

IAPS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It was good to see many of you at the 50th Annual Meeting of IAPS in September 2023 in the picturesque port of Split in Croatia, which attracted high numbers of philosophers of sport. Seeing and listening to colleagues from all over the world was invigorating and inspiring. It was especially pleasing to see so many young scholars hungry to discuss philosophical and ethical issues in sport, which is a good sign for any association and its sustainability, and let us not forget that this was in part thanks to IAPS financial support. I would especially like to thank Matija Škerbić from the University of Zagreb and his organizing team for preparing such a welcoming environment and well-organized event. Even though many of us did not avoid Covid-19, it did not prevent us from meeting and interacting, and so far as I know, there were no serious consequences.



While the next IAPS Annual Meeting will take place in 10 months' time, 21-23 August in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, organized by Charlene Weaving from St. Francis Xavier University, I am sure many will meet before then at local conferences and workshops, such as BPSA. One major international event will be organized at the XXV World



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Congress of Philosophy at Sapienza University in Rome, 1-8 August 2024, where four philosophy of sport panels have been accepted (Sport and inclusivity; Sport and aesthetics, the Philosophy of Bernard Suits; Olympism and Olympic Sports). Many thanks are due to Steffen Borge for negotiating communications with colleagues and conference organizers.

I would also like to offer special thanks to the Editor of the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport, Paul Gaffney, not just for this year’s work in preparing three issues of JPS, but for his steady efforts over the past many years, ensuring quality outcomes for our association. In addition, we should recognize his assiduous commitment to negotiating a future deal with Taylor and Francis.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the outgoing president Kenneth Aggerholm for handing over the association in good health, and my main aim is to assist its further development. I would also like to thank all the other outgoing officers, and to welcome all the incomers. I am very much looking forward to working with the new team in order to support the growth of our association.

Sincerely Irena

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Peter Hopsicker (Penn State Altoona. iaps.sectres@gmail.com)

Summary

1. Our membership is at a ten-year high! Membership revenue nets us about \$10,000 each calendar year. Demographics have shifted slightly, although this is usually dependent on conference location. The United States, Japan, Canada, and the United Kingdom account for over half of our membership.
2. IAPS remains in good fiscal health. Details are below.
3. Our investments are up \$7,150 over last year and roughly \$18,000 over the initial investment of \$100,000 in 2017. In August of 2021, we were at our highpoint of \$128,000. We are still recovering from the recent economic downturn, but there is no indication we should change our investment strategy.
4. I continue to work with a group of scholars seeking to create a new kinesiology federation.
5. The IAPS Student Travel Fund receives minimal donations. You can donate at any time [here](#).
6. Remember that IAPS memberships are on a calendar year. You can purchase your 2024 IAPS membership after November 1, 2023. If you are a member in good standing, you should receive an automatic email reminder. You can access the membership portal here: [IAPS Membership Portal](#). Through the portal, you can also make any changes in address, email, or other contact information.

IAPS Memberships

2023 Memberships

Standard	127	Student w/ Journal	14
Sustaining	25	Emeritus	10
Student w/o Journal	30	Subsidized	6
Total 2023 Membership	212		

Historical Membership Totals

2014 Membership = 141 Natal, Brazil
 2015 Membership = 163 Cardiff, Wales
 2016 Membership = 170 Olympia, Greece
 2017 Membership = 169 Whistler, British Columbia
 2018 Membership = 204 Oslo, Norway
 2019 Membership = 182 Kyoto, Japan
 2020 Membership = 150 None, Pandemic
 2021 Membership = 169 Virtual
 2022 Membership = 174 State College, Pennsylvania, USA

IAPS Membership Diversity

Australia	4	Israel	1
Belgium	2	Italy	3
Brazil	5	Jamaica	0
Brunei Darussalam	0	Japan	18
Bulgaria	0	Netherlands	6
Canada	16	New Zealand	1
China	2	Norway	7
Columbia	0	Poland	2
Croatia	2	Portugal	4
Czech Republic	7	Serbia	5
Denmark	8	Slovenia	4
Finland	1	South Africa	1
France	1	South Korea	1
Germany	4	Spain	5
Greece	1	Sweden	2
Hong Kong (SAR)	1	Switzerland	2
Hungary	0	Taiwan	3
India	1	United Kingdom	14
Ireland	1	United States	70

44% North America; 41% Europe; 14% Asia; 3% Australia; 3% South America; 1% Africa.

IAPS 2023 Budget

<i>Income</i>	\$59,546.82
Memberships and Student Travel Donations	\$8,838.20
Routledge Royalties	\$49,629.22
PayPal Account	\$1,079.40

Investments

Investment Balance \$112,016.50

Expenses

Conference Expenses \$45,434.14
 Legal Fees (Investment, LLC, Inc.) \$31,508.74
 Online Membership/Website (CVent) \$264.92
 Bank Service Charges (international wires) \$8,265.69
 Other expenses \$306.00
 \$5,088.79

Totals

Total Cash (M&T Bank) \$233,801.74
 Total Cash (PayPal) \$1,1079.40
 Total Investments. \$112,016.50
 Grand total \$346,897.64

Department Affiliation

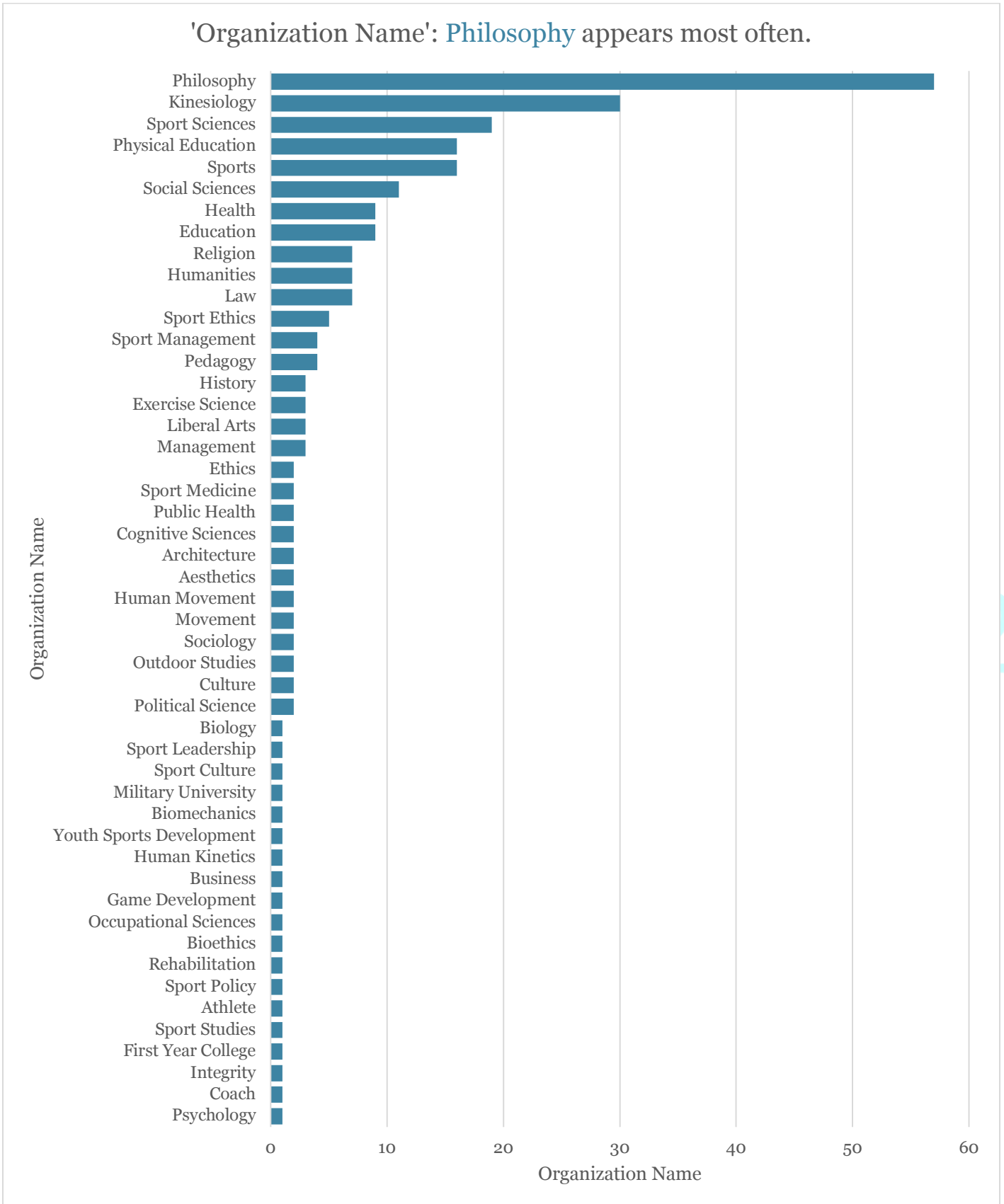
Thank you for your help with my survey seeking to determine where philosophy of sport is organizational located at your institutions, as well as to determine who in our membership is affiliated with institutions other than higher education. Below are the results. We will continue to require “department” affiliation as part of the membership process.

Organization Name	Count of Organization Name	Organization Name	Count of Organization Name
Philosophy	57	Philosophy	22.27%
Kinesiology	30	Kinesiology	11.72%
Sport Sciences	19	Sport Sciences	7.42%
Physical Education	16	Physical Education	6.25%
Sports	16	Sports	6.25%
Social Sciences	11	Social Sciences	4.30%
Health	9	Health	3.52%
Education	9	Education	3.52%
Religion	7	Religion	2.73%
Humanities	7	Humanities	2.73%
Law	7	Law	2.73%
Sport Ethics	5	Sport Ethics	1.95%
Sport Management	4	Sport Management	1.56%
Pedagogy	4	Pedagogy	1.56%
History	3	History	1.17%
Exercise Science	3	Exercise Science	1.17%
Liberal Arts	3	Liberal Arts	1.17%
Management	3	Management	1.17%
Ethics	2	Ethics	0.78%

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Sport Medicine	2	Sport Medicine	0.78%
Public Health	2	Public Health	0.78%
Cognitive Sciences	2	Cognitive Sciences	0.78%
Architecture	2	Architecture	0.78%
Aesthetics	2	Aesthetics	0.78%
Human Movement	2	Human Movement	0.78%
Movement	2	Movement	0.78%
Sociology	2	Sociology	0.78%
Outdoor Studies	2	Outdoor Studies	0.78%
Culture	2	Culture	0.78%
Political Science	2	Political Science	0.78%
Biology	1	Biology	0.39%
Sport Leadership	1	Sport Leadership	0.39%
Sport Culture	1	Sport Culture	0.39%
Military University	1	Military University	0.39%
Biomechanics	1	Biomechanics	0.39%
Youth Sports Development	1	Youth Sports Development	0.39%
Human Kinetics	1	Human Kinetics	0.39%
Business	1	Business	0.39%
Game Development	1	Game Development	0.39%
Occupational Sciences	1	Occupational Sciences	0.39%
Bioethics	1	Bioethics	0.39%
Rehabilitation	1	Rehabilitation	0.39%
Sport Policy	1	Sport Policy	0.39%
Athlete	1	Athlete	0.39%
Sport Studies	1	Sport Studies	0.39%
First Year College	1	First Year College	0.39%
Integrity	1	Integrity	0.39%
Coach	1	Coach	0.39%
Psychology	1	Psychology	0.39%
Grand Total	256	Grand Total	100.00%

'Organization Name': Philosophy appears most often.



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

Paul Gaffney (St. John's University, gaffneyp@stjohns.edu)

Current Issue

As I write this report the November 2023 issue (*JPS* 50-03) is in final preparation and will soon be published online and hard copies will be mailed to IAPS members.

Distribution

As far as I know, no active IAPS member is currently missing back issues but distribution problems do occur every so often. 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. November 2023 has not yet been mailed.

Submissions

Submissions continue to be strong. The journal is receiving research on a great variety of topics in the philosophy of sport and from an ever-widening community of serious scholars working in our field. Today I received submission number 100 for the calendar year 2023, which puts us on pace to break by a considerable margin the previous high of 107 submissions in the year 2020. In the March 2024 IAPS Newsletter, after the 2023 calendar year statistics are complete, I will provide a more detailed breakdown of the submission and acceptance numbers.

Special Issues and Special Sections

There are two Special Issues in the works. The first is an issue on “Nature Sports,” guest-edited by Kevin Krein, and scheduled to be published as the July 2024 issue (*JPS* 51-02). The *JPS* Editorial Board approved the proposal from Kevin Krein last fall and the CFP went out shortly after. A limited number of proposals have been selected and the authors are currently at work on the first drafts of their papers. The second is an issue on “The Sport Philosophy of J.S. Russell,” scheduled to be published as the July 2025 issue (*JPS* 52-02). This Special Issue was recently approved by the *JPS* Editorial Board, and is tentatively scheduled to be published as the July 2024 issue. I will edit this Special Issue. Further details and a CFP are forthcoming.

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. In a Special

Issue/Special Section there are usually some invited papers but, in addition, the Editorial Board decided that every Special Issue/Special Section will also have a CFP so as to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

JPS Website Links

1. **Journal Metrics Link.** There is a journal metrics link, which gives up-to-date information on new link on the journal website (they are doing this with many of their journals) that will provide information about the journal's metrics. Specifically, the link will have information on four areas of interest:
 - **Citations:** Impact Factor and Best Quartile, CiteScore, SNIP, SJR, 5 Year Impact Factor.
 - **Usage:** total article views in the last full calendar year.
 - **Speed:** average days from submission to first decision; average days from acceptance to online publication.
 - **Acceptance rate.**
2. **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

CONFERENCE CHAIR'S REPORT ANS 2024 IAPS CONFERENCE UPDATE

Emily Ryall (University of Gloucestershire, eryall@glos.ac.uk)

This year's conference in Split, Croatia was a great success thanks to Matija Mato Škerbić, Goran Gabrilo and their team for all their hard work in hosting the conference. Nearly 120 papers from members from around the world presented over the five days on a large variety of topics and it was wonderful to see so many research students attending and presenting their work. Split was truly a glorious location and one to remember fondly. Matija, Goran and their team went above and beyond normal conference expectations by recording all presentations. Those who have agreed to make their presentations public can find them [here](#) and a link will also be put on the IAPS website. If you have not let Matija know that you are happy for your presentation to be made public please contact him by the end of the month, otherwise the recordings will be deleted.

Next year's conference is at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada and will be hosted by former IAPS President, Charlene Weaving. The link to information about the location can be found [here](#).



A Call for Abstracts will be announced in January. We are looking to use Cvent rather than EasyChair to process abstracts (due to the reasons outlined in the Annual Report) and so there may be a slightly different platform and process for you to submit your abstracts. If you have any questions or difficulties please contact me as the Conference Chair.

Student Essay Prize 2023 – We received ten submissions for the Kretchmar Student Essay Prize, covering a diverse range of topics, from geographically various locations, and of extremely high quality:

- i. ***Winner*** Yaneí Lezama (KU Leuven) - When "Higher, Faster, Stronger" Implies Harm. Ethically characterizing violence in elite sport
- ii. Alan Oldham (University of Western Ontario) – Scales of Ignorance: an ethical framework to justify acceptable risk in sport classification regimes
- iii. Alexander Pho (University of Wisconsin-Madison - A Preliminary Confucian Assessment of the Ethics of Sport Category Eligibility Criteria Vis-à-vis Transwomen Athletes

- iv. Daniel Hague (University College London (UCL)) - Two Concepts of Rules in Sport
- v. Dylan Williams (Fort Lewis College) - Layered Conventional Theory of Sport
- vi. Gordan Birse (Swansea University) - Ready, Player Two? Joint action and the limitations of methodological individualism about sport
- vii. Nelson Morales (Western Ontario University) - The coach-young athlete relationship and doping: institutional paternalism and exploitation
- viii. Pavel Gregory Krippa (KU Leuven) - To what extent is a harm-reduction doping proposal ethically justifiable?
- ix. Rafael Mendoza Gonzalez (University of Rome "Foro Italico") - Football for good? Analyzing the initiatives that aim to foster the "good game"
- x. Vid Kučko (University of Zagreb) - The Implementation of The Challenge System in Football

Congratulations Yane! And commendations to all the others. It is great to see so many students present their work at our conference and we would encourage all to develop their work further for publication.

FEW REFLECTIONS ON 50TH IAPS 2023 IN SPLIT, CROATIA – THE VIEW OF THE ORGANIZER

Matija Mato Škerbić (University of Zagreb, matijaskerbic@gmail.com)

Having 144 conference attendees, in-person and online, was a real challenge and a lot of hard work for us. But, we were not left alone at any point and we had all the support and help at every step of the way. For that, we want to express special gratitude to Emily Ryall and Peter Hopsicker. However, every problem just faded away with the numerous joyful moments and fulfilling encounters with so many good friends and colleagues.

We are very happy that the conference gathered the most prominent scholars of the philosophy of sport global community, and that lectures and discussions kept a high level of quality. Also, it was great to see so many young scholars who bring 'new blood' and continuity to the community. We are also happy that the event was very well gender-balanced, having a significant amount of female participants. Finally, accompanying participants from different parts of the world, definitely gave this event a certain amount of much needed multiculturalism and diversity.

From the regional viewpoint, the IAPS 50th conference is an important step forward for the community in the countries of the South East Europe region. We like to think that with this conference region is not only acknowledged as relevant and important to the global community but also recognized as having a growing potential for the future.

Finally, in terms of the IAPS community, I believe that this conference is definitive proof of the success of internationalization and the worldwide spreading of the philosophy of sport and IAPS. We can only wish for Warren Fraleigh, the early 'father' of IAPS and pioneer of the philosophy of sport, to be in Split and see for himself how his vision of international community, and spreading the discipline globally - actually came true.

“MINUTES” (EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS

[Incoming officers/committee members in brackets].

- President: Kenneth Aggerholm [Irena Martinkova]
- Secretary Treasurer: Peter Hopsicker
- Journal Editor: Paul Gaffney
- Conference Chair: Emily Ryall
- Elections Chair: Sandra Meeuwsen
- Newsletter Editor: Christopher Yorke [Lukas Mares]
- Members at large (even): Teresa Lacerda, Jeffrey Fry.
- Members at large (odd): Joseph Lewandowski, Leslie Francis
[Nina Windgätter and Steffen Borge]
- Web Editor: Sam Morris
- HAFS: Adam Pflieger, Eric Moore and Noora Ronkainen [Filip Kobiela]

ELECTIONS CHAIR’S REPORT (SHORTENED)

Sandra Meeuwsen (meeuwsen@esphil.eur.nl)

The next call for nominations will be in the March 2024 IAPS Newsletter. Please consider being a part of this process in some way.

WEBSITE EDITOR’S REPORT

Sam Morris (morrissp@miamioh.edu)

Website

Website traffic from September 2022 through August 2023 has been mostly consistently with previous years. As in previous years, the month of March saw the highest traffic.

Below are several visual representations of our traffic data:

Monthly:



Yearly:

2023

Last update: 5:31 PM (Updates every 30 minutes)

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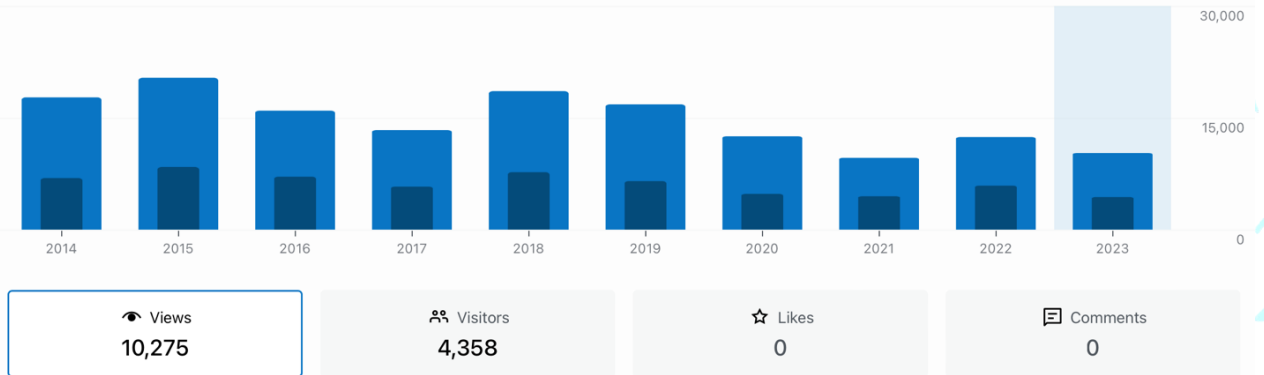
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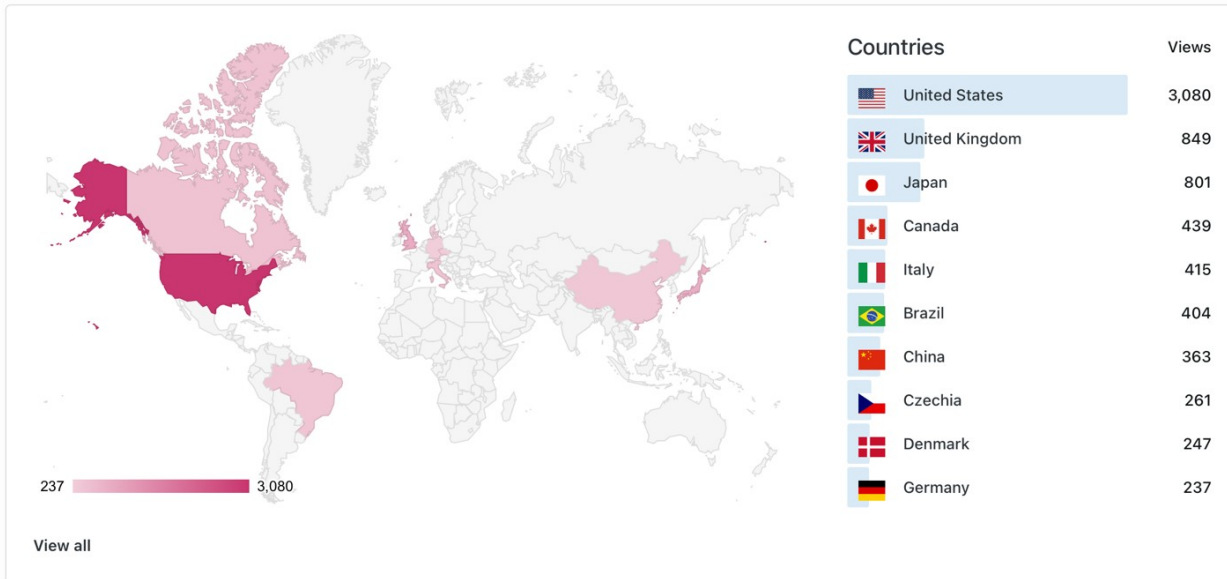
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Views Visitors



Over the past year, I have maintained the website and performed a few minor updates to enhance the navigability of the site and its organization. In the future, the organization may want to consider if WordPress is still the best way to manage the website—there may be easier-to-use or more flexible options. WordPress is often significantly impaired, presumably by site maintenance. For example, I am often unable to edit our site because the host is down, pages will not load, pages will not save, et cetera. In many cases, edits that I make to the site simply do not update and I have to try again at a later time to make edits. This is painstaking and annoying, but probably does not warrant a changing hosts. This paragraph was not altered in any way from the 2022 report.

Below is a graphic, with accompanying data, on where our views are coming from, geographically (not an exhaustive list):



Social Media

IAPS currently has 924 Twitter followers, up from 905 in 2022 and 865 in 2021. IAPS Twitter activity is typically steady throughout the year, with the most significant activity in September, during the annual conference. In general, Twitter is a useful tool that seems to reach a significant number of users, many of whom are not members of the organization. IAPS has both a Facebook Page and Facebook Group. The page currently has 292 followers. That is up from 263 in September of 2022. Posting on the page is limited to the administrator (me) and most posts convey information about the conference or the organization. The posts typically reach between 100-200 people, though at times the reach extends to 300-400. Neither the Facebook Page or Group is very active. Social media could likely be leveraged more for the organization, as a way to promote the conference and Journal and to recruit new members. In 2023 I also recorded three podcast-style conversations for the IAPS YouTube page. The conversations were with Bill Morgan, Scott Kretchmar, and Pam Sailors and the can all be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/2yjn2sem>. I expect to continue this practice going forward.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FUTURE SITES COMMITTEE’S REPORT (SHORTENED)

Chair: **Adam Pfleegor** (apfleegor@siena.edu)
 Committee: Eric Moore, Noora Ronkainen

Site Hosting Submissions

To date, we have received one firm/completed proposal to host the 2025 conference which has been evaluated by the HAFS committee. In addition, we are actively working with a potential 2026 host on preparing a bid document.

Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholars Award 2024

HAFS nominated – Jeffrey P. Fry (Ball State University)

Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award 2023

HAFS nominated – Paul Gaffney (St. John’s University)

R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award 2023

Yanei Lazana, When Higher, Faster, and Stronger Implies Harm: Ethically Characterizing Violence in Elite Sport.

IAPS Student Travel Award 2023

17 students received the award for travel to the 2023 conference in Split, Croatia.

Financial Policy Proposal

The HAFS committee worked to present a proposal for a formal policy on financial requests by members to the organizations. Following comments from the executive committee, a final amended version was resubmitted in July 2023. The policy, if approved by the executive committee, will formalize the process, procedures, amounts, and dates for requesting funds from IAPS.

Result of discussion: Send back to committee for review of the raised suggestions.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Value of an DEIB Committee to IAPS (shortened)

The IAPS DEIB committee would devote time and energy to examining IAPS and sport philosophy with an eye for continually building a more inclusive, diverse, and just scholarly community. It would continuously cultivate a paradigm of equitable, inclusive, and multi-pronged scholarly discovery to strengthen IAPS and sport philosophy.

The committee would serve in an advisory capacity to the President, Executive Council, and Association itself. The committee would provide advice by engaging in a regular self-study of IAPS from a social justice lens, seeking improvement and offering recommendations to the executive committee and membership at large. It would offer ways to create a better, more just, and ultimately stronger organization.

Overview of Proposed Amendment(s)

The ad hoc EDI committee proposes the permanent addition of a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee to IAPS. The suggested membership and duties include:

Membership: The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee shall consist of five Standard, Sustaining, or Emeritus Members of the Association on rotating three-year terms. Three shall be elected by a vote of the membership of the Association. Two shall be appointed by the President, in consultation with the Executive Council, in an effort to foster diversity, broadly speaking, within the Committee. In an election year, one or two shall be elected and one member shall be appointed. The Chair of the Committee shall be chosen by the members of the Committee. The Chair shall serve as an Officer of the Association.

Duties: It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to study issues related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) within the Association. The Committee shall undertake a continual and sustained

effort to assess the structure, organization, and culture of the Association in regard to DEIB. The committee will provide a yearly report to the executive council highlighting any issues and recommendations. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Council and to the Membership on ways to enhance DEIB in the Association, including, but not limited to, suggesting initiatives to create a culture of belonging and creating opportunities for advancing DEIB through policy changes and new grants and awards. The Committee shall also consider the ways that publications of the Association, including the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, and the annual conference can support DEIB initiatives. The Committee shall also act in an advisory capacity on other issues concerning DEIB and offer recommendations to the President and Executive Council of the Association.

The formation of this committee requires amending the IAPS Constitution in four ways (please see suggested changes in red):

1. Article IV (Officers), Section 1: Adding DEIB committee chair to paragraph describing the Officers of the Association.

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a Conference Chair, an Elections Chair, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Journal Editor, a Newsletter Editor, four Members-at-Large, Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee Chair, **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee Chair**, and a Webmaster.

2. Article IV (Officers), Section 1: Addition of DEIB committee chair paragraph, with term length.

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee Chair will be appointed by the DEIB committee for a renewable one-year term.

3. Article IV (Officers): Addition of Section 11, which describes the role of the DEIB Committee Chair.

Section 11: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Chair shall

undertake a continual and sustained effort to assess the structure, organization, and culture of the Society in regard to Diversity, Equity, and Belonging (DEIB) and provide a yearly report to the executive council highlighting any issues and recommendations.

make recommendations to the Executive Council and to the Membership on ways to enhance DEIB in the Association

4. Article VI (Committees): Addition of Section 5, which describes the membership and role of the DEIB committee.

Section 5: The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee shall consist of five Standard, Sustaining, or Emeritus Members of the Association on rotating three-year terms. Three shall be elected by a vote of the membership of the Association. Two shall be appointed by the Preinsident, in consultation with the Executive Council, in an effort to foster diversity, broadly speaking, within the Committee. In an election year, one or two members shall be elected, and one member shall be appointed. The Chair of the Committee shall be chosen by the members of the Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to study issues related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) within the Association with regard to the structure, organization, and culture of the Association. This self-study shall include but is not limited to, ways that the Association publications, including the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport, the annual conference, and new initiatives, such as policy changes, grants, and awards, can enhance DEIB within the Association. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Council and to the Membership on ways to enhance DEIB in the Association and act in an advisory capacity on other issues concerning DEIB.

Voting results:

Option	Number of votes	Percentage
1. I agree with the suggested changes in IAPS' Constitution (see above)	61	66,30%
2. I disagree with the changes suggested	24	26,09%
3. I wish to abstain voting on this topic	7	7,61%
Total	92	/

The proposed amendment **passed**.

