

## Welcome Message from ISSP President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

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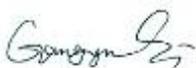
On behalf of International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP), I would like to warmly welcome you all to the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Sport Psychology, to be held July 10 – 14, 2017 in Seville, Spain. The capital of Andalusia, Seville, lies on the banks of the River Guadalquivir and is one of the largest historical centres of Europe. Seville is also famous worldwide for its culture, monuments, traditions and artistic heritage.

Working with the local organizing committee, the ISSP organizes a World Congress every four years in different countries and continents. The ISSP endeavours to use sport psychology to foster peace and understanding among people from all countries. Members of the ISSP include researchers, psychologists, educators, coaches and administrators, as well as students and athletes interested in sport psychology. The ISSP is an organization devoted to promoting research, practice, and development in the discipline of sport psychology throughout the world. The Society exists to (a) encourage and promote the study of human behaviour within sport, physical activity, and health settings; (b) facilitate the sharing of knowledge through the website, newsletter, meeting, regional conference and a quadrennial congress, and (c) improve the quality of research and professional practice in sport psychology.

The theme of the congress is “The integration of science and practice through multicultural bridges, gender and social equality”, reflecting the mission of ISSP in promoting the equality of opportunity where professional experts and beginners in the field who are interested in sport psychology share and exchange their knowledges with each other worldwide. We value the multicultural diversity and the importance of gender and social equality in the field of sport psychology and related disciplines. Based on the tradition of the previous ISSP congresses, this scientific program will include keynote speeches, symposia sessions, poster presentations, meeting an expert, and Glencross workshops.

This 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Sport Psychology will be attended by experts in sport psychology and related disciplines from every region of the world. It offers an excellent opportunity for networking and building collaborations among researchers and practitioners from diverse regions of the world as well as discussions between disciplines that contribute to the science and practice of sport psychology and related disciplines. I very much look forward to welcoming you to the Congress.

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