

# IAPS NEWSLETTER

*The official newsletter of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport*

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President's message

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Dear colleagues and friends,

Greetings from paternity leave, which in the Scandinavian welfare system means 12 weeks out of office. My leave ends with the opening of our conference at Penn State in August. I cannot think of a better way to go back to work, and I cannot wait to meet with IAPS friends and once again enjoy inspiring philosophical discussions in real life!

Conference Chair Emily Ryall and our hosts Javier Lopez Frias and Colleen English are putting a lot of effort into the conference preparations. It is shaping to be a memorable event with an exciting pre-conference seminar on Deep Play, social excursions, and a strong conference programme, including two Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Addresses from Douglas Hochstetler and Jesús Ilundain. There will also be a keynote by Scott Kretchmar and Bill Morgan, who will take us through 50 years of IAPS and pay tribute to Warren Fraleigh, who passed away recently. You can help the conference organisers by registering as soon as possible. Please see their sections below and the conference website for more information (<https://sites.psu.edu/iaps2022/>).

I would also like to remind everyone to use your vote in the election to IAPS offices and for honors/awards. You should all have received a link to the Election Ballot in your inbox, and it is open until July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to those who nominated candidates, those who agreed to serve and a special thanks to Chad Carlson for facilitating the elections. Chad has served as Elections Chair for two terms, and I want to acknowledge his diligent work in this role for six years. The official results will be shared at the AGM in August.

If you have any items for the 2022 AGM agenda, please send them to me at [kennetha@nih.no](mailto:kennetha@nih.no) before August 8th. I wish everyone a lovely summer and look forward to seeing many of you at Penn State!

Sincerely, Kenneth



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## IAPS MEMBERSHIP

*Secure your 2022 membership by  
visiting [the portal here](#).*

**SECRETARY-TREASURER'S MESSAGE**

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Greetings Friends!

**2022 Memberships can now be secured through our [IAPS membership portal](#). You must be a member in good standing to present at the IAPS conference in August.**

Remember that IAPS memberships are on a *calendar year*. The membership you will be purchasing will be for January to December 2022. Also note that if you wish to change your mailing address, email address, or other contact information, you can do so by editing your profile.

**IAPS Memberships as of June 17, 2022**

Standard	132
Student	26
Total	158

**IAPS Membership Continental Distribution**

49% North American
26% Europe
17% Asia
5% Australia
3% South America

**IAPS Financial Overview 2022**

Balance, all assets, January 1, 2022	\$331,685.75
Income	\$52,914.27
Expenses	\$9,777.23
Net Income	\$42,651.98
M&T Balance	\$242,804.33
PayPal Balance	\$1,295.19
Investments	\$118,657.13
Balance, all assets, June 27, 2022	\$355,342.82

**Other Notables**

- Twelve students have been awarded \$1,000 student travel awards to assist with their attendance and participation at the IAPS conference in August. Please note that you can still donate in support of the Student Travel Award fund at any time (see [here](#)).
- I continue to work with a group of scholars seeking to develop an International Federation of Kinesiology. The goal of this Federation would be to assist academic associations, societies and the like with conference preparation, financing, taxes, legal consultation, etc. I am representing IAPS on both the mission statement committee and the bylaws and structure committee.



**2022 IAPS CONFERENCE UPDATE**

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We are excited to welcome all IAPS 2022 attendees to Penn State in August!

Information about the conference, including links to registration, hotel accommodation, details about pre-conference events, the conference program, and social programs can all be found at <https://sites.psu.edu/iaps2022/>

We look forward to seeing many of you in person for the first time since 2019 and to celebrating IAPS 50th Anniversary with a few special events. If you have any questions about the upcoming conference, please feel free to contact Javi Lopez ([fjl13@psu.edu](mailto:fjl13@psu.edu)) or Colleen English ([cue113@psu.edu](mailto:cue113@psu.edu)).



NEWS FROM THE EDITOR OF THE *JOURNAL OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPORT*

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As I write this report the July 2022 issue (JPS 49-02) is published online and will soon be mailed to IAPS members.

Journal Mailing Schedule. We have been behind schedule for the last few print issues. The November 2021 issue (JPS 48-03) was not mailed until January 2022, and the March 2022 issue (JPS 49-01) was mailed in March 2022, so both of those issues arrived late but hopefully everyone has them by now. The current issue, July 2022 (JPS 49-02) will be closer to schedule but still might arrive a little late. For some reason, arrival times of the print journal can vary significantly, even within the same geographic area.

I hope that explains the recent delays. As always, if you have any problems or questions about receipt of the print issues in the mail, please contact me directly and I will follow up with the people at Taylor & Francis to get it resolved. The first thing to check is whether your IAPS dues are paid up – if your membership is current but you have not received your issue(s), I can work on it. Please do not contact anyone at Taylor & Francis or anyone at IAPS about this, as that will only delay action.

Submissions. The past two calendar years (2020 and 2021) saw the highest number of new submissions to the journal in recent memory. During a typical twelve-month period, we receive between 60-70 new submissions, but in the years 2020 and 2021 we received more than 100 new submissions each year. In the present calendar year (2022) we seem to have returned to our normal submission rate.

Special Sections and Special Issues. As I have reported in previous Newsletters, there is a new link on the JPS website that invites Special

Section/Special Issue proposals. Special Sections are typically 5-7 articles, 7,000 words each, and Special Issues are 10-12 articles. IAPS members can propose Special Sections/Issues at any time, which the Editorial Board will discuss at the Board meeting at the annual conference in the fall, or perhaps during the year through emails if the topic is topical and therefore more time sensitive. As part of the plan, proposals should plan to include a call for papers on the proposed topic to give all interested authors a chance to contribute.

Journal Metrics. I remind members that Taylor & Francis has recently created a very informative link on the journal website—Journal Metrics. All information is clearly explained on the link and is available to IAPS members at any time. A few highlights from the year 2021 (which I reported in the March 2022 IAPS Newsletter):

- 107,000 downloads/views of JPS articles, which is up from 65,000 in 2020.
- Impact Factor of 1.022, which compares favorably with our previous highest number in 2016, which had an Impact Factor of 0.926
- 28% Acceptance Rate
- 54 days average from submission to first decision
- 65 days average from submission to first post review decision
- 12 days average from acceptance to online publication

## CONFERENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

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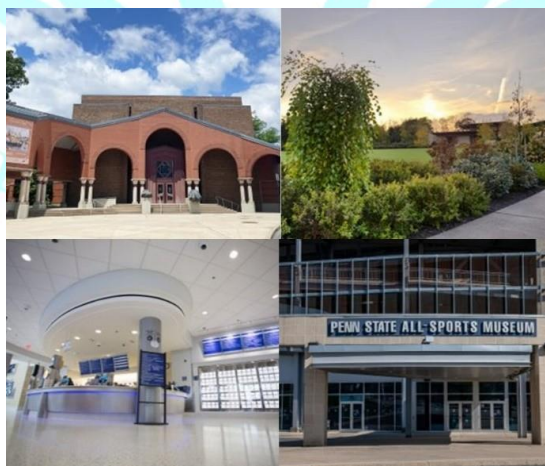
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Organisation for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (which confusingly is the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting) is well underway and a draft of the programme has been [circulated](#). It is wonderful to see such a range of topics and speakers from around the world and I'm sure there'll be a celebratory atmosphere as we greet old friends and make new ones together in person after the lockdowns and trauma of the previous two years. I'm sure I speak for many when I say that although the virtual world has provided us with new opportunities of working and learning, you can't beat the embodied experience of being in each other's presence – especially for those informal moments outside the formal programme of events.

Saying that, we will be providing an online opportunity for those that are unable to be with us in person at this year's conference. We have several panel sessions that are being hosted fully online and will be available to all conference attendees. In addition, the in-person keynotes by Doug Hochstetler and Jesús Ilundain-Agurruza will be recorded and available online. We hope that this will be a satisfactory solution that works for future conferences as a way of opening our association to new audiences as well as providing a means of access to those that are unable to attend in person. Prior to Covid19 I argued that we should facilitate online opportunities for our association as the climate crisis and cost of living makes frequent international travel unsustainable, and I think that this remains the case.

I am really looking forward to a spectacular conference and celebration of 50 years of our association and hearing the stories of those who have been part of it for all or most of this time, in particular, at the session hosted by Scott Kretchmar and Bill Morgan. This will also celebrate the life of Warren Fraleigh who was instrumental in the development of the association and who has given so much to the discipline.

May I finally thank Javi Lopez-Frias and Colleen English for all the work they have done to manage this year's conference, particularly as they picked up additional Conference Chair duties as I recovered from illness. A big thanks also goes to Peter Hopsicker who also took on some of my duties and for so many others for checking in and asking how I was. I've always said that the sports philosophy world is one of the most friendly there is and how it truly exemplifies Bob Simon's mutual quest for excellence. So I hope to see you in Penn State ...And you never know, some of us may still be around for the 100 year anniversary in 50 years time!



**EDITOR'S CORNER**

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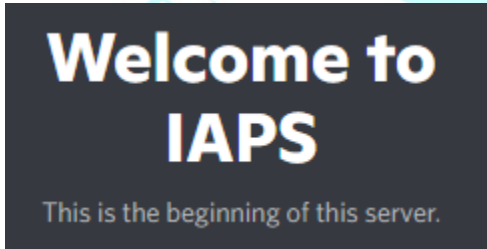
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Newsletters are great—but they only come out triannually, and are static forms of communication. They are, by and large, anachronistic.

As Newsletter Editor, I had a thought: Wouldn't it be even better to have a newsletter that *all* IAPS members could post news items to, and dynamically respond to each other in real time—as opposed to once every four months? What if we could also have video conferences and audio chats on the newsletter, as well as store important reference documents for the association in it, and have it function as an easily accessible digital hub for academic collaboration too?

For these reasons, today I would like to share an opinion with you: I am in firmly support of IAPS eventually having its own Discord server.



Why am I dedicating my allocated space in this newsletter to endorse Discord for IAPS? Because I know that the potential for emergent benefits for our academic community is immense. I know this

because I built and have maintained the Discord server architecture for a 300-player strong online community of *Magic the Gathering* players for the past two years. I've seen that group—which once contained many near-strangers—collaborate and flourish, both during the height of the pandemic and thereafter. People are constantly finding new ways to display their talents and help each other on there—writing articles, building bots, mining and analyzing data, streaming video content, and hosting podcasts. When I think about what a group of dedicated academics and professionals could do with this technology behind them, I get giddy.

Anyone with a foot in the gaming world knows what a reliable and powerful community hub Discord is, and would most likely agree that adopting it behind the curve is better than ignoring it altogether. Of course it's always inconvenient to learn a new platform. I myself was *very* reluctant to jump on board, but have since witnessed its great utility.

Do I think that our newsletter should be discontinued? No, of course not. We continue a lot of practices after they've become obsolete. Some authors still prefer to use typewriters over laptops when composing. We still enjoy the snap and hiss of an old vinyl record over a clean MP3 file. But we at IAPS should *also* avail ourselves of the most efficient and commodious communication medium when it is free, and clearly desirable.