

Position: Vice-President of the International Society of Sport Psychology

Nominators: Prof. Maurizio Bertollo and Prof. Robert Schinke

## **Bio Sketch**

Alberto Cei, psychologist and psychotherapist, teaches Sport Psychology and Psychology Applied to Football at the University of San Raffaele, Department of Motor Science, Rome, Italy; Coaching at the University of Tor Vergata, Rome; and *Psychology* at the School of Sport, Sport e Salute SpA. He has participated in the last eight Olympic Games, working with athletes who won a total of 14 Olympic medals. Since 1982, he has provided consultancy to Italian national teams in both team sports (football, volleyball, rugby, and water polo) and individual sports (fencing, shooting, sailing, golf, tennis, and table tennis). In shooting sports, he has collaborated with the national teams of China, Cyprus, India, Iran, Malta, Taiwan and UAE. He is also interested in ethics as a foundation for achieving excellence and authored the book I Signori dei tranelli (2012). Together with two colleagues, he co-founded the *Integrated Football Academy*, which for the past 10 years has supported the sporting development of children and young people with autism. He has also worked for several years with top-level referees in football (Serie A) and volleyball. Currently, he serves as a consultant in the following sports: shooting, tennis, table tennis, golf, and football for youth with intellectual disabilities with AS Roma. He has written 15 books on sport psychology and performance development. Alberto is the editorial manager of the *International Journal of Sport Psychology*, former treasurer of the European Sport Psychology Society, and member of the Managing Council of the *International Society of Sport Psychology*.

## **Statement**

I am honored to present my candidacy for the position of Vice-President of the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP) for the upcoming four-year term. My professional journey has been deeply rooted in international sport psychology, and I believe that my background, experience, and recent contributions to ISSP make me well-suited for this important role. Over the last four years, I have been an active member of the ISSP Managing Council, where I currently serve as Chair of the Continuing Education area. In this role, I led in collaboration with the other colleagues the development of a structured global system aimed at promoting continuing education in sport psychology. This initiative was designed to support professionals worldwide, with a particular focus on expanding access to high-quality training and resources, especially in underserved regions. My experience in sport psychology spans over four decades. I served as Treasurer of FEPSAC for eight years, which gave me deep insight into the operations of international organizations and the importance of strategic leadership in advancing global projects. In parallel, my role as Manager Editor of the *International Journal of Sport Psychology* (IJSP) taught me how to navigate the complexities of working with international experts and respond to the evolving needs of the scientific community.

For these reasons, and based on my continued dedication to ISSP and the field of sport psychology, I believe I am well-prepared to serve as Vice-President in the next term. I am committed to promoting the global development of sport psychology, particularly in areas such as continuing education, inclusion, and international collaboration. I would also like to contribute to the ISSP's goals through work in publications and outreach efforts, ensuring our field continues to grow and evolve worldwide.

## Social Media Statement

I am honored to stand as a candidate for ISSP Vice-President. Building on my experience as a Managing Council member and international consultant, I will strengthen member engagement, promote diversity and inclusion, and expand global collaboration. My goal is to spread the value of ISSP worldwide, ensuring it remains the leading community for everyone interested and working in sport and exercise psychology.

## Links

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