

IAPS NEWSLETTER

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President's message

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Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope this spring newsletter finds you all well. I have a couple of items of interest to share with our members.

First, IAPS will be present at the next World Congress of Philosophy in Rome 1-8. August 2024. There will be a thematic session dedicated to the philosophy of sport, with several IAPS members serving as chairs. In addition, we will organise a sport philosophy symposium in collaboration with BPSA and EAPS. This event should not interfere with or detract attention from our conference in Nova Scotia next year. Instead, it is an opportunity for us to showcase our field of study and engage in discussions with philosophers that would not usually attend sport philosophy conferences. Please contact me if you have ideas for the form and content of the society session. I hope many members will be able to take part in the congress and contribute to promoting the philosophy of sport.

Second, as a testimony of the continuing growth of our field, it is a great pleasure to announce the inauguration of a new Associação de Filosofia do Desporto de Língua Portuguesa - AFDLP (Association for the Philosophy of Sport in the Portuguese Language). It is initiated by Constantino Pereira Martins, Luísa Ávila da Costa, Marcus Campos and Odilon José Roble, to preserve and continue to stimulate philosophical thinking on Sports in the Portuguese language. IAPS benefits from the many local associations worldwide, and this is a most welcome addition to the family of sport philosophical societies.

Springtime also means time for elections. The available IAPS positions are: President, Newsletter Editor, two Members-at-Large and one Member to the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites (HAFS) Committee. You can find more information in the report from our Election Chair, Sandra Meeuwsen, and you can send your nominations to her: meeuwsen@esphil.eur.nl. I highly recommend



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getting involved, and I am happy to respond to any questions you may have about the roles.

We also seek nominees for the 2023-2024 Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award and the 2023 Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award. You can find the criteria for the awards in our constitution, article IX (<https://iaps.net/constitution/>). Please send nominations with a brief explanation to HAFS Chair, Adam Pfleegor: apfleegor@siena.edu

Last but far from least, I want to draw attention to our upcoming annual meeting in Split, Croatia. Preparations are well underway, led by Matija Škerbić and his team, and the conference website is now accessible. Here you can find more information about the event and stay updated as we get closer to September. If you have not already done so, make sure to submit your abstract before April 11th. See the IAPS website for more information, and please consider donating to the IAPS student travel awards.

I wish everyone a joyful springtime.

Sincerely, Kenneth

ELECTION CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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Call for 2023 IAPS Executive Council Nominations

The following positions will become available this fall:

- President

- Newsletter Editor

- 2 Members-at-Large

- 1 Member to the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites (HAFS) Committee Chair

Committee (3-year term)

Nominations must satisfy a number of conditions:

1. Each nomination must include a nominator, a seconder, and a nominee.
2. The HAFS-nominee should be an IAPS-member for at least three years.
3. The nominator, seconder, and nominee must be members of IAPS.
4. Nominations must reach Sandra Meeuwesen by 1 June 2023: meeuwesen@esphil.eur.nl
5. The seconder and nominee must acknowledge that they will second or accept, respectively, the nomination by sending an email to that effect to Sandra Meeuwesen.
6. The nominee is advised to supply a brief biography (no more than 200 words) at the time of nomination.

Nomination Procedure

The easiest way to complete the nomination is for the nominator to copy the original nomination email to both the seconder and the nominee who can then use "reply all" to acknowledge acceptance attach the brief biography. Once the nomination is complete, Sandra Meeuwesen will forward an email to the nominator, seconder, and nominee. Please be diligent in fully completing the nomination process. We will once again use an online elections tool to guarantee anonymous voting. Instructions and the ballot will be sent to IAPS members in June.

SECRETARY-TREASURER’S MESSAGE

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Greetings Friends!

Did you renew your IAPS memberships through our [IAPS membership portal](#)? When you do so, please also review your information, particularly your mailing address, email address, or other contact information, and make any necessary changes.

For your 2023 membership renewal, I have made two things required.

- First is your **mailing address**. For obvious reasons, we need your mailing address to send you the journal. Please be sure to use the mailing address where you wish to receive JPS.
- Second, I’ve added a required field called **“Department.”** Please indicate in this field the department you belong to in your institution, such as Kinesiology or Philosophy or Education, whatever best describes where you are housed in your unit. If you are retired, please use the last department you were associated with. If you are not part of a University or College, put down whatever describes you best. In the past, we have wondered where sport philosophy is being housed in higher education. This information will provide us some good information toward answering that question.

Student	21
Total	143

IAPS Financial Overview as of March 15, 2023

Balance, all assets, January 1, 2023
\$334,422.13

Income	\$56,396.65*
Expenses	\$8,096.70**
Net Income	\$48,299.95
M&T Balance	\$267,300.70
PayPal Balance	\$1,767.71
Investments	\$112,158.57

Balance, all assets, March 15, 2023
\$381,226.98

*\$49,629.22 as part of Taylor and Francis publishing contract.

**We have incurred no conference expenses at this time

IAPS Memberships as of March 15, 2023

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

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As I write this report the March 2023 issue (*JPS* 50-01) is published online and will soon be mailed to IAPS members.

Submissions

In years past, the Editor's Report to IAPS membership always presented submission statistics for the 12-month period between IAPS meetings (roughly September-August) but two years ago I started issuing calendar year-end reports, covering the period January to December, published in the March IAPS Newsletter of the following year. A calendar year-end report is much more intelligible and accurate with respect to statistical trends, demographics analyses, and important journal measurements, such as articles Downloads and Citations, Acceptance rate, Submissions and Re-Submissions, Impact Factor, and Altmetric statistics, among other important indicators.

2022: 79 new submissions from January-December 2022, a total that includes six invited Book Reviews. This is a bit lower than in the past few calendar years, especially the last two years, although it returns to the average that had held for many years before the spike in 2020 and 2021.

2021: 102 new submissions between January-December 2021, a total that includes eleven invited Special Issue articles ("C. Thi Nguyen's *Games: Agency as Art*, *JPS* 48-03, November 2021) and five invited Book Reviews. (Volume 48: 32 articles, including thirteen invited Special Issue articles; five Book Reviews)

2020: 107 new submissions between January-December 2020, a total that includes seven invited Special Section articles ("Ancient Philosophy of Sport," *JPS* 47-03, November 2020) and six invited Book Reviews. (Volume 47: 30 articles, including seven invited Special Section articles, and one Fraleigh Lecture; six Book Reviews)

2019: 88 new submissions between January-December 2019, a total that includes eleven invited Special Section articles ("Emotion in Sport and Games," *JPS* 46-02, July 2019) and six invited Book Reviews. (Volume 46: 26 total articles including eleven invited Special Issue articles and one Fraleigh Lecture; six Book Reviews)

2018: 69 new submissions between January-December 2018, a total that includes six invited Book Reviews. (Volume 45: 18 total articles, including one invited Fraleigh Lecture; six invited Book Reviews)

Special Issues and Special Sections

As you know by now, there is a link on the journal website that explains the process for Special Issue/Special Section proposals. Members of the Editorial Board discuss these proposals at the Editorial Board meetings at our annual conference, or by email throughout the year. Special Sections are not only a good way to do focused studies on timely topics, which then become excellent resources for future scholarly work, but they are also excellent opportunities to bring new authors and new perspectives into our Association.

The *JPS* Editorial Board recently approved a proposal from Kevin Krein to prepare a Special Issue on the theme "Nature Sports." This issue is tentatively scheduled to be published as the July 2024 issue. Please

check the IAPS website under the “News and Updates” link for details about the Special Issue. **The deadline for the CFP is April 30, 2023.**

Changes to the Editorial Board

There have been a few changes to the Editorial Board in the last 12 months. Sarah Teetzell and Leo Hsu decided to step down as reviewers; we thank them for their years of excellent service. We are fortunate to welcome three new members to the Editorial Board: Irena Martínková, S.P. Morris, and Xiaolin Zhang.

Distribution

It appears that Taylor & Francis is behind schedule in their distribution with some people, although apparently not everyone. I have myself not received either the March 2022 or the July 2022 issue, and I have heard from some IAPS members that they are also missing issues. If you have questions or problems, please let me know. Please do not attempt to resolve this issue yourself by contacting Taylor & Francis offices directly—that only complicates the issue. The first thing to clarify is whether you have kept your IAPS membership current; if your membership lapses you will not receive your issues. If you have kept your membership up to date but did not receive your issue(s), I will work on that. It takes a little time, but we have always been able to get members their missing issues.

JPS Website Links

1. **Editing Services Link.** There is a new “Editing Services” link under the “Submit Your Article” link on the JPS webpage, which might be of value. Here is what they offer: “Do you need help preparing your manuscript for submission to a journal and then promoting your published article to a wider audience? Taylor & Francis offers a full range of services to take care of tidying up your manuscript and maximizing impact so you can devote time to your research.”
 - English Language Editing
 - Scientific Editing
 - Manuscript Formatting
 - Rapid Technical Review
 - Research Communication Services
 - Translation with Editing

2. **Journal Metrics Link.** As you have noticed there is also a new link of the JPS website that provides up-to-date and valuable information about the journal’s performance in terms of its Usage (downloads/views), Impact Factor, Cite Score, Acceptance Rate, Time in Review, and other measures. All terms are explained on the webpage. Journal Metrics can be used to provide hard evidence of the journal’s performance and prestige in the academic world and is always available to JPS subscribers. A few highlights from the year 2022:
 - **Usage:** 119,000 annual downloads/views
 - **Citations:** Impact Factor (.800); 5 Year Impact Factor (1.000); Cite Score (1.100)
 - **Speed:** 49 days average from submission to first decision; 54 days average from submission to first post review decision; 8 days average from acceptance to online publication.
 - **Acceptance rate:** 36%

CONFERENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

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The conference organisation is in full swing and we look forward to seeing everyone in glorious Split in September. Please make sure you take advantage of the early bird rate and register early.

The deadline for abstracts has now been extended to the 11th April so if you have not yet submitted your abstract, please do so by this date. Details about the submission process and requirements can be found on the IAPS website below. Please let me know if you have any questions!

<https://iaps.net/uncategorized/call-for-abstracts-50th-international-association-for-the-philosophy-of-sport-split-croatia/>

2023 CONFERENCE UPDATE

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IAPS 2023 – Split, Croatia

This year's 50th IAPS Annual Conference will be held in Split, Croatia from 19th to 22nd September, jointly organized by University of Zagreb (Research Committee for Bioethics and Sport) and University of Split (Faculty of Kinesiology). For more information you can visit the conference website:

<https://iaps2023.kifst.hr/>

The keynote speakers will be Ivana Zagorac (University of Zagreb, Croatia), John Sutton (Macquarie University, Australia), and Kenneth Aggerholm (Norwegian School of Sport Sciences).

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at Radisson Blue Resort & Spa Split. Hotel has a long and rich history of hosting different global conferences and events, with extremely well-equipped rooms conducive to professional presentations. More info could be find at hotel website:

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-resort-split-spa?cid=a:se+b:gmb+c:emea+i:local+e:rdb+d:cese+h:HRSPURSP>



Transportation Information

Split is very well connected to the rest of the Croatia, Europe and World by all kinds of transportation: plane, car, bus, train, boat, ferry or cruiser.

Kaštela Split International Airport is 28 km or 25 minutes away from conference venue, while Split International Port 8 km or 10 minutes and EUR1 Highway to Zagreb and Dubrovnik: 25km or 22 minutes.



Accommodations

There are extremely well offer of different kinds of accommodations in the neighborhood of Radisson Blue Resort and Spa Split, form hostel, cheap apartments and rooms to super luxury hotels, and everything in between. We will provide the recommendations for the participants of the conference, as well as reduced rates for accommodations in various hotels.

Estimated registration fees

	Early Bird Registration Prior to 1st July 2023	Registration By 1st September 2023
IAPS members	€250	€300
IAPS student members	€150	€200
Accompanying person	€150	€150

The fee includes: lunch for three days, opening reception, conference bag.

Social Program

The city of Split is historical city established in Roman empire period by Roman Emperor Diocletian and it is 1700 years old. Thus, in the town of Split and its surroundings there are many attractions (<http://split.gg/split-attractions/>), but maybe the most impressive is Roman emperor Diocletian's Palace (early 4th century) – UNESCO World Heritage and Cathedral of Sv. Dujam - the oldest catholic cathedral in the world / Diocletian's Mausoleum (4th century).

As Split is 'sports capitol of Croatia', there are many possibilities for recreation from hiking, running, free-climbing, football, cage ball, cycling (Marjan Forrest Park), to picigin (old small-ball water game) at Bačvice Beach and wind surfing at Žnjan Beach (<https://visitsplit.com/en/1335/recreation>).

Also, we will provide an options for conference pre-tour and post-tour.

For more information about the city, visit <https://visitsplit.com/en/1196/about-split>

OUTGOING NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S MESSAGE: SUITS GOES MAINSTREAM

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As I write, I am preparing to travel to San Francisco to present on the work of Bernard Suits at the American Philosophical Association's Pacific Conference at two panels—both of which take place next week, on April 7th.

The first panel is an invited symposium entitled "Bernard Suits' *Return of the Grasshopper: Games, Leisure, and the Good Life in the Third Millennium*" after Suits' second full-length book of the same name, edited by myself and Francisco Javier Lopez Frias, and released by Routledge in 2022. Javi and I will parse the book's contents for the audience, as well as explain the relevance of *Return of the Grasshopper* to numerous contemporary philosophical discourses, after which commentaries on the book will be offered by Gwen Bradford and Bill Morgan.

The second panel, sponsored by IAPS, is entitled "Bernard Suits' Utopian Legacy" and focuses on the present and future research implications of the material contained in *Return of the Grasshopper*, rather than strictly summarizing and critiquing its contents. As the second book explores Suits' 'utopian thesis' as its major theme, each of the speakers—Taliah Powers, John Russell, Javi, and myself—will give our appraisals of Suits' Utopia from our various theoretical perspectives.

Javi and I will follow up these panels later this year by inviting our fellow presenters, as well as several other selected Suits scholars, to contribute their pieces to an upcoming special issue of *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* on Suits' *Return of the Grasshopper*.

I take this surge of interest in Suits' newly-published work—especially the offer of a main program panel at APA Pacific—to be a positive development for the entire philosophy of sport community, as much as it obviously is for Suits scholars more specifically. I raise these points as items of general interest to our readership, but also as a personal justification for why I will be too busy to stand for re-election as IAPS' Newsletter Editor, and an occasion to invite my potential replacements to throw their hats in the ring for the upcoming round of elections. The September 2023 issue will be my last as editor, so I will save the tearful goodbyes until then!