

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,

I hope you are having a nice time during your (summer) break, after the end of the semester.

The IAPS elections are coming soon, so make sure you vote for your preferred candidates for the open positions. Thanks to all of the candidates – it is great that you seek to contribute to the work of IAPS. Please see further details about elections in the report from Doug McLaughlin.



I would like to thank the ad hoc committee – Peter Hopsicker, Pam Sailors, Nina Windgätter, and Paul Gaffney – for having carefully reviewed the IAPS Constitution. Please take your time to consider the proposals and come ready for discussion at the next AGM.

We have lots to look forward to, since we have only a month to go before our 52nd IAPS Annual Conference in Odense, Denmark, taking place in August 26–30, 2025. Thanks to Signe Larsen and her team from the University of Southern Denmark for their thorough preparations. The programme looks great, thanks to Conference Chair, Colleen English, and to all of you who are presenting at the conference.



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for the Philosophy of Sport

IAPS MEMBERSHIP

Secure your 2025 membership by visiting
[the portal here](#).

Closer to (my) home, please remember there is another conference taking place – the 14th conference of the Czech Philosophy of Sport conference in Olomouc, October 8–10, 2025, organized by Ivo Jirásek and his team from Palacký University, Olomouc. It will include a BPSA-funded workshop on Friday October 10, on *Sex and Gender in sport, with a focus on trans athletes and athletes with DSDs*, convened by Jon Pike.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Odense, Denmark, or later in Olomouc, Czechia!

Sincerely, Irena

ELECTION CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Douglas W McLaughlin (California State University, douglas.mclaughlin@csun.edu)

Ballots for the 2025 IAPS Executive Council election will be sent out shortly. Current IAPS members will receive an email from me (douglas.mclaughlin@csun.edu) with instructions on accessing the ballot shortly. Please submit your ballot by **August 8th**.



The Call for 2026 IAPS Executive Council Nominations will go out in the next newsletter, but please consider now possibly serving in one of the following positions that will become available in fall 2026:

- **Elections Chair** (2-year term)
- **Member-at-Large** (2-year term)
- **Member to the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites (HAFS) Committee** (3-year term)
- **Member to the new DEIB committee** (3-year term)

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Greetings Friends!

Annual General Meeting

In preparation for the Executive and Annual General Meeting at the [52nd IAPS Conference held August 26-30 in Odense, Denmark](#), please send me any agenda items for potential discussion (iaps.sectres@gmail.com).

IAPS Memberships

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. **Please note that you must be an IAPS member in good standing to present a paper at the IAPS conference.**

IAPS Constitution Revisions

The ad hoc committee, consisting of Peter Hopsicker (chair), Pam Sailors, Nina Windgätter, and Paul Gaffney, tasked with reviewing and recommending updates to the IAPS Constitution, has completed its work. The draft revisions, which have been reviewed and approved by the IAPS Executive Council, is being distributed as an attachment to this report for the membership's review. These revision recommendations will be included in the AGM agenda and discussed in Odense. If approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the AGM, the proposed amendments/revisions shall be distributed to all members of the Association by the Secretary-Treasurer for voting by mail ballot (all forms of mail).

IAPS Memberships

Memberships as of July 1, 2025		Historical Membership Totals
Standard	157	2014 Membership = 141 Natal, Brazil
Student	44	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
		2023 Membership = 188 Split, Croatia
		2024 Membership = 173 Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada
Total	201	

IAPS Financial Overview as of July 1, 2025

Balance, all assets, January 1, 2025 \$394,274.65

Income	\$68,776.07*
Expenses	\$27,786.80
Net Income YTD	\$40,989.27
M&T Balance	\$297,148.03
PayPal Balance	\$900.18
Investments	\$144,628.50

Balance, all assets, July 1, 2025 \$442,676.71



*\$61,596.36 is part of the Taylor and Francis publishing contract.

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

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

Print Publication Schedule

As I write this report, the articles and book reviews for the July 2025 issue (*JPS* 52-02), a special issue on "The Sport Philosophy of J.S. Russell," are nearly complete. Most of the discussion articles are already published online and the issue will soon be mailed to IAPS members. It will therefore arrive later than the July target, but we are close to schedule and have been better at this lately, correcting our recent publication record.

Submissions

For the past few years, the Editor's Report in the March IAPS Newsletter has presented submission statistics for the 12-month period between January to December. 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. This July 2025 Newsletter Report gives some data for the first six months of the 2025 calendar year and shows how it compares to previous years.



- 2025:** 87 new submissions from January-July 2025, a total which includes fourteen Special Issue articles ("The Sport Philosophy of J.S. Russell") and three invited Book Reviews. As you can see, we are on pace for the highest total submissions on record.
- 2024:** 101 new submissions between January-December 2024, a total that includes fourteen invited Special Section articles ("Nature Sport," *JPS* 51-02, July 2024), a Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Lecture (Ivo Jirasek's "The hand of God: hierophany and transcendence through sport"), and five invited Book Reviews.
- 2023:** 122 new submissions from January-December 2023, a total that includes six invited Book Reviews. This was the highest total number of submissions on record at the time.
- 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)

Special Issues and Special Sections

There are two Special Issues currently in the works:

- The first is “The Sport Philosophy of J.S. Russell,” which is to be published as the July 2025 issue (*JPS* 52-02).
- The second is an issue on “Dangerous Sport,” which will be guest-edited by Patrick Findler. This issue is scheduled to be published as the July 2026 issue (*JPS* 53-02). This Special Issue proposal was approved by the *JPS* Editorial Board, and a CFP was issued in early Fall 2024.

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 to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

Changes to the Editorial Board

There have been no changes to the Editorial Board in the last year.

Missing Issues

As always, members sometimes notice that they are missing print issues. The problem currently is complicated by the fact that our recent mailings have been late, so some issues might be simply late arriving, rather than missed by the Distribution Center of Taylor & Francis. If we determine that missing issues are not simply late, we can follow up with Distribution.

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 and were paid up at the time that an expected issues did not arrive: if your membership is/was current but you did not receive 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.

Journal Metrics Link

As you know, there is a link on the *JPS* website that provides 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. Not all the scores on the *JPS* website are currently up to date, but I have recently been sent some information that I include here.

- **Usage:** 138,000 downloads/views in 2024. Previous years:
 - **2024:** 128,000; **2022:** 118,735; **2021:** 106,85; **2020:** 65,015
- **Citations:** Impact Factor (1.7); 5 Year Impact Factor (1.5); Cite Score (2.3)
- **Speed:** 35 days average from submission to first decision; 51 days average from submission to first post review decision; 19 days average from acceptance to online publication.
- **Acceptance rate:** 36%
- **Social media:** *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* achieved 2086 social media mentions in 2023 (not updated on the journal website for 2024)

- **News and Blogs:** *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* achieved 129 news and blog mentions in 2023 (not updated on the journal website for 2024)

JPS Website Links

There is an “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 UPDATE

Colleen English (Penn State Berks, cue113@psu.edu)

This year's annual conference will take place at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense, from 26–30 August. Attendees can look forward to robust academic and social programs. The academic program features over 100 presentations across 10 parallel sessions, as well as three keynote addresses.

Special thanks to our host, Signe Højbjerg Larsen, for her outstanding work planning and coordinating all local logistics and organizing the social events.



To explore the full schedule and participate in online discussions, you can use [the conference program website](#) or the IAPS app. The app is available for download in the App Store or Google Play (search “IAPS projects”). Both platforms require login through Cvent—login details were shared by email.

To find more information, including venue details and social activities, please visit [the IAPS 2025 website](#).





NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Lukáš Mareš (Institute of Living Philosophy, Czech Republic, l.marysta@seznam.cz)

Dear friends and colleagues,

I would like to announce that I won't be continuing as newsletter editor for the next two-year term. The time has come for me to focus my energy on other projects. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you with whom I had the pleasure of collaborating on the newsletter. It has been a privilege.

Enjoy the summer, and I hope to see you soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

14th Czech Philosophy of Sport Conference in Olomouc

October 8–10, 2025, organized by **Ivo Jirásek** and his team from **Palacký University, Olomouc**. Keynote speakers are **Eric Moore** and **Filip Kobiela**. Conference Registration is **free**.

The 14th CPS will include a **BPSA-funded workshop on Friday October 10**, on ***Sex and Gender in sport, with a focus on trans athletes and athletes with DSDs***, convened by Jon Pike.

Abstracts to be submitted to s.j.parry@leeds.ac.uk as soon as possible – final submission date: **Friday 15th August 2025**.