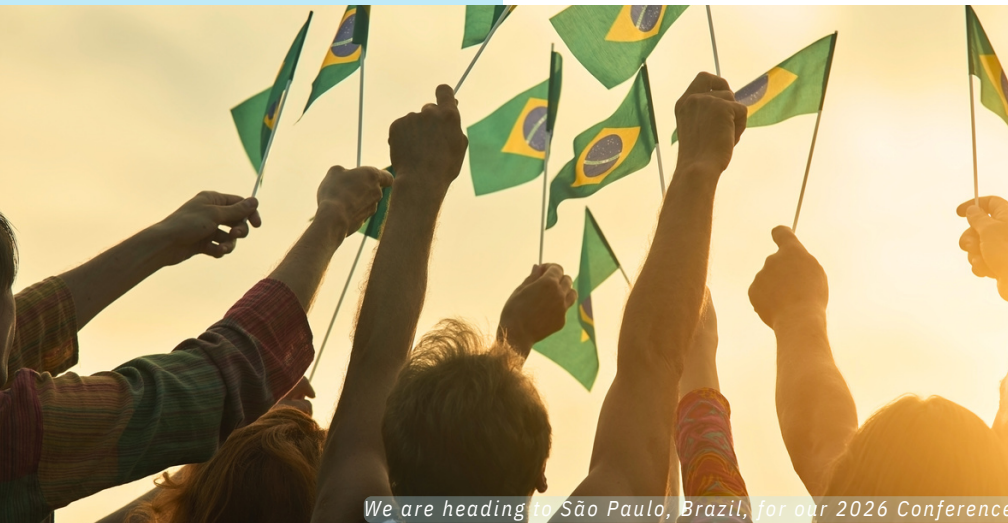


IAPS NEWS

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We are heading to São Paulo, Brazil, for our 2026 Conference



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PRESIDENT'S GREETING

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As we approach the midpoint of the year—a moment that often coincides with transitions between academic terms or academic years—it offers a good opportunity to reflect on what has unfolded so far and what may lie ahead. Some members may find themselves considering how sport philosophy has continued to grow and evolve through their daily research, teaching, and international engagement.

Looking back on the history of our field, we can see that the development of sport philosophy has been supported by the steady and thoughtful efforts of many scholars since the early days of the Philosophic Society for the Study of Sport (PSSS), our predecessor organization. Their work in laying the theoretical foundations of the discipline, and in advancing both teaching and research, continues to sustain the international scholarly community we share today and inspiring and guiding the next generation of researchers.

Preparations for the 2026 IAPS Conference in São Paulo are progressing well. The Conference Hosts and the Conference Program Committee are working hard to create a program that will provide a warm and welcoming



IAPS official website
available [here](#)

WHAT'S SPORT GOT TO DO WITH THIS?

On 8 May 2026, the British Philosophy of Sport Association (BPSA), with the support of the Faculty of Organization and Informatics at the University of Zagreb, hosted a one-day invited workshop at Vila Oršić in Varaždin, Croatia. The workshop brought together leading international scholars to examine the Enhanced Games as a potentially disruptive development—and perhaps even a precedent-setting moment—in the history of competitive sport. The workshop was hosted and organised by Matija Mato Škerbić.

Beyond its immediate scholarly aims, the workshop sought to raise the profile of the BPSA in international academic and public debates while supporting the development of philosophy of sport in South-East Europe—a region with a rich sporting tradition but relatively few opportunities for sustained engagement with leading international scholars in the field.

The workshop is expected to generate several scholarly outputs, including a special issue of an academic journal and an edited volume dedicated to the philosophical implications of the Enhanced Games.



PRESIDENT'S GREETING CONT'D...

environment for all participants. Many members may be looking forward to the new conversations, collaborations, and connections that this gathering will naturally inspire.

The ongoing activities of IAPS are also supported by the ongoing contributions of many individuals. The Secretary-Treasurer, the Editorial Review Board of the Journal of the Philosophy of Sport, other various committees, and numerous members are working hard to strengthen our field through research, mentorship, and international cooperation. Their collective efforts are essential in maintaining IAPS as a vibrant and stimulating scholarly community.

In the months ahead, members may find opportunities to deepen their research, engage in international exchange, or support the young scholars who will shape the future of sport philosophy. The diversity of perspectives within IAPS, together with our shared commitment to open, careful, and respectful inquiry, remains one of our greatest strengths.

I wish all of you a wonderful and restorative summer—or winter for those in the Southern Hemisphere. I look forward to seeing many of you in São Paulo this coming September and to continuing our conversations in the months to come.

Warm regards,
Takayuki

MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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

Dear friends and colleagues,

This is the final issue of the IAPS newsletter for the 2025-2026 academic year, and the halfway point of my elected term. I hope this set of issues has served the community well. Thank you to all who have submitted content for the community board - your contributions are greatly appreciated. Additionally, thank you to everyone who has offered encouraging feedback. I continue to welcome your input.

In this issue, you'll find regular updates from the executive committee, and an annual report from the DEIB chair. Many of our members have been busy accomplishing great things! The community board is packed with updates. To celebrate recent and current global sporting events, there are features on the Enhanced Games and the 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup.

My inbox is always open. I look forward to seeing many of you in Brazil!
Taliah

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Greetings Friends!

Annual General Meeting

In preparation for the Executive and Annual General Meeting at the 53rd IAPS Conference held September 1-4, 2026, São Paulo, Brazil, please send me any agenda items for potential discussion (iaps.sectres@gmail.com).

Student Travel Awards (STA)

We currently have 28 STA applications and 51 student members. Should any student accepted to present at the conference be interested in applying for an STA, we will entertain their application through July 15, 2026. Please follow the instructions here: [IAPS Student Travel Award Application](#).

We also had a discussion at last year's Executive Council Meeting and AGM about the impact that providing STAs has on IAPS membership and engagement. Specifically, does the Student Travel Award support longer-term affiliation and engagement with IAPS beyond the immediate conference year?

To help address this question, I generated a preliminary report examining STA recipients and subsequent membership patterns. The findings suggest that the IAPS Student Travel Award contributes positively to continued organizational affiliation beyond the immediate conference experience. Among observable first-time STA recipients from 2017–2025, 71.6% demonstrated continued engagement with IAPS in at least one subsequent year. Repeat STA recipients were especially likely to remain engaged over time, and the data indicates that the STA program reaches a meaningful share of the student-member population in several years.

While additional analysis is ongoing, the preliminary evidence supports viewing the STA not only as a mechanism for improving conference accessibility, but also as an important investment in organizational continuity, scholarly community-building, and the long-term vitality of IAPS. A full report and discussion of the findings will be presented to the Executive Council and membership at the 2026 conference in Brazil.

IAPS MEMBERSHIPS 2026

Updated June 18, 2026

Standard	140
Student	51
Total	191

Did you renew your IAPS memberships through our [IAPS membership portal](#)?

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

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

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Updated June 18, 2026

All assests, January 1, 2026	\$415 861.37
Income	\$73 804.03*
Expenses	\$26 873.20
Net Income YTD	\$46 930.83
M&T Balance	\$308 662.74
PayPal Balance	\$277.71
Investments	\$161 625.66
All assets, June 18, 2026	\$470 566.11

*\$67 597 is part of the Taylor and Francis publishing contract



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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 2026 issue (JPS 53-02) are complete; this is the special issue on “Dangerous Sport,” guest-edited by Patrick Findler. The November issue is almost complete; all articles are through production, and we await only a few book reviews.

Submissions

As the numbers below show, the number of submissions for the first half of this year is approaching the total number for 2026. While a sizeable number are immediately and obviously unsuitable for JPS, a substantially increased number still must be sent out for peer review, increasing the burden on a relatively small number of scholars in the field. I encourage IAPS members who have not served as reviewers, or haven’t done reviews in a while, and who would be willing to serve, to email me with a list of areas/topics of interest and an attached CV. I also ask if you are invited to review a manuscript and are unable to do so, please respond to let me know as soon as possible. This will facilitate timely review and communication with authors.

2026: 137 new submissions from January-June 19, 2026

2025: 163 new submissions from January-December 2025

2024: 101 new submissions from January-December 2024

2023: 122 new submissions from January-December 2023

2022: 79 new submissions from January-December 2022

Special Issues and Special Sections

Please consider submitting a proposal for a Special Issue/Special Section. 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. 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, every Special Issue/Special Section will also have a CFP to allow everyone an opportunity to participate.

JPS METRIC SCORES

- **Usage:** 129,000 downloads/views
- **Citations:** Impact Factor (1.7); 5 Year Impact Factor (1.5); Cite Score (2.3)
- **Speed:** 18 days average from submission to first decision; 25 days average from submission to first post review decision; 29 days average from acceptance to online publication.
- **Acceptance rate:** 22%

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 election tool to guarantee anonymous voting.

Instructions and the ballot will be sent to IAPS members in July.

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 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.

ELECTION CHAIR'S REPORT

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 the following conditions:

1. Each nomination must include a nominator, a seconder, and a nominee.
2. The HAFS-nominee should be an IAPS-member for at least three years.
3. The nominator, seconder, and nominee must be members of IAPS.
4. Nominations must reach Douglas McLaughlin by **30 June 2026**
5. The seconder and nominee must acknowledge that they will second or accept, respectively, the nomination by sending an email to that effect to Douglas McLaughlin.
6. The nominee is advised to supply a brief biography (<200 words) at the time of nomination.

CONFERENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

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

This year's annual conference will take place at the University of São Paulo, in São Paulo, Brazil, from September 1 to 4, 2026. Attendees can look forward to robust academic and social programs. The academic program features over 100 presentations across 12 parallel sessions, as well as two keynote addresses.

Special thanks to our hosts, Ana Zimmerman and Soraia Chung Saura, for their outstanding work planning and coordinating all local logistics and organizing the social events.

The conference schedule was circulated to participants. Access to the conference schedule website and mobile app are forthcoming. To find more information, including venue details and social activities, please visit the [IAPS 2026 website](#).



MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE HOST

Brazil and the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport conferences share a deep love for sports and, of course, for music. At every conference, we gather together night after night to sing. With that in mind, we've created two collaborative playlists on Spotify that bring together the hits we sing at conferences, curated by Jeffrey Fry, John Russell, Luísa Ávila da Costa, among others.

Find links to Spotify playlists here:

- [IAPS 2026 Brasil](#)
- [Always IAPS](#)

The conference program includes cultural activities, such as Brazilian dance and capoeira, as well as sports activities on the USP campus.

Let's get in the mood with some music.

With excitement,
IAPS 2026 Organising
Committee

DEIB REPORT

Charlene Weaving - St. Francis Xavier University, cweaving@stfx.ca

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee Members:

Adam Berg (USA)
Miroslav Imbrisevic (UK)
Nancy Kane (USA)
Soraia Chung Saura (Brazil)
Charlene Weaving (Canada) ~ committee chair

The committee met over the 2025-2026 academic year and is in the process of finalising recommendations to present to the IAPS Executive at the 2026 conference in Brazil. The recommendations are based on further analysis of the 2025 DEIB IAPS Survey data and focus on: IAPS Conferences, HAFS (awards) and JPS.

HONOURS, AWARDS & FUTURE SITES REPORT

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

AWARD DETAILS

Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar

- Honours individuals for exceptional research contributions. Recipients must have made significant and recognised (i.e. frequently cited) contributions to the field by providing insightful analyses over an extended period of time or a seminal contribution that provides new and important directions for scholarly discourse. The honoree need not be an IAPS member nor have previously published in *JPS*

Heather Reid Distinguished Service Award

- Honours individuals for their exceptional service contributions to the Association in a meaningful way (i.e., serving on the Executive Council) over an extended period of time (at least 5 years). The honoree must have been an IAPS member for a minimum of 10 years.

1. Nominations for the Warren Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar, the Heather Reid Distinguished Service have been extended until Friday, 10th June. Nominations should be submitted, along with a brief nomination statement that responds to the criteria below to HAFS Chair Alun Hardman

2. Conference Site Proposals for 2027 and beyond are welcome!!!

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

We have extended the deadline for conference host proposals. As we have no proposals at this time, we will accept them now on a rolling basis until a proposal has been accepted.

The detailed process description and site proposal form are available at <https://iaps.net/conference/>

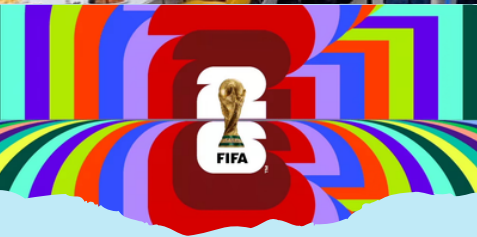
The HAFS Committee will review site proposals and will provide their recommendation to the IAPS Executive Council. The Executive Council will vote and proposers will be notified

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





2026 BPSA Conference, Gloucestershire, England



SPORT PHILOSOPHERS TAKE ON THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

As the 2026 FIFA World Cup captures global attention, several IAPS members have brought their expertise to public audiences:



Tim Elcombe

The World Cup will Relegate Canada to the Sidelines, *Maclean's* full article [here](#)

Emily Ryall

Featured in BBC's article: *World Cup 'may distract from US policies'* full article [here](#)



Nina Windgätter

Cover's everything VAR for the University of New Hampshire full article [here](#)

Cesar Torres

Talks Maradona's 'Hand of God', *The Conversation* full article [here](#)



See also, *Sport, Ethics, and Philosophy* Special Issue: The 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup and the beautiful game full issue [here](#)

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Bernard Suits' legacy lives on through research stipend



Chris Yorke awarded the first Bernard Suits Memorial Research Stipend funded by royalties from Suits' *Return of the Grasshopper*. The award supports students conducting research in the philosophy of sport with special consideration for those pursuing Suitsian research.

Inaugural recipient Zan Plesner used the funds to support a series of podcasts on the work of J.S. Russell. Podcasts can be accessed [here](#).

5th Annual Interantional Conference Ethics, Bioethics and Sport

The University of Zagreb hosted a two-day event covering gender and inclusion, AI and neuro-enhancement, doping, vulnerability, and environmental ethics across philosophy, bioethics, kinesiology, and law. A dedicated student session highlighted strong early-career participation, bridging regional and international philosophy of sport communities through rigorous, interdisciplinary reflection. Full book of abstracts [here](#).

Japan Society for the Philosophy of Sport and Physical Education set to host 48th Annual Meeting, August 22-23, 2026

JSPSPE (est. 1978) will host their 2026 meeting at Nihon Fukushi University, Tokai Campus, Aichi, Japan. The programme includes research presentations, a keynote from a Taiwanese scholar, and a symposium themed "What kinds of 'bodily experience' has physical education justified?" Participation is open to non-members. Contact the JSPSPE secretariat at office@jspspe.jp

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

15th Annual International Conference of Czech Philosophy of Sport, Charles Prague University, October 15-17, 2026

Featuring keynote speakers, Leslie Howe and Kenneth Aggerholm

Abstracts (<250 words) are due **Aug. 10th, 2026**. Email abstracts to s.j.parry@leeds.ac.uk with filename format as: <ABSTRACT-surname-title>. Papers must be prepared in English. Registration is free.