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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Busy Summer for IFAPA

by [Claire Boursier](#), IFAPA president, INS HEA, Paris, France



Claire Boursier

Many events, activities, and collaborative projects have occurred since July. I wish to thank all IFAPA members for their participation and commitment.

SOEE Summer Games: Great Moments and Perspectives

A memorandum of understanding has been signed between the International School Sport Federation and Special Olympics International (SOI) to advocate for inclusive practices between regular and special schools. IFAPA members can contribute in developing research programs, projects, and resources.



Special Olympics Regional Research
Collaborating Centre

(<http://www.science.ulster.ac.uk/soercc/>)



Chairman of Special Olympics International Tim Shriver with President of the International School Sport Federation together at the Special Olympics Scientific Symposium.



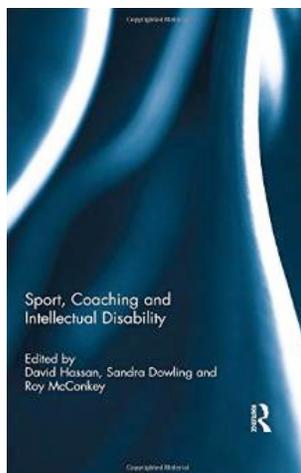
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Busy Summer for IFAPA

A two-day research network seminar was organized by **Roy McConkey** and assisted by **David Hassan**, **Sandra Dowling**, and **Liz Carlin** (from the SOEE Regional Collaborating Centre at the University of Ulster) along with **Amy Shellard**, Research and Evaluation Division from SOI. The aim of this first seminar was to provide an opportunity for European researchers involved and interested in sports and people with intellectual disabilities to meet one another and share their experiences of past research they have undertaken and aspirations for future research and development initiatives and explore a potential transnational research related to the impact of programs undertaken by SOEE on athletes, partners, coaches, volunteers, and communities.

During this event, the new groundbreaking book *Sport, Coaching and Intellectual Disability*, by David Hassan and Sandra Dowling, was released. It reflects the research done on participants relating to sport for people with intellectual disabilities, with contributions from leading researchers and practitioners around the world involved in Special Olympics programs and IFAPA. This book is the first to explore in depth the topic of



sport and intellectual disability from a coaching perspective, including both theoretical discussion and empirical case studies.



I had the pleasure to be part of the China Research Center on Sports for Persons with Disabilities Workshop at Beijing Sport University on September 22-27, 2014 organized by **Lu Yan** (Beijing Sport University) and **Glenn Roswal** (professor emeritus, Jacksonville State University, USA), along with **Michael Smith** (chief operating officer, Coerver Coaching, Spain) and **Elizabeth (B'Beth) Weldon** (artist, Gifted Masterpieces Program, USA).

www.facebook.com/bbethweldonartist

Besides a seminar with students and professionals, we had the opportunity to have three workshops in a special school (APA and Arts). We also discussed the implementation of a master curriculum in APA that could be supported and endorsed by IFAPA. This is a challenge but an opportunity to train the students or future professionals in APA from all over China. Lu Yan has developed a research center on APA with the strong support of her university and the active participation of colleagues and PhD students. IFAPA will continue to support her initiatives.



EUCAPA 2014 was a great congress linked to the national week on inclusive sport supported by the Fundación Sanitas. I thank **Raúl Reina Vaillo** and **Jose Pedro Ferreira**, codirectors of the scientific committee for the quality of this event, as well as the organizing committee led by **Javier Pérez Tejero** for their excellent work, availability, flexibility, professionalism, and constant smiles.

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Busy Summer for IFAPA

Before EUCAPA 2014 we held our annual board meeting. We made important decisions for the future. The first decision concerns the IFAPA membership. We wish to open our federation to new members and meet the needs and contributions of persons with disabilities, their communities, researchers, and students from all over the world. We decided to offer in 2015 the possibility to join IFAPA for a two-year membership with two options (direct links from our website):

IFAPA member with a subscription to our scientific journal *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly* (APAQ): membership through Human Kinetics

IFAPA member without subscription to APAQ: membership fees paid through the next ISAPA website

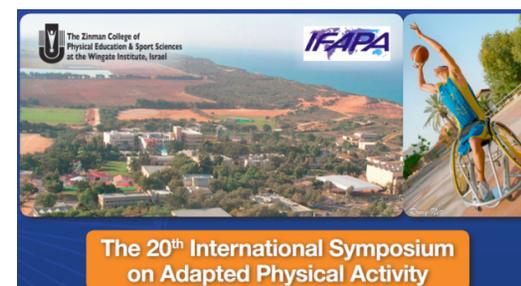
A second decision is linked to the governance of our federation. We decided to reinforce the position and missions of all regions and expand our executive committee to the regional representatives. We support the implementation of regional associations in Africa, South America, and Oceania. In Africa **Agueda Gomes**, our regional representative, and **Peter Bukhala** from Kenya are working on a regional association and will host the 2016 board meeting. IFAPA board members show strong support on these initiatives. The position of Oceania regional representative is still open; colleagues from this region should submit their candidates in June 2015 during our general assembly.



A third one is linked to our website...which is yours. Feel free to contact your IFAPA regional representative or our webmaster **Yoann Chavaudra** (yoann.chavaudra@free.fr) for any information that you would like to share worldwide concerning your country or region. For your research projects, findings, opportunities, we implemented a new tab. We wish to implement a research register, spread IFAPA research findings, and research opportunities for students. **David Howe** is responsible for this new tab.



Another major event during EUCAPA 2014 was the signature of a memorandum of understanding between the Inclusion Club and IFAPA. Both organizations wish to promote inclusion through APA and develop activities, training programs, and online resources.



The 20th ISAPA will be located at Wingate Institute, Netanya, Israel, June 11 to 15, 2015.

Join us and share the information in your networks.

Sincere thanks to **Cindy Sit**, our newsletter editor, for all the work she has done with energy, patience, professionalism, and passion.

11-15 June 2015
Location: Wingate Institute, Netanya, Israel

Second Announcement
Adapted Physical Activity: Unification vs. Diversification

Abstracts will be accepted for:

- Research presentations (verbal and poster)
- Building sessions (Mini symposia)
- Practical Workshops

Important Dates:
Abstract Submission Open: **November 15th, 2014**
Abstract Submission Deadline: **February, 1st, 2015**

Congress topics

- APA as an educational modality
- APA as an extension of rehabilitation
- Adapted sports, equipment and Paralympic challenges
- Special Olympics and sports for persons with developmental Disabilities
- APA and health promotion among populations with physical, sensory, intellectual, & mental disability

For further information please visit our website: www.isapa2015.wincol.ac.il

IFAPA NEWS

2015 ISAPA Congress at the Zinman College for Physical Education and Sport Sciences at the Wingate Institute

By [Yeshayahu "Shayke" Hutzler](#), Chairperson, ISAPA 2015



The Zinman College of Physical Education and Sport Sciences at the Wingate Institute is proud to host the 2015 ISAPA Congress scheduled for June 11 to 15, 2015, at the Academic College at Wingate, Israel. The congress is held under the auspices of the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity, which will celebrate its 20th international congress in Israel. The congress is held every other year to provide professionals with an opportunity to share their knowledge and experience.

The congress will focus on adapted physical activity, which refers to physical education, sport, exercise, and recreation for people with physical, sensory, mental, or intellectual disabilities. The goal of the congress is to bring together leading professionals and researchers in adapted physical activity and related fields of study in order to stimulate discussion on the latest innovations in these areas, including issues of inclusion, sport classification, assessment, and specific training programs. The congress program includes research presentations, roundtables for discussion of new ideas, practical workshops, an international poster presentation, and film and photo presentation contests.

It is estimated that several hundred academic scholars and professionals in physical education, sport science, kinesiology, health, and rehabilitation sciences from North and South

America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia will attend. They will participate in a four-day event of lectures and workshops that will take place at the Academic College at Wingate, centrally located between Netanya and Herzliya on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and within a short distance of Tel Aviv, "the city that never sleeps."

As part of the social program, a guided tour

to Jerusalem and the Dead Sea will be held during the congress days to give participants an opportunity to see and learn about the beauty of the country. In addition, tours will be guided at main sport rehabilitation centers, including the Israel Defense Force Veterans' Sport Center, Israel Sport Center for the Disabled, and hydrotherapy centers.

Important Date:

Date	Action
November 15, 2014	Abstract submission and registration opens
February 1, 2015	Abstract submission deadline
March 15, 2015	Abstract review deadline
March 30, 2015	Notification of acceptance of abstract and proposal for extended abstract submission for those eligible (scoring 8 and higher out of 10) sent to authors
April 10, 2015	Early registration deadline
April 30, 2015	Official program of the 20th ISAPA 2015 available online
May 15, 2015	Abstracts available online
June 11-15, 2015	20th ISAPA 2015
October 1, 2015	Extended abstract submission deadline
December 2015	Publication of a Special Issue of PAPALESTRA dedicated to ISAPA 20th presentations
December 2015	Final report on the 20th ISAPA 2015 submitted to IFAPA president

Additional notifications will be updated from time to time on the ISAPA 2015 website at <http://isapa2015.wincol.ac.il>. We look forward to your participation in this exciting event and hope to see you soon at the Zinman College/Academic College at Wingate in 2015

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Highlighting Good Practice in Adapted Physical Activity

By Peter Downs and Ken Black, Founding directors, the Inclusion Club

The Inclusion Club was conceived by **Peter Downs** and **Ken Black** after years of traveling the world and observing many examples of great inclusive sport and recreation. Collectively we have about 60 years' experience across the broad multiplicity of activity characterised as disability sport.

For example, Peter inspired and created the Disability Education Program on behalf of the Australian Sports Commission, a nationwide network providing education and support to help coaches, teachers and others include disabled children and adults in their activities. Ken worked with a wide range of organisations in the UK and other countries to help them develop inclusive physical activity and sport programmes. We both have an extensive background in developing resource materials in support of our work.

A serendipitous meeting (in Sweden!) led to our working together for three years in Australia where we hatched the idea of developing a platform through which people could easily access and share resources and learn from each other. Peter worked hard to understand the mysteries of being a webmaster and the dream was finally realised in 2011 when the Inclusion Club was officially launched at the International Symposium on Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA) in Paris.

The aim of the Inclusion Club is quite simple: to share good practice in sport and physical recreation that includes people with disabilities. It

has resonated with practitioners with the additional objective of bridging the perceived gap between theory (research and academic study) and practice (intervention, training, and practical support).

The Inclusion Club is registered as a not-for-profit social enterprise in Australia and the UK and operates as a free online portal operating under a creative commons license. This means that material from the site can be used free of charge for educational purposes anywhere in the world.

Every two to three weeks we publish an audiovisual episode that highlights one of four categories of content: models of good practice, education and training, opinion and debate, and awareness. We also have an ever-growing library of resources with a focus on practical visual content and free downloadable resources, including podcasts, webinars, training videos, and equipment cards. We have even developed our own online publications that are free to download as soon as someone registers as a user.

The portal is growing rapidly with more than 1,400 subscribers from 35 countries. Since its launch, there have been more than 50,000 visitors to the site, more than 2,000 downloaded resources, plus 1,500 podcast downloads.

Topics have included examples of innovative work and ideas. Models of good practice have included a Finnish system of exercise to music called Twin Sticks, a surfing program off the southwest coast of Ireland that stimulates

and engage young people with autism, a thrill-seeking off-road wheelchair club from England, and an inclusive basketball game developed by an American rabbi.

Opinion and debate themes are deliberately provocative or controversial and have included online arguments about diverse subjects such as whether the Olympics and Paralympics should be merged into one and the very nature of inclusion itself. In this way, the Inclusion Club tries to connect thinking around practice and research. Research should inform practice, but so much research and practice are done in isolation.

In addition to providing a platform for debate and information sharing, the Inclusion Club can support other programs. We currently host Adapt It Sport, a program devised by a group of young APA specialists showing how adapted equipment can be modified from everyday household items and junk.

The Inclusion Club also has a memorandum of understanding with the IFAPA to foster greater levels of cooperation between the two organizations, particularly in helping bridge the gap between research and practice.

We are also hoping to start a Spanish-language section in the near future.

Pay us a visit soon and join the growing number of people who want to share their ideas and opinions about the stimulating world of adapted physical activity. Become a free subscriber by going to www.theinclusionclub.com.

Facelift for Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly (APAQ)

By Yeshayahu "Shayke" Hutzler, Chairperson, ISAPA 2015

In addition to adding several new board members (**Nancy Spencer-Cavaliere**, **Michelle Grenier**, **Brett Smith**, and **Jane Taylor**) and an associate editor (**Vivienne Temple**) during 2014, it may be interesting for many to know that the official journal of IFAPA, *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly* (APAQ), which is owned by Human Kinetics (HK) Inc., has decided on several important policy changes.

Manuscript Policy

The author and reviewer guidelines of the journal acknowledge only four manuscript types: (a) Viewpoint: commentary on current opinion and professional trends; (b) Research: original and replicated using appropriate scientific methods; (c) Applied: unique methodologies, case studies, programmatic developments, equipment, and/or facilities design; (d) Review: systematic and critical examination of published literature. However, when submitting a manuscript, another category called Research Note appears as an alternative for selection. According to the information for authors for the *Journal of Teaching in Physical Education*, also owned by HK, "**Research**

notes may consist of replication studies, data re-analyses studies, validation studies of existing instruments, and comments and dialogues on previously published papers."

A proposal by Vivienne Temple was addressed to the board for accepting a category of Brief Research Report (or Note) and accepted. Guidelines for this category composed of significantly shorter contributions than the typical 30-page manuscript will be published in January 2015.

Language Policy

A proposal by Nancy Spencer-Cavaliere was considered, suggesting that current APAQ instructions for authors be modified to add "the use of non-sexist, person-first language according to the PMAPA standards (6th ed., p. 70-76)," and acknowledging "**that different disciplines and communities understand and articulate disability in ways that may not align with person-first language (e.g., disabled person; deaf communities; crip theory).**" Thereby, "**APAQ welcomes these contributions, and encourages all authors to be explicit and respectful in their language choices.**" The

specific wording in this regard will be available online in January 2015.

Guidelines Policy

Current APAQ guidelines for authors address manuscript preparation and reporting guidelines mostly relevant for quantitative research manuscripts. The methodologies for preparing and reporting qualitative contributions have not been addressed. The board decided to add guidelines for reporting qualitative research by January 2015 using a draft proposed to the board by Michelle Zitomer and Donna Goodwin and acknowledging additional codes for reporting qualitative research such as those available in the recent literature.

It is hoped that these changes better reflect the current trends observed in the literature and support APAQ contributors to better represent their work.

REGIONAL REPORT: ASIA

2014 Incheon Asian Games International Sport Science Congress in Commemoration of the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games

By [Cindy Sit](#), Chinese University of Hong Kong

The organizing committee for 2014 Incheon Asian Games International Sport Science Congress was in charge of the event, with the support of Gyeongin National University of Education and Korean Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. The congress was held August 20 to 22, 2014, under the theme Mutual Understanding, Trust, and Respect Among Asians: Can Sport Be the Answer? It consisted of keynote speeches, academic presentations, debates, cultural events, and special programs. A total of 1,300 people including 300 sport researchers

and university professors from nations including the United States, China, Hong Kong, Canada, New Zealand, and Singapore gathered to share their ideas and expertise at the sports congress.

There were 16 disciplinary sessions; Adapted Physical Activity and Exercise was one of the sessions. President of the Korean Society of Adapted Physical Activity and Exercise (KOSAPE), **Park Gi-yong**, who is also currently the president of ASAPE, invited **Hong Yang-ja** (Korea) and **Cindy Sit** (Hong Kong) as speakers. Hong Yang-ja gave an overview on the history of and current

status on adapted physical activity in Japan, while Cindy Sit identified evidence-based practice and service delivery in adapted physical activity in Hong Kong. Other than invited speeches, there were six oral presentations examining intervention effects of exercise or sport skills programs on children with various kinds of disabilities.

Both Hong Yang-ja and Cindy Sit expressed their sincere thanks to Park Gi-yong and his colleagues who provided hospitality during their stay in Korea.



Park Gi-yong (in beige suit), Hong Yang-ja (on his right), and Cindy Sit (on his left).

REGIONAL REPORT: EUROPE

European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity (EUCAPA) Madrid 2014: Great Success!

By Javier Pérez Tejero, Chairperson, EUCAPA 2014 Organizing Committee

- **More than 35 countries were represented at the congress**
- **Keynotes and invited speakers were from Europe, North America, and Australia**
- **The 5th Inclusive Sport Week was held together with EUCAPA 2014**

Madrid, September 29 to October 2, 2014

Inclusion into action, applications from research as its main theme, EUCAPA 2014 was celebrated in the Faculty of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences—INEF (Madrid, Polytechnical University) and organized by the Centre for Inclusive Sport Studies (CEDI) and sponsored by Sanitas Foundation with great success. A full three days of scientific and professional activity served as a milestone in the development and diffusion of APA in Spain as well as worldwide.

More than 300 delegates participated, beginning with keynote speakers and the speakers of the symposium followed by six parallel oral presentations and a series of poster presentations, comprising 235 of 269 contributions. Every session was organized according to the thematic area of the contributions and the topic of three keynote

speeches and six mini-symposia. The thematic areas included (1) adapted physical activity as a tool for inclusion (28.9%); (2) participation in physical education (12.34%); (3) sport for persons with disabilities from organizational inclusion to elite performance (24.68%); and (4) health and rehabilitation to promote personal autonomy and social participation (34.04%). Peer review evaluation process was conducted by 14 scientific committee members, and 65 contributions were evaluated for area and investigator awards. An ISBN book of abstracts with all contributions was published and provided to every delegate. Following are some numbers from this event:

- More than 300 delegates
- More than 35 countries represented
- 128 posters accepted for presentation
- 90 oral presentations
- 25 invited speakers from UK, USA, Australia, Latvia, Israel, Portugal, Finland, Belgium, Ireland, and Spain
- 4 meetings of international experts in institutions on APA met along EUCAPA 2014: International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (IFAPA), European Federation of Adapted Physical Activity (EUFAPA), Spanish Association of Sport and Physical Activity (AEDAFPA), and Universal Fitness



Inclusion Training (UFIT) project; there were more than 35 experts from more than 20 countries

- More than 50 people, including scientific and organizing committees
- International volunteer program with over 35 delegates (more than 30 foreign) participants
- More than 18,000 visits to the website EUCAPA 2014 (www.eucapa2014.eu)
- An important impact and participation of sport clubs and associations during the V Inclusive Sport Week: 25 technicians, 2 coordinators, more than 5 schools (more than 400 students including mainstream, integration, and specific schools), participants in the mornings and more than 10 sports clubs in the evenings

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European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity (EUCAPA) Madrid 2014: Great Success!

As mentioned, together with the celebration of EUCAPA 2014, the V Inclusive Sport Week was celebrated in Madrid Río area. Sanitas Foundation, main sponsor of the EUCAPA 2014, organized the Cyclist Race for Inclusion, a 395 km race in four stages beginning in Ponferrada September 29 and finishing Thursday October 2 in Madrid, together with the closing ceremony of EUCAPA 2014. Participants included Spanish sport figures such as former professional cyclist and

winner of the Tour de France Perico Delgado, Oscar Pereiro, and Paralympic medalists Juanjo Mendez and Rachel Acinas.

During the week of the inauguration an inclusive basketball match was held, which was attended by veteran players of Real Madrid and ONCE Fundosa CB. There was an inclusive football match of players from the Spanish Football Federation for people with cerebral palsy.

We hope all delegates enjoyed the EUCAPA 2014 experience in Madrid and hope to see you all in EUCAPA 2016 in Olomouc, Czech Republic.



REGIONAL REPORT: EUROPE

European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity (EUCAPA) Madrid 2014: Great Success!

By Raúl Reina, Chairman, EUCAPA 2014 Scientific Committee

Before the conference, a peer review evaluation process was conducted by 14 scientific committee members, and 65 contributions were evaluated for area and investigator awards:

- EUFAPA Young Investigators Award: Javier Pinilla Arbex
- Javier Álvaro-Ruiz and Raúl Reina for the Thematic Area Award Adapted Physical Activity as a Tool for Inclusion: inclusion of a student with blindness in sport sciences and physical education degree
- Pozeriene, J., Reklaitiene, D., Ostaseviiciene, V., Gaizauskiene, A., and Rastauskiene, G. for the Thematic Area Award Participation in Physical Education: children with learning disabilities, their parents' and teachers' attitude toward behavioral and emotional problems in integrated physical education
- Almena, Veiga, S., Navarro, E., and Pérez-Tejero, J. for the Thematic Area Award Sport for Persons With Disabilities: From Organizational Integration to Elite Performance: evolution of the individual distances in Paralympic swimmers with visual disabilities
- Gomes, E., Bastos, T., Probst, M., Costa, R., Ribeiro, J., Silva, G., and Corredeira, R. for the Thematic Area Award Health and Rehabilitation to Promote Personal Autonomy and Social Participation: bone and body composition in outpatients with schizophrenia attending to a PA program



REGIONAL REPORT: MIDDLE EAST

I am Active and Get Involved in the Community!

By [Dilara Özer](#), Project coordinator, Faculty of Sport Science, Gedik University, Istanbul, Turkey

Gedik University has implemented the project of the Active Life Center in collaboration with Pendik Municipality and Pendik District Governorship, Istanbul, Turkey. The aim of this project is to develop movement abilities of those with disabilities between the ages of 0 and 24. Within the scope of this project, about 150 children with disabilities have been trained in physical activity settings such as sport skills program, motor activity training program, sensory integration program, Sherborne development movement, baby gymnastics and massage, and multisensory training program.

Turkish Development Ministry has provided 300,000 Euros for this project, which is the first modal in Turkey in order to promote physical activity of children with disabilities. Parents are very satisfied with the Active Life Center serving with a team of child development specialists, physical education teachers, nutritionists, and research assistants of Gedik University.

The project has built an activity- and community-based program in which children with disabilities

are able to develop their movement abilities and social skills in special schools, inclusive schools, and rehabilitation centers. It is a good example of collaborations among stakeholders such as universities, municipalities, and governorship

in Turkey. Duration of the project is 18 months. Gedik University endeavors to promote and keep this project running in Turkey.

Sport Skills Program



Motor Activity Training Program



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Tenure-track positions at Mississippi State University

The department of kinesiology at Mississippi State University has two faculty positions (nine-month tenure-track) to be filled by January 2015. The positions require a doctorate in kinesiology or related science disciplines. Position 1 is assistant/associate professor with a research specialty in clinical exercise physiology and clinical experience in adult fitness and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation (preferably in a university-based program). Position 2 is assistant professor with a research specialty in adapted physical activity and K-12 teaching experience. Duties include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses; providing service to the department, university, and profession; mentoring students; and publishing in peer-reviewed venues. Evaluation of applications will continue until the positions are filled. Submit a letter, current vita, contact information for three references, and recent research manuscripts via the HRM site (<https://www.jobs.msstate.edu>). Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Applicants should have a commitment to excellence in higher education teaching and service. *Mississippi State University is an affirmative action/equal employment opportunity employer.*

Calendar of Events for 2015 and Beyond

Please submit calendar information to editor at least three months before the date of the event.

2015

International Conference on Sports Science

May 27-28, 2015, Montreal, Canada

www.waset.org/conference/2015/05/montreal/ICSS

International Symposium of Adapted Physical (ISAPA)

June 11-15, 2015, Netanya, Israel

www.isapa2015.wincol.ac.il

20th Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science

June 24-27, 2015, Malmö, Sweden

Sustainable Sport , www.ecss-congress.eu/2015/15

International Conference on Sport Medicine and Sport Science

June 25-26, 2015, Paris, France

www.waset.org/conference/2015/06/paris/ICSMSS

2015 AIESEP International Conference

July 8-11, 2015, Madrid, Spain

www.aiesep2015.com

14th European Congress of Sport Psychology

July 14-19, 2015, Bern, Switzerland

Sport Psychology: Theories and Applications for Performance, Health and Humanity

www.fepsac2015.ch

2016

17th European Society of Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery & Arthroscopy (ESSKA)

May 4-7, 2016, Barcelona, Spain

www.esska-congress.org/esska2016

21st Annual Congress of the European College of Sport Science

July 6-9, 2016, Vienna, Austria

Crossing Borders through Sport Science

www.ecss-congress.eu/2016

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