

Franco Noce PhD, Associate Professor

Nominated by Dr. Robert Schinke Seconded by Dr. Chris Harwood
For: Member at Large



Biography (250 words)

Franco Noce, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil, where he teaches in the Graduate Program in Sport Sciences and coordinates the Sport Psychology Division at the university's High Performance Training Center. He holds a Ph.D. in Psychobiology from the Federal University of São Paulo, a Master's in Sport Sciences from UFMG, and undergraduate degrees in Physical Education and Psychology. Dr. Noce has more than 30 years of academic and applied experience in sport psychology, combining research with direct involvement in elite sport. He has consulted for several Olympic sports and para-sports, and has extensive international experience, notably as a Sport Psychologist at the Brazilian Paralympic Committee at the 2004, 2008, and 2016 Games. More recently, he has worked with leading clubs such as Minas Tênis Clube training teams of sport psychologists. His research focuses on decision-making, stress, motivation, resilience, and mental health in athletes, with applications ranging from high-performance sport to health promotion and social inclusion. Within ISSP, Dr. Noce served as Managing Council Member and Secretary General (2013–2025), contributing to organizational development, communication strategies, and international collaborations. He also led the Emerging Countries Project Committee, advancing initiatives over the past decade. He is currently Vice President of the Brazilian Association for the Study of Sport and Exercise Psychology (2020–2028). Through this trajectory, Dr. Noce brings academic expertise, applied experience, and international leadership to ISSP, aiming to foster inclusive growth and global collaboration in sport psychology.

Statement (250 words)

It is an honor to present my candidacy to continue serving the ISSP as a Member at Large. Over the past twelve years as Secretary General and Managing Council member, I have had the privilege of working alongside colleagues from around the world, gaining valuable experience in advancing our discipline and strengthening the ISSP community. My vision is to further expand the impact of sport, exercise, and performance psychology globally, with particular attention to emerging countries. I believe that the ISSP can play a central role in attracting students and professionals from diverse regions by fostering open participation in committees, encouraging knowledge exchange, and building bridges between early-career members and established experts. A key priority is to stimulate partnerships with national and continental associations, creating a stronger global network that reflects the interdisciplinary nature of our field. Through these collaborations, we can promote inclusion, professional development, and knowledge transfer across different contexts. I also intend to expand ISSP's presence on digital platforms and social media, strengthening our communication with members and actively engaging with the broader sport science community. By sharing ISSP initiatives more widely and creating interactive opportunities, we can highlight the relevance of our field while ensuring that members feel connected and represented. My values are closely aligned with ISSP's mission: to promote global collaboration, ethical practice, and scientific excellence in sport psychology. If elected, I will work with commitment to further strengthen our society and ensure that members worldwide benefit from its inclusive and impactful initiatives.

Social Media Statement (60 words)

Franco Noce, Ph.D., Associate Professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (Brazil), has proudly served ISSP for over a decade as Secretary General and Member at Large. With passion and commitment, he seeks to expand global collaboration, empower students and professionals—especially from emerging countries—and strengthen partnerships worldwide, building an inclusive and inspiring future for sport psychology.

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