



Streetscape from Odense, Denmark, IAPS 2025



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PRESIDENT'S GREETING

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am privileged to share this message as the president of IAPS. Founded in 1972 as the Philosophic Society for the Study of Sport (PSSS), this organisation has significantly contributed to the development of sport philosophy for more than five decades. I am proud to be only the third president from Asia, following the trailblazing Japanese sport philosophers Shinobu Abe (1986-1987) and Akio Kataoka (1995-1996). This highlights the IAPS's dedication to diversity and inclusion. Over the next two years, I aim to continue the work of previous presidents and executive councils to benefit all members.

As the newly appointed president, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the outgoing officers, with particular gratitude to former president Irena Martínková and reappointed secretary-treasurer Peter Hopsicker. They have left the association in outstanding shape. Irena has offered robust leadership by focusing on our mission, promoting international cooperation, and advocating for diversity. Peter adeptly handled our finances, ensuring seamless operations. Owing to their commitment, our membership has reached an all-time high of 216 this year. My heartfelt thanks to both of you.



PRESIDENT'S GREETING CONT'D...

The 52nd Annual Conference in 2025, held this summer in the serene and verdant city of Odense, Denmark, facilitated a rich exchange of academic and cultural ideas. Prior to the conference, a social tour allowed participants to connect and establish trust. The academic agenda featured a pre-conference workshop on Suits's Legacy titled "Centennial Reflections on the Grasshopper of Sport Philosophy," organised by Francisco Javier López Frías, Filip Kobiela, and Taliah Powers in partnership with the University of Southern Denmark (SDU). Brian Glenney delivered a captivating opening address, "Polluted Sport: The Paradoxes of Sporting Life in the Anthropocene," while Irena Martínková gave an insightful presidential speech titled "Values in Sport Systematised." Francisco Javier López Frías presented the thought-provoking Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Address, "Goals Reconsidered: From Prelusory States of Affairs to Sport's Lusory Complexity."

Memories from
IAPS 2025 meeting

Over four days, more than 100 research papers on diverse topics ignited lively discussions. Notably, young scholars from the Master of Arts in Sports Ethics and Integrity (MAiSI) programme, who were students and graduates from Brazil, China, Germany, Japan, the Philippines, and Turkey, participated in the conference and presented papers. They introduced fresh perspectives and embodied the future of sport philosophy and the international spirit of IAPS. I am sincerely thankful to Signe Højbjerg Larsen and her team at SDU for their committed work. Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to the conference chair, Colleen English, for organising such an engaging programme.

IAPS plays a crucial role in promoting the philosophy of sport on a global scale. Looking ahead, it is imperative to foster more opportunities for exchanging ideas and encouraging the development of emerging scholars. Additionally, it will be vital to acknowledge the diversity of languages and regions.

The 53rd Annual Conference, scheduled for 2026, will be held in Brazil, hosted by Ana Zimmermann and Soraia Saura. This marks the third occasion that IAPS will meet in the Southern Hemisphere, following previous conferences in Melbourne, Australia (2000) and Natal, Brazil (2014). Holding the event in South America, the Latin-speaking countries, represents a significant move towards increasing regional participation and sparking new philosophical dialogues in the field.

The World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) is scheduled to take place in Tokyo, Japan, in August 2028, offering a prime opportunity to emphasise the worldwide importance of the philosophy of sport. IAPS intends to participate and extend an invitation for you to join and present a paper on a topic of your choice.

In closing, the success of IAPS relies heavily on the backing of its members, and I warmly encourage your ongoing involvement and support. If you have any thoughts or recommendations, please feel free to contact us.

With heartfelt regards, representing the newly formed Executive Council,

Takayuki

'IAPS takes on 'The Secret
Brotherhood' Mystery
Challenge, IAPS 2025 meeting



Mystery challenge winners
Team neín

MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Taliah Powers- Pennsylvania State University, tlpowers@psu.edu

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to address you as the newly elected IAPS Newsletter Editor. Thank you to former editor Lukáš Mareš for his dedication and for guiding me through this transition. I hope to fulfil the role just as effectively as he has.

The newsletter has taken on a new look, one that blends inspiration from designs past with new elements that will ideally keep our community well-connected. To ensure the newsletter remains an effective medium of communication for the association, this edition consists of familiar features like reports from your IAPS executive council members, and new ones, like the community board, which showcases past, present, and future happenings and opportunities within the broader sport philosophy community. As you explore the new iteration of the newsletter, note that most underlined content is linked for your convenience, as are the social media icons.

As with most change, there is always room for improvement, and so I welcome your feedback, whether it pertains to design or content, on the newsletter. If you have photos, announcements, or updates you would like featured in future issues, please reach out via email. Most of all, I hope the newsletter continues to reflect the culture and vibrancy of our community.

Yours truly,
Taliah

MAKING SPORT ETHICS ACCESSIBLE!



The Sports Ethics Examiner is a global social education initiative that features contributions from several IAPS members and MAiSI alumni. They cover current events and share peer-reviewed research, breaking down complex topics for athletes and stakeholders making them easier to understand and engage with.



Check out The Sports Ethics Examiner online [here](#), or visit them on Instagram



SDU campus, Odense, Denmark, IAPS 2025

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Peter Hopsicker - Pennsylvania State University, iaps.sectres@gmail.com

Summary

- Membership numbers hit their highest mark in ten years! Demographics have shifted slightly, although this is usually dependent on conference location. European countries make up 45% of our membership this year followed by North America and Asia.
- IAPS remains in good fiscal health. Our Taylor and Francis publishing deal has provided IAPS with its largest income to date, our membership income is stable, and our investments continue to grow. IAPS now has over \$400,000 USD in assets.

IAPS Membership portal

Secure your 2026 membership by

CLOSED

Important note about 2026 memberships! We are working on an update to the IAPS Membership Portal. Please do not attempt to purchase a 2026 IAPS membership until notified!

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT CONT'D...

- Our conference expenses were higher this year due to a record number of Student Travel Awards (25!). Please remember that you can donate to that fund at any time [here](#).
- Student Travel Awards (\$25,000) and the host site Conference Grant (\$15,000) combine for over 70% of all conference expenses.
- Our investment balance at the start of 2025 was \$135,449 and has risen to \$149,415.85 this year (at one point this year, we were over \$150,000). Our initial investment of \$100,000 in 2017 has increased almost 50% in less than ten years and continues to provide us a steady increase of financial security.
- The ad hoc committee tasked with reviewing and updating the IAPS Constitution submitted its recommendations to the membership. These recommendations were approved by a vote of 62 in favour, none opposed, and one abstention.

IAPS Memberships

2025 Memberships

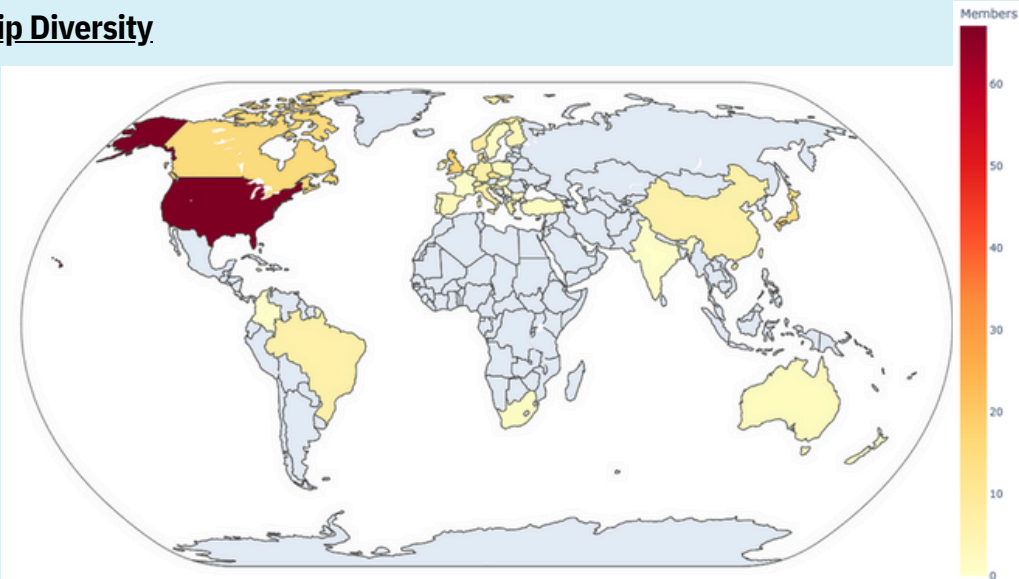
Standard	137	Student w/ journal	11
Sustaining	21	Emeritus	9
Student w/o Journal	37	Subsidized	4
Total 2025 Memberships:			219

Historical Membership Totals

2014	= 141 Natal, Brazil
2015	= 163 Cardiff, Wales
2016	= 170 Olympia, Greece
2017	= 169 Whistler, Canada
2018	= 204 Oslo, Norway
2019	= 182 Kyoto, Japan
2020	= 150 None, Pandemic
2021	= 169 Virtual
2022	= 174 State College, PA, USA
2023	= 205 Split, Croatia
2024	= 173 Antigonish, NS, Canada
2025	= 219 Odense, Denmark

IAPS Membership Diversity

45% Europe
38% North America
13% Asia
3% South America
1% Australia
1% Africa
0% Antarctica



SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT CONT'D...

IAPS 2025 Budget

Income

Income \$69,842.27

Memberships and Student Travel
Donations \$8,035.56

Routledge Royalties \$61,596.36

PayPal Account \$210.35

Investments

Investment Balance \$149,514.85

Expenses

Expenses \$66,312.90

Conference Expenses \$54,824.00

Legal Fees (Investment, LLC, Inc.) \$82.58

Online Membership/Website (Cvent) \$10,932.21

Bank Service Charges (international
wires) \$75.00

Other expenses \$399.11

Totals

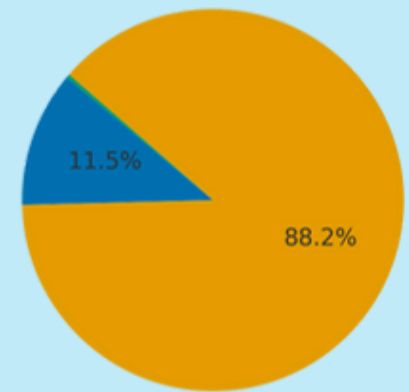
Total Cash (M&T Bank) \$260,377.96

Total Cash (PayPal) \$210.35

Total Investments \$149,415.85

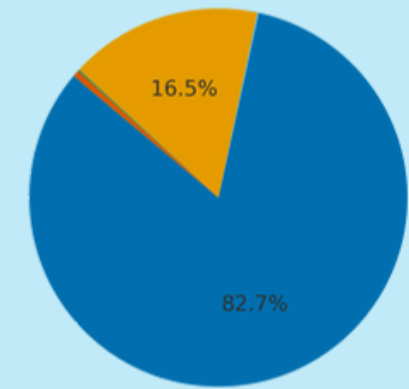
Grand total \$410,004.16

INCOME



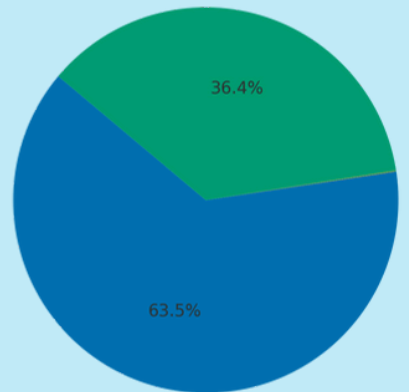
Memberships & Student Travel
Routledge Royalties
PayPal Account

EXPENSES



Conference Expenses
Legal Fees
Online Memberships/Website
Bank Service Charges
Other Expenses

TOTALS



Cash (M&T Bank)
Cash (PayPal)
Investments



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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:

- English Language Editing
- Scientific Editing
- Manuscript Formatting
- Rapid Technical Review
- Research Communication Services
- Translation with Editing

NEWS FROM THE *JOURNAL OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPORT*

Pam Sailors (Editor) - Missouri State University, PamelaSailors@MissouriState.edu

Print Publication Schedule

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 complete. The table of contents for *JPS* 52-03 is filling at a good pace and I anticipate it being completed on time.

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 more comprehensive and accurate with respect to statistical trends, demographics analyses, and important journal measurements (i.e. Article Downloads and Citations, Acceptance rate, Submissions and Re-Submissions, Impact Factor, and Altmetric statistics, etc.). This October 2025 Newsletter Report gives data from the first nine months of the 2025 calendar year and compares it to previous years.

2025: 125 new submissions from January through mid-October 2025, a total which includes fourteen Special Issue articles (“The Sport Philosophy of J.S. Russell”) and three invited Book Reviews. This is the highest number of annual 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)



Patrick Findler

Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Guest-editor for *JPS* special issue on
“Dangerous Sports”

JPS Metric Scores

- **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)

Special Issues and Special Sections

The next Special Issue currently in the works is 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.

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 during Editorial Board meetings at our annual conference or by email throughout the year. Special Sections are good for focused studies on timely topics, which then become excellent resources for future scholarly work, and 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. In addition, the Editorial Board decided that every Special Issue/Special Section will also have a CFP to allow 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

Unfortunately, some members are missing print issues. Our recent mailings were late getting out, so some issues may be arriving later than anticipated rather than missed by the Distribution Center of Taylor & Francis. If we determine that an issue is actually missing, 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. First, check 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

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. The scores on the *JPS* website are currently up to date, but I have included them here (see left-hand column).

HONOURS, AWARDS & FUTURE SITES REPORT

Alun Hardman - Cardiff Metropolitan University, ahardman@cardiffmet.ac.uk

2027 Conference Site Proposals and beyond are welcome!

We encourage proposals from members and institutions around the world to host our annual conference. The deadline for proposals is **January 1, 2026**.

A detailed proposal form is available at <https://iaps.net/conference/>. Completed site proposals should be submitted to the chair of the HAFS Committee, Alun Hardman (ahardman@cardiffmet.ac.uk).

The HAFS Committee will review and respond to site proposals by January 23, 2026; this may include requests for additional information or clarification from proposing members. Finalised proposals will be presented to the IAPS Executive Council for voting by February 15, 2026.

Timelines for Honours and Awards

Please consider nominations for the 2026 awards. Previous award winners are linked below and nominations are accepted until the specified dates.

1. Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award (March 31st, 2026)
2. Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award (March 31st, 2026)
3. R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award (April 20th, 2026)
4. Student Travel Award (May 31st, 2026)

CONFERENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

Colleen English - Penn State Berks, cue113@psu.edu

Many thanks to Signe Højbjerg Larsen for hosting a successful conference at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense. This year's conference included 85 presentations, thought-provoking keynote addresses from Brian Glenney, IAPS President Irena Parry Martínková, and the Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Francisco Javier López Frías, and a preconference workshop on the work of Bernard Suits, organised by Francisco Javier López Frías, Filip Kobiela, and Taliah Powers. In addition to the academic program, participants were treated to fun social activities, including an afternoon of traditional Danish games, an evening of street food and beverages near the harbour, and a beautiful closing banquet.

Next year's conference will take place at the University of São Paulo, Brazil, hosted by Ana Cristina Zimmerman and Soraia Chung Saura, in September 2026. Stay tuned for more information. We look forward to travelling to Brazil!

A Call for Abstracts will be circulated in January 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS!

2025 Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award



Colleen English
Penn State Berks

2025 R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Winner

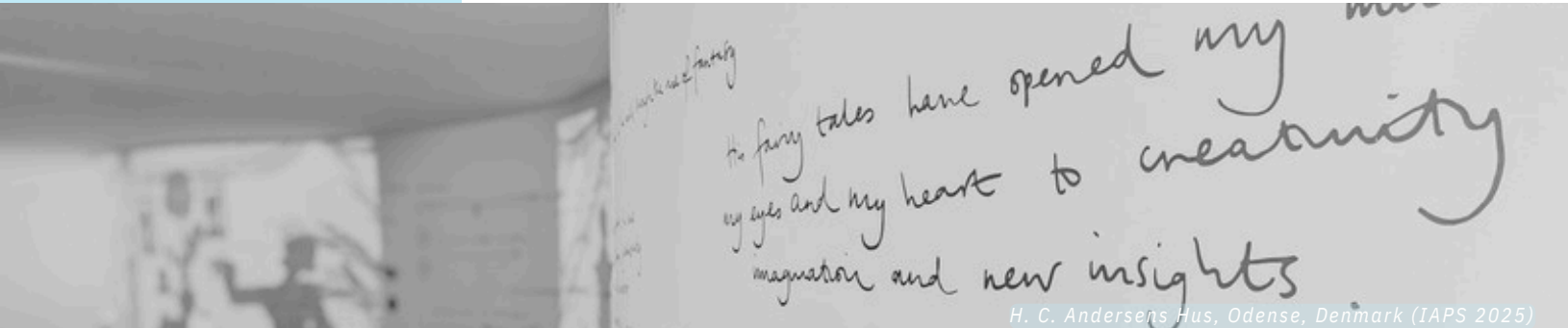


Alex Asay
University of Georgia

2026 Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar



Kenneth Aggerholm
Norwegian School of Sport Sciences



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- BPSA Seminar Series - contact Olivia Howe (olivia.howe@kuleuven.be) for the meeting Zoom links
 - Up next, **Mike McNamee**, **November 5th, 2025 @ 3PM GMT (4PM CET)**
 - **December 3rd, 2025**, **Chris Yorke**, *Sport Perfectionism: Data, Value Capture, and Moral Evaluation*, 3PM GMT (4PM CET)
- II Congress de Filosofia do desporto - **March 23-25, 2026**, hosted by UNICAMP in Campinas, Brazil
- 2026 British Philosophy of Sport (BPSA) Conference - **April 8-10, 2026**, hosted by Emily Ryall at the *University of Gloucestershire*, Oxstalls Campus.
- 15th Annual Czech Philosophy of Sport (CPS) Conference - **October 15-17, 2026**, *Charles Prague University*, hosted by Irena Martínková and Jim Parry

RECENT HAPPENINGS

- The 14th Annual Czech Philosophy of Sport Conference took place 8-10 Oct at Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, organised by Ivo Jirasek, Jiri Malis and Petr Mocek. Papers were of a high standard, discussion was vigorous, and the atmosphere (as ever) was cordial and collegial. Eric Moore and Filip Kobiela delivered keynote lectures, and part of the conference was a workshop partly funded by the BPSA and convened by Jon Pike, on sex/gender issues in sport.



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

BPSA 23rd Annual Conference, University of Gloucestershire

Featuring keynote speakers, Professors Mike McNamee and Pam Sailors
Abstracts (max. 250 words) are due **Jan. 16th, 2026** and authors will receive notification of acceptance by Feb. 13th, 2026. Email abstracts (.docx, TNR 12pt, single spacing, normal margins, no auto-formatting) to eryall@glos.ac.uk with filename format as: <ABSTRACT - your name - short title> . Papers must be prepared in English.

II Congresso de Filosofia do Desporto, Faculty of Physical Education at UNICAMP

For those interested, abstract submission closes on **Nov. 23, 2025**. Papers must be prepared in Portuguese. For more information please visit the conference website: <https://fef.unicamp.br/2025/10/15/ii-congresso-de-filosofia-do-desporto-em-lingua-portuguesa/>