

① Headshot



Takahiro Higuchi, Ph.D. Professor

② Biography (max 250 words)

Takahiro Higuchi, Ph.D., is a Professor at the Graduate School of Health Promotion Science, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan. I received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Tohoku University in 2001 and pursued postdoctoral training at Yokohama National University, Tohoku University, and Tokyo Metropolitan University. From 2004 to 2006, I was a visiting researcher at the University of Waterloo, Canada. I have served as a Board Member of the Japanese Society of Sport Psychology since 2022 and was a representative member of the Japan Society of Physical Education, Health and Sport Sciences from 2020 to 2023.

My primary research focuses on motor control and learning, particularly obstacle avoidance during walking, investigated through three-dimensional motion analysis and virtual reality. My work demonstrates how sport psychology principles can support older adults, children with developmental disorders, and rehabilitation practices. I have authored over 70 peer-reviewed international journal papers with approximately 1,400 citations.

Through both academic and leadership activities, I continue to contribute to advancing sport psychology within the broader field of sport sciences.

③ Position Statement (max 250 words)

As a researcher and educator in sport psychology and motor control, I am deeply committed to promoting the global advancement of our field. My academic career has emphasized how the principles of sport psychology can extend beyond athletic performance to enhance daily functioning, rehabilitation, and education. I believe that sport psychology can and should contribute to improving human well-being across the

lifespan.

If elected as a Member-at-Large, I will actively contribute to strengthening international collaboration and visibility of sport psychology. I will also place particular emphasis on enhancing the international presence of the *International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology*, thereby reinforcing ISSP's role as a leading platform for global scholarship. Furthermore, I will advocate for initiatives that encourage young researchers and practitioners to participate in ISSP activities, ensuring the sustainability and diversity of our community.

I am dedicated to reinforcing ISSP's mission of equitable global engagement and will work to enhance communication, inclusivity, and knowledge sharing among members.

④ Short Statement (max 60 words)

I am committed to strengthening ISSP's global inclusivity and visibility. I will promote collaboration across regions and disciplines, foster opportunities for young scholars, and contribute to enhancing the international presence of the International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology.

⑤ Position Applied For

Member-at-Large, ISSP Managing Council

⑥ Professional Website (optional)

<https://researchmap.jp/read0124255>

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Takahiro-Higuchi-2>

Reference Person:

Nomination: Prof. Kazutoshi Kudo, Vice President of the Japanese Society of Sport Psychology, ISSP member

Second nomination: Prof. Hironobu Tsuchiya, Chief Director of the Japanese Society of Sport Psychology, ISSP member