the fall of 2011. To access a site proposal form that outlines the procedures to host an IAPS Conference, [CLICK HERE](#). Note that proposals are welcome not only for 2011, but also for future

conferences. The Committee encourages all those who are interested in hosting a conference to submit a proposal. Assistance can be provided with the proposal submission.

## **8. Other News and Announcements**

IAPS is on Facebook!

Special thanks to IAPS student members Colleen English and Jennifer Harde who have created the Facebook Group: *International Association for the Philosophy of Sport* (IAPS). Feel free to join the group and discussions!

Philosophy of Sport Blog

Announcing a blog that launched in April 2008, called "Philosophy of Sport"? Here's the link: <http://philosophyandsports.blogspot.com/>

The blog is dedicated to news and views related to the philosophical dimensions of sport, and is intended to help raise the profile of philosophy sport in the worldwide philosophical community. Apart from Mike Austin, the contributors include Heather Reid, Milan Hosta, Charlene Weaving, Douglas Hochstetler, and Mark Holowchak, with more to come.

## **9. [About IAPS and the Executive Board](#)**