



PROF. DR. THOMAS SCHACK

Nominated by Gangyan Si and seconded by Robert Schinke for Vice President

Personal Statement:

Thomas Schack is a professor for *Neurocognition and Action* at Bielefeld University (Germany). His main research interest is about mental representation and mental imagery in sports, expertise and the neurocognitive foundations of motor action. Additionally he is interested in topics like anxiety in sports, movement addiction, and is recently leading different research projects about new technologies in sport psychology. Thomas Schack received various excellence certificates in the field of sportpsychology and motor control. As a consultant he worked for instance with the German Junior Women's Volleyball National Team and with Golf Professionals.

He became the head of the international graduate school within the Center of Excellence "Cognitive Interaction Technology" (CITEC) at Bielefeld University in 2008 (more than 110 international and interdisciplinary PhD students). Since 2009 he is a managing council member and since 2013 he is a vice president of the ISSP.

Based on his experience in cooperating with researchers, young investigators and applied sportpsychologists on an international level he would like to candidate for a position as a vice president in the MC. He will use his experiences in international graduate schools to support young investigators. He aims to support strategically the interface between research oriented and applied sportpsychology. Furthermore he is going to develop and maintain international sportpsychology structures and events and cooperate in parallel with national organizations. His recent research and his future orientation is additionally directed towards the support and the usage of new technologies (e.g. Augmented and Virtual Reality) in sportpsychology.