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PRESIDENT'S GREETING

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As winter grips the Northern Hemisphere, temperatures have dropped below the usual levels in many regions. I hope that all of you are staying warm and taking care of yourselves during this cold season. Meanwhile, those in the Southern Hemisphere are experiencing their own weather challenges. I hope everyone, wherever they may be, has had a peaceful and healthy start to 2026!

This month, the Winter Olympic Games in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo are in the spotlight. The Paralympic Winter Games will be held in March. These events emphasise the unifying power of sports, fostering inclusion and dignity while reminding us of the pursuit of athletic excellence and the capacity of sports to unite individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures toward a shared objective.

Numerous regions worldwide continue to struggle with conflicts and tensions. Countries such as Ukraine, Palestine, those in the Middle East, Venezuela, and Greenland face substantial challenges, highlighting the fragility of their peace and stability. Consequently, the ancient concept of the Olympic Truce has gained renewed significance. I hope the spirit of the Games can pause conflicts, foster dialogue and inspire us all to pursue peace.



PRESIDENT'S GREETING CONT'D...

The Olympics and Paralympics offer a chance to explore the philosophical, ethical, cultural, and political dimensions of global sporting events. These events demonstrate that sports can transcend mere athletic accomplishments and foster understanding, unity, and a hopeful vision of the future. I hope that such ideas will be built upon in future research, teaching, and discussions.

May this season bring each of you clear thinking, good health, and strong connections. I look forward to the growth of IAPS and to enjoyable discussions at the upcoming conference in São Paulo.

With warm regards,
Takayuki

**CALLING ALL STUDENTS AND
EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS!**



NextGen Sport Philosophy is a group for students, early career researchers, and others with an interest in sport philosophy. We meet online every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month to discuss an article relevant to the subject area. The group provides an opportunity to discuss ideas, present one's own work, and enjoy a friendly network where members can share resources and connect with others at a similar stage in their career.

Next session: **February 17, 2026 @ 4pm CET**

For more details please contact
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Scan the QR code to
join the NextGen
WhatsApp group
chat



Kamakura (snow domes) traditionally built in regions of Japan with heavy snowfall

MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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

Heading into the final months of my doctoral degree, I have been reflecting on the importance of community, and the role IAPS has played in supporting me through the last four years of graduate school. I have found our community to be a special group of scholars, both welcoming and kind, and always willing to offer a helping hand or a listening ear.

In the October issue, I shared that in my new role as newsletter editor, I hope to uphold the newsletter's primary purpose as a medium of effective communication for all matters related to IAPS. In the name of nurturing the sense of community that I have felt so deeply, I also expressed that my second aim was to create a space for celebrating and supporting the work, achievements, and aspirations of IAPS members and the national associations you contribute to.

The previous issue showcased Sam Morris's podcast-style interviews with influential members of our community and drew attention to *The Sports Ethics Examiner*, a public-facing sport ethics online platform created and maintained by several of IAPS' most recent wave of young members, many of them MAiSI alumni. In the spirit of supporting the new generation of sport philosophers, this issue features NextGen Philosophy, a discussion group for early-career scholars and students.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR CONT'D...

The Community Board section of the newsletter also celebrates IAPS member Lou Matz and his continuing contributions to The Sports Major Collective. Finally, the February issue includes information on upcoming sport philosophy events—conferences, talks, and workshops—organised by several of our national sport philosophy associations.

While I have been able to connect with some members and groups to invite submissions, there are still many people and organisations I have not yet reached. That said, please let this be an open invitation to submit updates, announcements, and photos that you would like featured in the next issues of the IAPS newsletter. We want to celebrate the wonderful work you all do!

My inbox is always open.
Taliah



SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Summary

- 2026 memberships are now available through our new Membership Portal. Please remember that IAPS memberships are on a calendar year and that you must be an IAPS member in good standing to vote in IAPS elections and present research at the IAPS Annual Conference.
- IAPS remains in good fiscal health. As of January 25, 2026, we have just over \$420,000 USD in total assets. This does not include our annual Taylor and Francis royalties. We can expect to incur some of the normal expenses in the very near future, such as our negotiation of a new Cvent contract, our provision of the \$15,000 conference grant to the conference host, and other yearly expenses and membership fees.
- Our investment balance at the start of 2025 was \$135,449.93 and has grown to \$156,088.12 to date. Our initial investment of \$100,000 in 2017 has provided us a steady increase of financial security.

IAPS Membership portal

Secure your 2026
membership by
visiting the portal
[here](#)

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

IAPS Memberships

2026 Memberships

Standard	71	Student w/ journal	5
Sustaining	12	Emeritus	9
Student w/o Journal	6	Subsidized	2
Total 2026 Memberships:			105

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	= 218 Odense, Denmark

IAPS 2026 Budget (as of January 25, 2026)

<u>Income</u>	\$3 013.06
Memberships and Student Travel Donations	\$3 013.06
Routledge Royalties	\$0
<u>Investments</u>	\$156 088.12
Investment Balance	
<u>Expenses</u>	\$87.97
Conference Expenses	\$0
Legal Fees (Investment, LLC, Inc.)	\$85.25
Online Membership/Website (CVent)	\$0
Bank Service Charges (international wires)	\$2.72
Other expenses	\$0
<u>Totals</u>	
Total Cash (M&T Bank)	\$264 934.71
Total Cash (PayPal)	\$421.61
Total Investments	\$156 088.12
Grand total	\$421 444.44

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 March 2026 issue (JPS 53-01) are complete. JPS 53-02 will be a Special issue on “Dangerous Sport,” guest-edited by Patrick Findler.

Special Issues and Special Sections

Please consider submitting a proposal for a Special Issue/Special Section. There is currently nothing in the works for next year (July 2027). 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.

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. articles Downloads and Citations, Acceptance rate, Submissions and Re-Submissions, Impact Factor, and Altmetric statistics, etc.). This February 2026 Newsletter Report includes data from the 2025 calendar year and compares it to previous years.

2025: 163 new submissions from January-December 2025, a total which includes fourteen Special Issue articles (“The Sport Philosophy of J.S. Russell”) and three invited Book Reviews. This is by far 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.



2024
Impact
Factor
1.7

Click [here](#) to view the most recent issue of *JPS*

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

JPS METRIC SCORES

- **Usage:** 129,926 downloads in 2025. Previous years:
 - 2024: 137,978
 - 2023: 124,654
 - 2022: 118,717
- **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%

MISSING ISSUES?

- 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 issue 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.

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.

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).

Changes to the Editorial Board

There have been no changes to the Editorial Board in the last year. Additions are expected in 2025, in part to address the growing number of submissions.

MESSAGE FROM THE ELECTIONS CHAIR

Douglas McLaughlin - California State University, douglas.mclaughlin@csun.edu

Call for 2026 IAPS Executive Council Nominations

The following positions will become available this fall:

- Elections Chair (2-year term)
- Two (2) Members-at-Large (2-year term)
- One (1) Member to the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites (HAFS) Committee (3-year term)
- One (1) Member to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Committee (3-year term)

Nominations must satisfy a number of conditions:

- Each nomination must include a nominator, a seconder, and a nominee.
- The HAFS-nominee should be an IAPS-member for at least three years.
- The nominator, seconder, and nominee must be members of IAPS.

ELECTION'S CHAIR MESSAGE CONT'D...

- Nominations must reach Douglas McLaughlin by **1 June 2026**: douglas.mclaughlin@csun.edu
- The seconder and nominee must acknowledge that they will second or accept, respectively, the nomination by sending an email to Douglas McLaughlin
- The nominee is advised to supply a brief biography (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. The nominee should also attach a brief biography. Once the nomination is complete, Douglas McLaughlin 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.

CONFERENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

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

IAPS members are invited to submit abstracts to be considered for the 53rd Annual IAPS Meeting on September 1 – 4, 2026, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil. The deadline for abstract submissions is April 1, 2026. Please submit your abstracts to the submission site: IAPS 2026 Abstract Submissions. Students are also encouraged to submit essays to the 2026 R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Contest. Students should submit a full paper (2800-3000 words) by April 1 to the essay submission site: R. Scott Kretchmar Essay Award Submissions. Students submitting for the essay award must also submit an abstract to the IAPS 2026 submission portal.

Abstracts should be 300-500 words, in English, and include: author(s) name, institutional affiliation (if any), title, three to five key words, and at least three references to relevant scholarly publications.

Students may also wish to apply for the IAPS Student Travel Award. The winner of the Kretchmar Essay Award is also eligible for the student travel award.

If you have any questions or issues submitting your abstract via the submission site, please contact the Conference Chair, Colleen English (iaps.confchair@gmail.com).



University of São Paulo, 2026
Conference site

IAPS 2026: PANELS, WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS

Those interested in proposing panels, workshops, or other non-standard sessions for IAPS 2026 should contact the conference chair directly.

MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE HOSTS

Ana Zimmermann and Soraia Saura - University of São Paulo



THE PATH TO THE 2026 IAPS CONFERENCE

The organizers of IAPS 2026 have been attending IAPS since 2011. Since then, they have sought to implement the field of Philosophy of Sport as an area of study at the University of São Paulo / Brazil. Over the years, they have made significant efforts to bring in-person professors from different fields of Philosophy of Sport to collaborate and strengthen partnerships. Among the distinguished invited professors are Bernard Andrieu, Irena Martinková, Jesús Ilundáin-Agurruza, Javier López Frías, Jim Parry, Kenneth Aggerholm, and Teresa Lacerda, among others.

In 2018, Ana Zimmermann and Soraia Saura organised the 3rd AlFid Conference to strengthen the Philosophy of Sport among Latin speakers. This event facilitated contact between Brazilian universities and IAPS, increasing Brazil's participation in the association.

At the School of Physical Education and Sport / University of São Paulo, graduate courses, seminars, and lectures in the field are offered every semester. In 2023, a new postgraduate module “Philosophy of Sport, International Dialogues” was launched, offering an innovative programme that brings together graduate students, authors and researchers in the area.

In this context, the University of São Paulo is thrilled to welcome everyone!

We can't wait to host you in September!
Ana and Soraia



HONOURS, AWARDS & FUTURE SITES REPORT

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

Nominations for the Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar, the Heather Reid Distinguished Service and the R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award awards are now welcomed and should be submitted to HAFS Chair Alun Hardman (ahardman@cardiffmet.ac.uk).

The **Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award** honours individuals for exceptional research contributions.

- IAPS grants the award annually and invites the recipient to present an original essay at the IAPS meeting following his/her selection.
- The recipient of the Award must have made significant contributions to the philosophy of sport literature by providing insightful analyses over an extended period of time or a seminal contribution that provides new and important directions for scholarly discourse.
- These contributions must be recognized by fellow scholars who frequently cite the work of this individual and use it to further their own research. The entire body of work of the honoree should be of high quality.
- The honoree need not be a member of IAPS nor have previously published in the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport.

The **Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award** honours service contributions to the philosophy of sport.

- IAPS grants the award annually.
- The recipient of the Award must have made significant service contributions to the philosophy of sport by serving the Association in a meaningful way (i.e. serving on the Executive Council) over an extended period of time (for at least 5 years).
- The honoree must have been a member of IAPS for a minimum of 10 years.
- The recipient will receive a plaque commemorating their achievement.

The **R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award** goes to an undergraduate or graduate student for an essay of outstanding quality, addressing any philosophical issue arising in sport or a related area.

- The recipient will receive a certificate commemorating his/her achievement and will be appropriately recognised in Association publications and by the President of the Association. The recipient of this Award will present the paper at the Annual Association Meeting.

HONOURS AND AWARDS TIMELINES

March 31st, 2026

- Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award
- Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award

April 20th, 2026

- R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award

May 31st, 2026

- Student Travel Award

CONFERENCE SITE PROPOSALS FOR 2027 AND BEYOND ARE WELCOME!

We encourage proposals from members and institutions around the world to host our annual conference from 2027 and beyond.

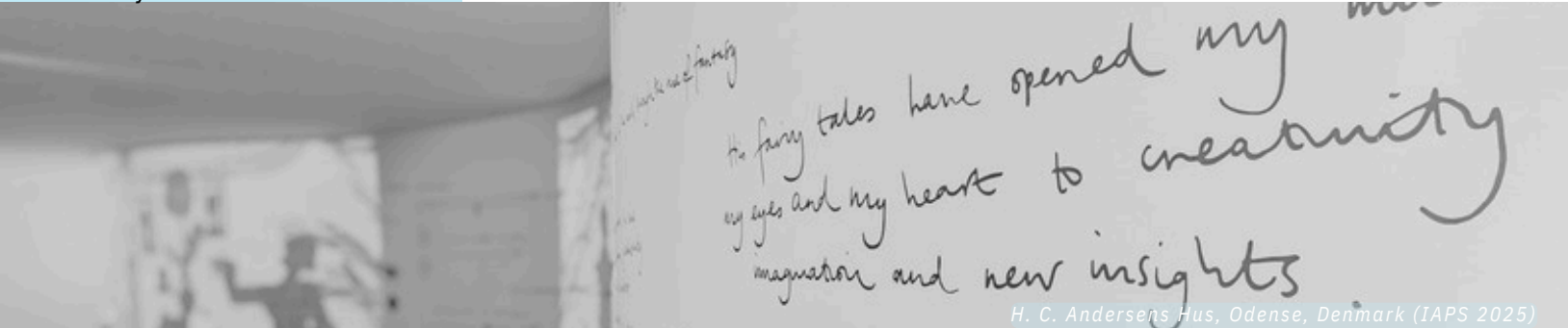
As we have no proposals at this time, **we will accept them on a rolling basis** until a proposal has been accepted.

See detailed site proposal form here:

<https://iaps.net/conference/>

Completed proposals should be **submitted to** the chair of the HAFS Committee, **Alun Hardman**.

The HAFS Committee will review site proposals and may respond with requests for additional information or clarification from the proposing members. Finalised proposals will be presented to the IAPS Executive Council for voting.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- BPSA Seminar Series - contact Olivia Howe (olivia.howe@kuleuven.be) for the meeting Zoom links
 - Up next, **Hanna Vandebussche, March 4th, 2026 @ 4PM CET, *Why Descartes Matters for the Philosophy of Sport***
 - **April 1st, 2026, Joe Higgins, @4PM CET, *The Phenomenology of Long-Distance Running***
 - **May 6th, 2026, Aderemi Artis, @4PM CET**
- II Congress de Filosofia do desporto - **March 23-25, 2026**, hosted by UNICAMP in Campinas, Brazil
- 23rd annual British Philosophy of Sport (BPSA) Conference - **April 8-10, 2026**, hosted by Emily Ryall at the *University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus (CfA is closed, 55 accepted abstracts)*.
- 15th Annual Czech Philosophy of Sport (CPS) Conference - **October 15-17, 2026**, *Charles Prague University*, hosted by the Sport Ethics Research Centre.
 - Keynote speaker, **Kenneth Aggerholm**

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Lou Matz and The Sport Major Collective

Southern Virginia University has introduced a first-of-its-kind Sport Performance major, an initiative originally outlined in IAPS member Lou Matz's 2020 JPS article 'Turning intercollegiate athletics into a performance major like music,' and further developed through the work of the Sport Major Collective - a group of faculty from academic institutions across the United States. Together with the support of Nike, the collective aims to help colleges and universities implement a Sport Performance major.



The major treats athletic performance as a rigorous academic discipline analogous to existing performance majors in music or dance, and features sport philosophy as a core curricular component, focusing on how competitive sport can cultivate character virtues that form the inner morality of sport. Three more universities plan to launch the major in fall 2026.

The Sport Major Collective's next national symposium is on March 10th, 2026 at Boise State University. For more information or to explore bringing the major to your institution, **contact Lou Matz** at **lmatz@pacific.edu**

British Philosophy of Sport Workshops & Travel Grants

- Two partially funded workshops remain in the BPSA workshop series for the 2025-26 academic year:
 - a. *Boycotts and Beyond*, **May 8, 2026**, Joe Slater, in Glasgow, Scotland
 - b. *The Enhanced Games*, **May 20, 2026**, Matija Mato Škerbić, in Varazdin, Croatia

For more information, contact **Jim Parry** at **s.j.parry@leeds.ac.uk**

- Revised rules BPSA travel grants can be found on the website here: <https://www.philosophyofsport.uk/travel-awards>