

Application: Membership of the Managing Council, ISSP 2017-21



Professor Chris Harwood

Nominated by Professor Robert Schinke for member at large, Seconded by Tatiana Ryba

Personal Statement

I am an applied researcher and practitioner who maintains a longstanding interest in the health and development of sport and exercise psychology via academic scholarship and professional practice. I am a section editor for the International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology and served as Vice-President of the European Federation of Sport and Exercise Psychology (FEPSAC; 2007-2011) at a time where we focused on greatly enhancing individual membership benefits in innovative ways. I am currently Deputy Chair of the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences, and the Division Chair for Psychology. Within a managing council role for ISSP, I am motivated to help further the work on international accreditation, member services and conferences that reaches out to developing nations. My strategy within BASES has been to proactively redevelop our national accreditation scheme to ensure that in-training sport and exercise psychologists experience a gold-standard qualification pathway. This strategy has also been targeted at improving the quality and quantity of continuing professional development opportunities to different stages of member (i.e., student and senior researchers/practitioners) and through different forms of media. Both of these initiatives are areas where I feel that I can contribute my expertise to ISSP for the global health of the profession over the coming 4 years.