

ISSP 2026-2029 Managing Council Nominations

✓ A recent headshot (for member communications)



✓ A biography (maximum 250 words)

I am Tawfeeq Albakry, an associate professor at Umm Al-Qura University, Makkah, Saudi Arabia. I graduated from the University of Exeter, UK (2007) with a PhD in Sport Psychology and from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, USA (2002), with an MS in Sport Management. I am working as a faculty member at the College of Education. For the past 10 years, I've worked in administrative positions, starting as the head of the Physical Education Department, then as Vice Dean, and most recently as Dean of the College of Education. As a former basketball player, I had the opportunity to coach the university basketball team, and later, I had the privilege of coaching the National University basketball team (2012-2015). I also worked as a member of the General Assembly of the Saudi Federation for School Sports, Board Member of the Saudi Federation for Physical Education and Sports (2008-2013), Board Member of Al-Wehda Club in Makkah (2011-2013), and currently I am a member of the MC of the Asian-South Pacific Association of Sport Psychology ASPASP (2022-now). I have published several articles and two translated books on sport psychology. I teach sport psychology and sports management to undergraduate and postgraduate students, and I also examine master's and PhD theses, as well as supervising postgraduate students (including master's and PhD candidates). Lately, in collaboration with colleagues specializing in sport psychology, we have established the Sport Psychology Academy to work with athletes, sports professionals, and organizations, promoting sport psychology and increasing awareness of that field.

✓ A position statement outlining your vision (maximum 250 words)

“Saudi Arabia will host the World Cup 2034 and the Asian Games in the same year! Furthermore, the 2029 Winter Olympics will be held in Saudi Arabia.” If I had said that five years ago, people would have remarked, “You have a good sense of humor! Well, that was not a dream, though; it is a reality! In recent years, significant changes have occurred in Saudi Arabian sports. The Saudi Vision 2030 is a real movement toward the future that everyone is currently witnessing. One of the primary objectives of the Saudi Vision is to promote sports growth, which is why billions of dollars are being invested to achieve this goal. Saudi Arabia’s sports industry presents a significant opportunity for international investment. However, in the realm of sports, we think that success in competitive sports requires more than just facilities, equipment, talents, and diligent training—it also requires thorough preparation, which includes mental and psychological preparation. Sport psychology is not well-established in Saudi Arabia, despite being considered a key component that affects athletic performance. That is why I wanted to join the ISSP MC members, to be the person who helps both sides. On the one hand, I attempt to help the ISSP reach all parts of the world, including promising countries such as Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries. On the other hand, I want to contribute to my country by highlighting a crucial aspect that would enhance the development of sport and help us achieve the goals of our bright vision.

✓ A short statement for online promotion (maximum 60 words)

Saudi Arabia is one of the promising nations revolutionizing its sports industry and establishing a dynamic environment for communities and sports enthusiasts. Sport psychology should be promoted, as it offers the mental tools for resilience, well-being, and peak performance, to help individuals realize their full potential and create more prosperous lives for a better future. Achieving goals will be attainable with ISSP.

✓ A clear indication of the position you are applying for

A Member-at-Large of the ISSP Managing Council

✓ A link to your university or professional website

<https://uqu.edu.sa/en/Profile/tebakry>

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Nominators

1. Prof. Alessandro Quartiroli
2. Prof. YoungHo Kim