

IAPS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

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In normal times, the July newsletter would be filled with increasing excitement about our annual conference. But, of course, these are far from normal times. Instead of preparing for international travel, most of us have been forced to confine our movements within a very small range. Our routines have been disrupted and our plans have been altered. We've taught and learned

about different ways to teach and learn. Perhaps hardest of all is the uncertainty about so many aspects of what is to come. One thing I am certain of is how deeply disappointed I am that we will not be together this fall. The annual meetings have always served to educate about the projects of others, to challenge unexamined beliefs and assumptions, and to reinvigorate and motivate research. Beyond the academic sessions, the occasions for informal conversations, shared meals, laughter and play, are invaluable elements that bind us together in community. So let us begin with hopeful confidence the countdown to meeting in Croatia in 2021!

R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award

Congratulations to Ryan Murtha for the selection of his essay, "Untangling the Differences between Live and Filmed Sport, or Why are Sports Movies Bad?" Ryan, who is studying at the University of Texas at Austin, will have the opportunity to present his paper at our meeting in Croatia next year.

Elections

Thanks to all who took part in this year's election process. I appreciate those who submitted nominations, those who agreed to

serve, all of you who participated by voting, and Elections Chair, Chad Carlson, for facilitating the online process. Results will be announced in the Officer Reports distributed in August.

AGM items

Even though we will not be together for the Annual General Meeting this fall, I still wish to solicit any items members wish to bring forward. Please send any concerns, suggestions, or questions to me to forward to the Executive Council for consideration.

Hoping you are safe and sound,

Pam

Note from the Editor

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Dear all, this July edition of the IAPS newsletter comes in a reduced version due to the pandemic and the resulting postponement of this years conference. You can read messages from our president, secretary-treasurer, journal editor and conference chair. In addition, the newsletter includes two announcements of interesting PhD positions that we hope you will all help to spread in your networks. I wish you all a happy reading and a joyful summer!

Secretary–Treasurer’s Message

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Greetings Friends!

IAPS Membership as of June 10, 2020

Standard	121
Student	21
Total Membership	142

*For comparison, our total membership 2014 was 141; 2015 was 163; 2016 was 176; 2017 was 173; 2018 was 204; 2019 was 185.

IAPS Investments

Our investments have followed global economic patterns. We invested \$100,000 in November 2017. 2020 has not been kind, particularly due to the COVID-19 situation. We are in this for the

New IAPS Membership Portal

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long-haul, however, so I'd say we're okay. Our current balance is \$104,300. Remember that the goal of this investment is to provide stability as well as financial growth that can be used toward future IAPS projects.

2020 Memberships

2020 Memberships can now be secured through our new [IAPS Membership Portal](#).

Remember that IAPS Memberships are on a calendar year. The membership you will be purchasing will be for January to December 2020.

Quick Steps:

1. Go here: [IAPS Membership Portal](#).
2. If you have not already done so, set up a profile.
3. If/once you have set up a profile, click on the "my profile" tab above the IAPS logo.
4. Underneath the IAPS logo, you will see "purchase membership." Click that.
5. Select your membership and follow the instructions to check out.
6. You should receive a confirming email. (Don't forget to look in your junk folder)

From now on, if you wish to change your mailing address, email address, or other contact information, you can do so by editing your profile.

If you have any questions, or have any suggestions for improvement, please let me know at iaps.sectres@gmail.com

Student Travel Award Fund

Since our move to the new membership portal, our student travel fund donations have decreased. The new portal has no mechanism for donation collection. However, if you wish to donate, please follow the instructions here: <http://iaps.net/join-iaps/donate-to-the-student-travel-fund/>. You can donate at any time! Remember that we have been awarding 15 to 20 \$1,000 scholarships each year for the past several years. Any contribution is greatly appreciated!

Student Travel Awards

Please consider donating [here](#).

News from the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport

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As I write this report most of the July 2020 issue (*JPS* 47-02) is published online and will soon be mailed to IAPS members. By now most of you should have received the March issue (*JPS* 47-01), although there was a significant delay in the mailing because of the COVID-19 situation (many countries would not accept incoming parcels so the production shut down the mailings for a few months). Some of you might be in my situation: I normally receive the journal at my university address, but the mailroom at my university (St. John's University, NY) has been shut down since March, so I have not yet seen the print copy. But I assume it is there and I will get it when mail service resumes.

Of course, as always, if you do not receive your issue please let me know and we will get in touch with the people who can assist us.

We are currently preparing articles for *JPS* issue 47-03 (November 2020), which will contain a Special Section "Ancient Philosophy of Sport," edited by Daniel T. Durbin. This section will include six articles by the following authors: Michael T. Austin, Stamatia Dova, Daniel T. Durbin, Nigel Nicholson, Heather L. Reid, and Susan Stephens. Guidelines for submitting proposals for possible future Special Sections will soon be posted on the journal website. Members of the Editorial Board will discuss these proposals by email throughout the year and at the Editorial Board meeting at our annual conference.

As I reported in the March 2020 IAPS Newsletter, we recently completed a new Publishing Agreement with Taylor & Francis. I will repeat the statement from the Publishing Agreement:

The Association [IAPS] and the Publisher [T/F] agree to publish the Journal for a minimum of **seven (7) years** from the first day of **January 2020** and **Volume 47** ("Initial Term") and this Agreement shall automatically renew thereafter for a further period of **five (5) years** ("Renewal Term"), unless either Party gives the other Party twelve (12) months written notice of its intention not to renew this Agreement prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or Renewal Term (as appropriate).

The new Publishing Agreement significantly improves upon the

previous Agreement. It provides our Association with more financial support, including new contributions towards student travel to our conferences and also support toward a Translation Project (making some classic articles available in different languages), which is in the early stages of planning. As was the case with the previous Agreement, we can make amendments to this Agreement during this term, if there seems to be some need and if both parties agree. For those interested, full details of the new Publishing Agreement are in the previous IAPS Newsletter.

Submissions are coming in at a good rate so we seem to be in good shape for the foreseeable future.

Conference Chair's Report

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As you will know, we took the difficult decision to postpone this year's conference. The conference host, Matija Mato Škerbić, was doing a sterling job getting everything organized before COVID19 hit and whilst Croatia has not been as badly affected as many other countries, we realized that as an international conference, many members would likely face difficulty, or be hesitant, in getting to the conference even if it was judged safe to do so come September. The current plan is to work with Matija to hold the conference in Split in September 2021 but clearly this may change with the effects of any further waves of the virus and the reopening of international travel and tourism. All of those who submitted abstracts for consideration have been notified and are encouraged to resubmit when we reopen the call for abstracts again next year. We also thought that it was important to award the Kretchmar student essay prize, since the essays were submitted at the same time as the abstracts and involve researchers who may not be students next year, and the winner of this will be announced shortly.

The postponement of this year's conference is obviously a great disappointment as our conference is always a time of serious philosophical reflection as well as fun and friendship. I am sure that this current situation will only strengthen our community and enable a greater sense of solidarity when the conference is finally held once again. However, as current Conference Chair, I believe as an association we need to think about future ways of holding conferences especially with the increased likelihood of pandemics, the causes and effects of climate change, rising economic costs and

the changing nature of Higher Education. Whilst there is something special about meeting people 'in the flesh' and seeing the beauty of places first hand, we also have an opportunity to determine whether we can do things differently and better in the future. This is my personal view and is not necessarily that of the IAPS Executive and membership as a whole but I hope to get the conversation going and I would welcome further thoughts on this.

Regards,

Emily

Announcements

There are two PhD positions available in the philosophy of sport

1. A fully funded PhD position in the philosophy of sport with Dr John William Devine at Swansea University, School of Sport and Exercise Sciences. Deadline is 13 July 2020. Click [here](#) for further information.

2. A PhD candidate position in the philosophy of sport with Professor Sigmund Loland at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Department of Sport and Social Sciences. Deadline is 7 August 2020. Click [here](#) for further information.