

# IAPS NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport

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## President's message

### Kenneth Aggerholm

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Dear colleagues and friends,

Seeing many of you at our annual meeting in August was an immense pleasure. I thoroughly enjoyed the inspiring keynotes, papers, discussions and, not least, the opportunity for many informal talks with old and new members in real life. Thanks to our Penn State hosts, Javier Lopez Frias and Colleen English, for all their work in making this a memorable and perfectly organized conference!

In addition to the academic and social content, we also had productive meetings during the conference, resulting in new initiatives that I am confident will contribute to strengthening IAPS:

- **EDI Committee:** We agreed at the Executive Board Meeting that we need more awareness of issues related to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in IAPS. Therefore, we are forming an Ad Hoc Committee that will work over the next year to establish a permanent EDI Committee within the organization. The permanent EDI Committee will serve an advisory role to IAPS's Executive Council and seek ways to promote EDI by (a) reviewing IAPS's structure and practices and (b) envisioning new programs and initiatives. Adam Berg ([apberg@uncg.edu](mailto:apberg@uncg.edu)) and Colleen English ([cue113@psu.edu](mailto:cue113@psu.edu)) lead the process, and we seek volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact one of them to express your interest.

- **IAPS Discord Server:** As an addition to the existing IAPS communication channels, we are establishing a new online forum for IAPS members. The format will be an IAPS Discord Server, a platform with great potential to stimulate discussions among members in



various ways. Christopher Yorke oversees the forum and invites all members to join in his article in this newsletter.

- *Financial support for representing IAPS and promoting the philosophy of sport:* It is great to see that members represent IAPS and work to advance the discipline of sport philosophy in various ways. IAPS benefits from this kind of work and is in a good financial situation to support it. To make the process related to financial support more transparent and streamlined, the HAFS committee is currently reviewing ways of formalizing the procedures. We will provide an update as soon as the new policies are in place.
- *Social Media and YouTube channel:* Sam Morris is currently working on ways we can improve and extend our social media presence, including the presence of our Journal. We also have a new YouTube channel, featuring Sam's new series of interviews with sport philosophers and video recordings from conferences.

There have been some changes to the Executive Board after this year's elections. Thanks to all outgoing officers: Chad Carlson (Elections Chair), Colleen English and Irena Martinkova (Members-at-Large) and Adam Berg (HAFS). I look forward to working with the new members: Teresa Lacerda and Jeffrey Fry (Members-at-Large), Sandra Meeuwsen (Elections Chair) and Eric Moore (HAFS). In addition, I am grateful that Paul Gaffney accepted to take another term as JPS Journal Editor and was reelected by members. Thanks also to Adam Pflieger for taking on the role as chair of the HAFS committee.

Next September seems a long time from now, but I already look forward to our next gathering in Split, Croatia. Preparations are well underway, and judged by Matija Škerbić's presentation at Penn State, we are most certainly in for a treat. Please see the reports from Matija and Conference Chair Emily Ryall for details. The call for abstracts and the conference website will be published soon.

Sincerely, Kenneth



## CONFERENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

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It was wonderful to be back in person again at our conference after two years of absence and thank you to Javi Lopez-Frias and Colleen English and their team at Penn State for all the work that they did in organising such a successful event. As I've said several times before, it is often the informal conversation outside the panel sessions that develop collaborative relationships and friendships that enable the output that follows.

One aspect that we do have to consider was raised at the AGM and that is how, and to what extent, we provide an online / hybrid aspect to our conference. Javi and Colleen were keen to trial this in August but what became apparent was how much additional work was required behind the scenes. Whilst the in-person sessions seemed to run smoothly, there were lots of technical niggles that meant the online sessions required a lot of additional resource and troubleshooting. How this is to be organised in the future is an ongoing consideration and is something that the HAFS committee will look into further.

Next year's conference will be in Split, Croatia and going by host organiser, Matija Škerbić's presentation, it looks like it's going to be a stunning venue. I suspect a lot of us will tack on an additional beach and sight seeing holiday as part of our visit. We have two keynote speakers: Professor John Sutton (MacQuarie University, Australia), Professor Ivana Zagorac (University of Zagreb, Croatia), in addition to the Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar, Professor Ivo Jirásek and the Presidential address by Professor Kenneth Aggerholm, so it starts with a stellar line-up to begin with. Matija will outline the conference in more detail below and we will put out a call for abstracts in the next few months.

Emily

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S MESSAGE

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Greetings Friends!

**Remember that your IAPS membership is on a calendar year and will expire on December 31, 2022!**

In mid-November, you will receive an automatic email notifying you that your 2022 membership will expire. At that time, you can renew your IAPS Memberships through our [IAPS membership portal](#) and secure a **2023 membership**. If you do it before then, you will be purchasing a 2022 membership. 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.

**IAPS Memberships as of September 22, 2022**

Standard	143
Student	30
Total	173

**IAPS Membership Continental Distribution**

49% North American; 26% Europe; 17% Asia; 5% Australia; 3% South America; 0% Africa; 0% Antarctica

**IAPS Financial Overview 2022**

Balance, all assets, January 1, 2022	\$331,685.75
Income	\$54,909.78
Expenses	\$18,157.99
Net Income	\$36,751.79
M&T Balance	\$22,848.36
PayPal Balance	\$3,106.36
Investments	\$107,767.75
Balance, all assets, September 22, 2022	\$341,455.78

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

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**Current Issue**

As I write this report the November 2022 issue (*JPS* 49-03) is in final preparation and will soon be published online and mailed to IAPS members.

**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.

## Special Issues and Special Sections

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. 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.

## 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



## 2023 CONFERENCE UPDATE

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At this early point, we can confirm the following:

1. Conference dates: 18th to 22nd September 2023
2. Conference location: Radisson Blu Resort & Spa Hotel (pictured above)
3. Keynote speakers:
  - a) Prof. John Sutton [PhD from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia]
  - b) Assoc. Prof. Ivana Zagorac [PhD from the University of Zagreb, Croatia]
4. Options to attend the conference 'in-person' and / or 'virtually'
5. Optional pre- and post-conference tours for interested participants on the 17th (Sunday) and 23rd (Friday) (to islands in the Split area: Hvar, Korčula and Brač)

More details coming soon!

## ELECTION CHAIR'S REPORT

### Chad Carlson

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Thanks to all who voted in this most recent election. We had a voter turnout of 61%--a very positive rate, above our historical averages. And thanks to all of the nominees. Each open position had only a single nominee, in which case we follow the IAPS Constitution requiring a two-thirds majority of those voting to present the nominee for ratification. Each of the candidates for these open positions garnered more than two-thirds of the votes.

Congratulations to those being presented for ratification!

### Journal Editor

Paul Gaffney

### Elections Chair

Sandra Meeuwsen

### Members-at-Large

Teresa Lacerda

Jeffrey Fry

### Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee

Eric Moore

### Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Award

Ivo Jirasek

### Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award

Emily Ryall

The next call for nominations will be in the March 2023 IAPS Newsletter. Please consider being a part of this process in some way.



IAPS DISCORD PORTAL // 2023 IAPS WORKS-IN-PROGRESS ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES

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I am very pleased to report that the official IAPS Discord server is now ready for your use!

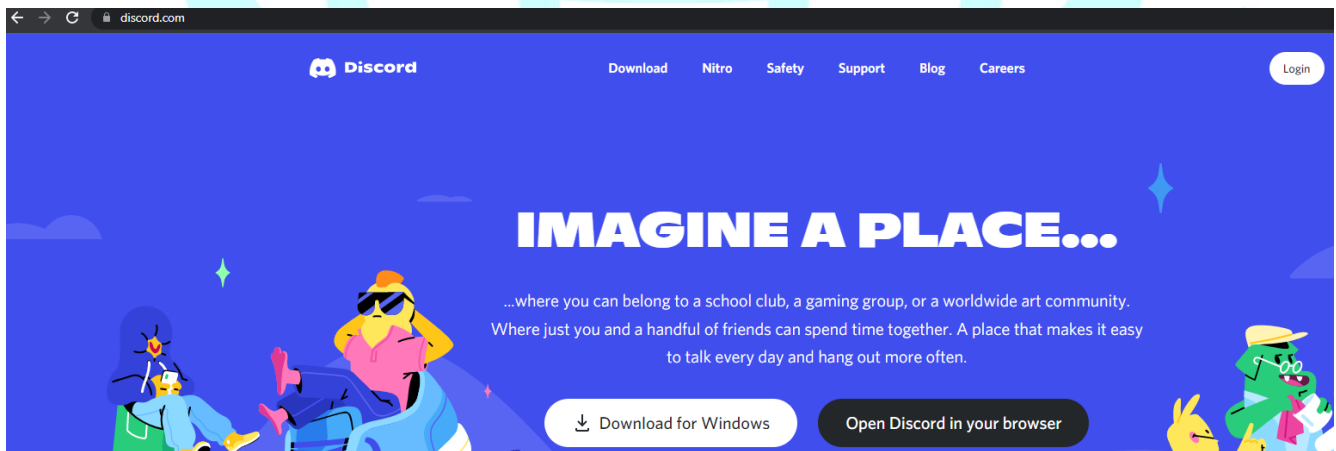
This is an online hub for real-time information sharing and academic collaboration between our members, and will be the home of the upcoming 2023 IAPS Works-in-Progress Seminar Series. [This monthly seminar series begins in January 2023, so please email me before the end of the year if you are interested in presenting your current research to our friendly and helpful online audience for formative feedback.]

Please use the following link to join our new online community: <https://discord.gg/JNwMqGaZGX>

I have included an easy-to-follow 10-step user guide below, for those not yet familiar with the platform:

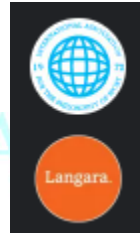
**DISCORD USER GUIDE**

1. Go to Discord.com (recommended: open Discord in your web browser, do not download application).

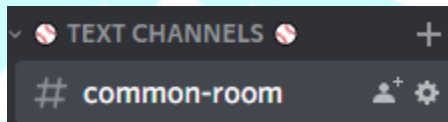


2. Click 'Login' and then either open an account (this is free to do—press 'Register' at bottom of screen) or enter your login information if you are a returning Discord user.

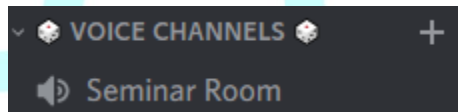
3. Select our group's server by clicking on the IAPS logo button on the left hand side on the screen (any personal messages you receive can be accessed by clicking the icon at the uppermost left).



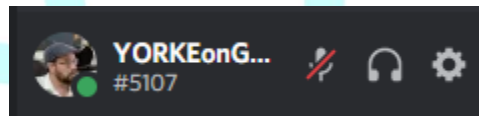
4. You can post public messages by clicking on any of the 'TEXT CHANNELS' and typing directly in them.



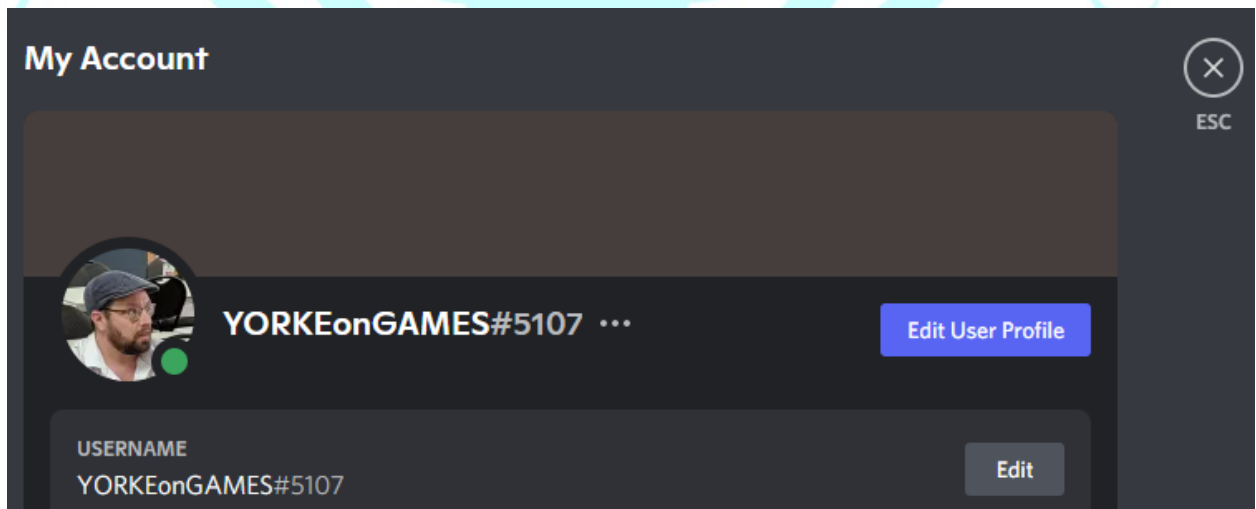
5. You can enter into a voice chat with other members by clicking on any of the 'VOICE CHANNELS' and speaking into your computer's microphone.



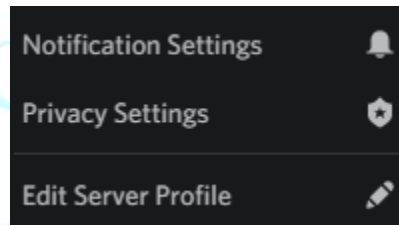
6. On the lower left hand side of the screen, you'll see your Discord profile, as well as the controls for 'mute' and 'deafen' for the voice channels, and the 'user settings' button (gear icon).



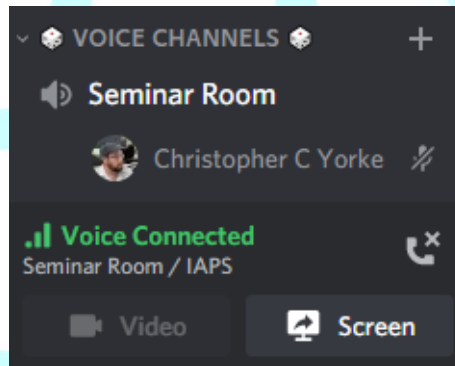
7. Clicking on the 'user settings' button will open up a dialogue box where you can freely change your profile photo and other server attributes (which will make you identifiable).



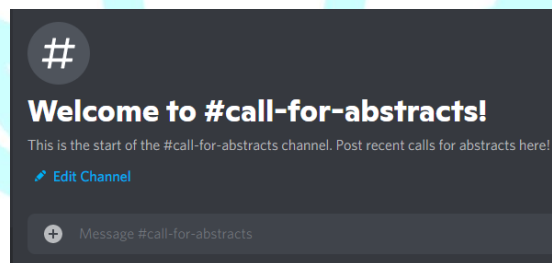
- To give yourself your proper name on the server, go to the top left of the server and click the small down arrow to the right of the server's name, then click 'Edit Server Profile' (please change your server username to the name that you used to pay your annual IAPS member fee with—this is how we'll find and tag you, so that you access to the Members-only areas).



- To give a presentation or start a meeting on any voice channel, simply click on it—then the following two buttons will appear at the bottom left of the screen: 'Video' (which will open your computer's video camera if you have one installed), and 'Screen' (which will share the tab of your choice as a screen for others to view)



- If you wish to post documents for your audience to refer to, or to work on with you on, you can post them in any text channel by clicking on it then pressing the '+' button to its bottom left

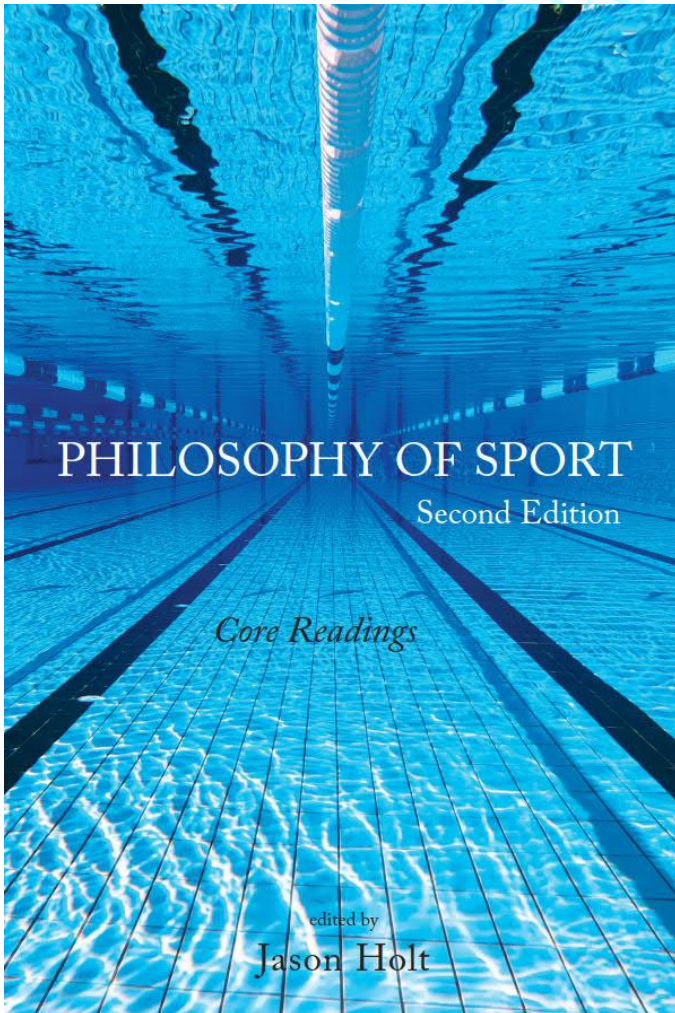


Congratulations!

You've become Discord-literate in 10 easy steps. There's a ton of functionality and possibility space left to explore, but these are the most important elements that you'll need in order to make good use of our new server. I look forward to speaking to you all online soon!

All the best, Chris

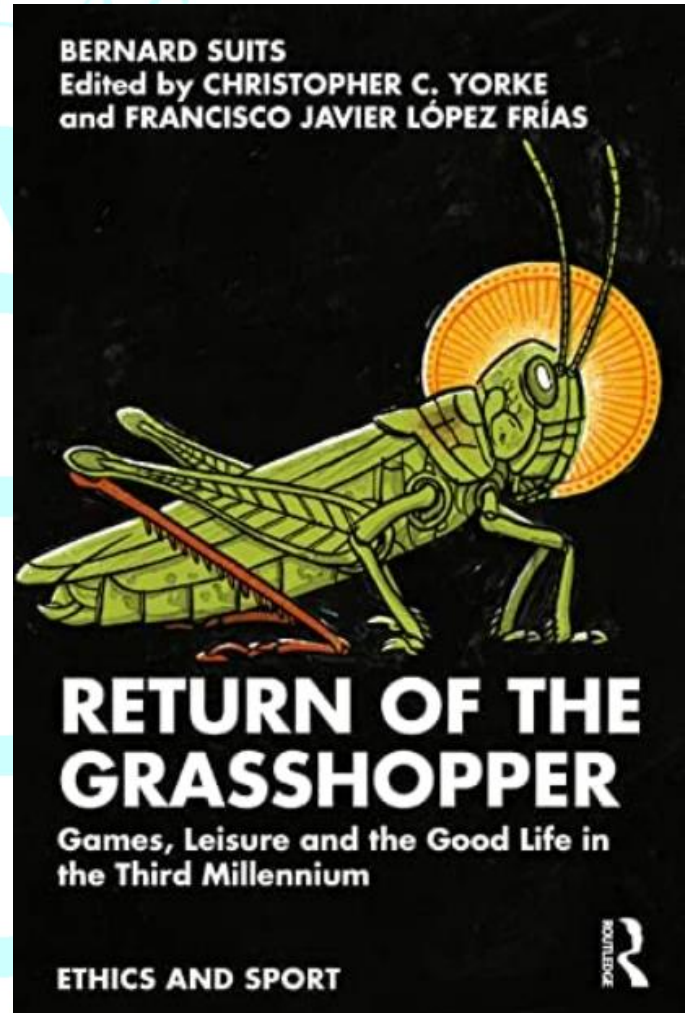
## NOTICE OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY IAPS MEMBERS



**Philosophy of Sport: Core Readings**

Jason Holt, Ed.

Broadview Press, 2022



**Return of the Grasshopper: Games, Leisure and the Good Life in the Third Millennium**

Bernard Suits

Christopher C. Yorke and

Francisco Javier Lopez Frias, Eds.

Routledge, 2022