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Nominated/Seconded by Prof. Natalia Stambulova and Prof. Gangyan Si
For: Secretary General

Personal Statement

I am honored to stand for 2017 ISSP Secretary General (SG) election. With professional background in both sport sciences and psychology, I contributed over 50 publications and over 150 presentations on professional practice, coach-athlete relationship, and other psycho-social aspects of sport. I made my early professional advancements in Poland, but I gained career momentum in the United States. I have been a member of ISSP since 1996 and served on Managing Council (MC) for the past four years. My active contributions to the 2001, 2013, and the incoming ISSP World Congresses include four symposia and a keynote address. Since serving as a member (2000-2004) and chair (2004-2005) of the International Relations Committee with the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP), the internationalization of sport psychology has been my consistent priority. My commitment to serving as a SG and to supporting the agenda of the incoming ISSP President rests on two foundations. First, I have recently accumulated various organizational experiences while advancing ISSP's mission and its current Strategic Plan (e.g., facilitating the work on ISSP-Registry and Continued Education Workshops), Second, if elected, I plan to apply my life lessons on perseverance, inclusiveness, and collaboration in completing the most urgent and future-oriented tasks of SG. Prime examples are updating the statutes and the legal position of our Society to allow for both greater organizational flexibility and increased engagement of our membership. Additionally, streamlining documentation and website and social media presence will aim at bringing together the international sport and exercise psychology scholars, practitioners, teachers, and students.