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The International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES) is a leading international scholarly organization dedicated to advancing comparative research, theoretical development, and critical discourse in physical education and sport. Through rigorous academic inquiry, peer-reviewed publications, and global scholarly engagement, ISCPES promotes knowledge exchange, methodological innovation, and evidence-informed practice and policy. The Society provides a distinguished platform for researchers and educators worldwide, contributing to the sustained advancement of physical education and sport across diverse educational and cultural contexts.

## Introduction of the New Board Members

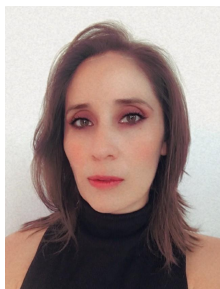
The ISCPES General Assembly convened on 2 December 2025, where the new ISCPES Executive Board (2026–2027) was formally elected. We have **Dr Sanjay Kumar Prajapati (Asian Representative)**, **Dr Claudia Magaly Espinosa Méndez (Secretary)**, and **Dr Ivan Ling Qin (Research Coordinator)**, joining the board as new members. Please meet them below for information.

### Asian Representative - Dr Sanjay Kumar Prajapati



- Assistant Professor in Physical Education
- Sports Authority of India, Lakshmi Bai National College of Physical Education, Trivandrum.
- A Banaras Hindu University PhD
- UGC-NET-JRF qualifier, ISAK Level-3 Anthropometrist
- publications, national awards, and expertise in exercise physiology, kinanthropometry, sports performance, hockey coaching, curriculum development, and physical education pedagogy.

### Secretary - Dr Claudia Magaly Espinosa Méndez



- Full-time Professor and Researcher
- Meritorious Autonomous University of Puebla (BUAP)
- PhD in Physical Activity and Sport Research Sciences
- Specializations in Public Health and Health Institution Administration, along with associate degrees in Manual Therapy and Health Coaching
- Mexican representative for the Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW)
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### Research Coordinator - Dr Ivan Ling Qin



- Associate Professor, Faculty of Physical Education and Health Science
- Chongqing Normal University
- PhD from the University of Malaysia
- research primarily focuses on quality physical education, physical education pedagogy, youth physical activity, and exercise psychology

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## ISCPES Events - 1st ISCPES Webinar 2026, 12 March 2026

On the occasion of International Women's Day, we celebrate the strength, resilience, and achievements of women across the world while reaffirming our shared commitment to advancing gender equality, inclusiveness, and empowerment through sport and physical activity. Promoting equitable opportunities for women and girls in sport remains an important global priority. In line with the objectives of ISCPES, we continue to encourage dialogue, research, and collaboration that strengthen gender equity and inclusive participation in sport and physical education. Gender equality and inclusiveness remain central to our mission, and as a professional community we are always ready to support, collaborate, and handhold initiatives whenever there is a need.

Therefore, we conducted our first **ISCPES webinar** of 2026. It was during the celebration of Women's month! The event was celebrated together with the students from the Master Program in Sport Administration of the **Russian International Olympic University (RIOU)**. The event was held on 12 March 2026 and hosted by Russian International Olympic University. The theme of the webinar was: **'Empowering Women Through Sport: Student Voices on Women's Participation in Sport'**

The moderator was Prof. Rosa López de D'Amico, and the speakers were: Aibek Kamzenov (Kazakhstan), Monica Leon Herrera (Guatemala), Moses Etana Omokukpo (Nigeria), Anita Tembo (Zambia), Awakhiwe Mdlongwa (Zimbabwe), Alasan Sey (The Gambia), Emmanuel Nketia and Priscilla Dadzie (Ghana), Yaroslav Golubchikov and Julia Nechepurenko (Russia), Junaid Khan and Altaf Hussain Shah (Pakistan), Biyu Liu and Jiaqi Xu (China), Jonathan Mungufeni and Mutesi Nasiimu (Uganda), Sainath Banavalikar and George Khumukcham (India).

Besides, in the seminar there were students from South Korea, Greece and Cameroon. We appreciated the logistical support from Ms Iya Macharadze and the technical team from RIOU.

It was a nice occasion to listen from the students, young generation, about the situation of women and sport in their countries. Moreover, the chance to create awareness about this topic!



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## 1st ISCPEs Webinar 2026, 12 March 2026

Students and speakers from 15 countries participated in the first ISCPEs webinar of 2026.



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## ISCPES Activities - Supporting Women's Health and Wellbeing through Physical Activity

ISCPES Vice President Dr Usha Sujit Nair participated in three March 2026 events highlighting women's health, physical activity, and empowerment, on the theme **"Give to Gain: Empowering Women's Health and Wellness through Physical Activity."**

On **10 March 2026**, she was the keynote speaker at a **webinar** hosted by **Rashtriya Raksha University**. Around 100 students and faculty from multiple RRU campuses joined the online session. The webinar emphasised the importance of physical activity, active living, and healthy lifestyles for women and girls across the life course. Participants described the session as informative, engaging, and highly beneficial.

From **24–26 March 2026**, she was invited to speak at the **International Women's Conference** organised by **Osmania University**. Her presentation highlighted the role of physical activity and physical literacy in improving women's health and wellbeing across all stages of life. She also emphasised the need for supportive educational and policy environments to help women and girls remain active and healthy.

On **30 March 2026**, she served as keynote speaker at the **workshop** held at the School of Education, Osmania University and organised by the **International Federation of Physical Education, Fitness and Sports Science Association** with support from the **ISCPES** and the **International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women**. Nearly 150 women sports person, and Physical Education professional attended in person and almost 30 more joined online, including athletes, physical education faculty, coaches, students, and distinguished guests. Among those present was Olympian and para-sport coach Ramesh.

**ISCPES President Rosa López de D'Amico** and **ISCPES journal (ISS) Chef Editor Marissa Guinto** contributed to the workshop. Their messages highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for women and girls to participate, lead, and thrive through physical activity and sport.

The programme also included a Taekwondo and self-defence demonstration by girls from colleges under Osmania University, an aerobic activity session, and interaction with national and international medal-winning athletes. Particularly inspiring were the personal stories shared by the women faculty and panel members, whose experiences and achievements deeply motivated the young participants.

- Prof. Kumar Molugaram, Vice Chancellor of Osmania University, with participants at the International Conference "Give to Gain – Women Power for Sustainability"



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## ISCPEs Activities -

### Supporting Women's Health and Wellbeing through Physical Activity

Webinar at Rashtriya Raksha University, Karnataka Campus



Dr. Usha Sujit Nair delivering her invited talk at the International Women's Conference, Osmania University



Rosa López de D'Amico & Maria Luisa M. Guinto delivering their message at the "Give to Gain" workshop.



Panel discussion with international leaders and women physical education professionals

Taekwondo and self-defence demonstration by college girls



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## Upcoming Events

### ISCPES Regional Conference 2026 Havana, Cuba

In 2026, we look forward to a regional conference in Havana, Cuba. Entitled **“University, Physical Activity and Sports”** (UNAFID). Organised by the **Universidad de Ciencias de la Cultura Física y el Deporte “Manuel Fajardo”**. Scheduled for **October 19- 23, 2026**.

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**Save the Date: 19–23 October 2026**



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## Upcoming Events

### 24th ISCPES Biennial Conference 2027 Monterrey, Mexico

The 24th ISCPES Biennial Conference will be hosted by the **Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon)** in **Monterrey, Mexico**, in 2027.

Please visit the following link to watch a video for the introduction of this university: <https://youtu.be/dq6gIfjTx2I>

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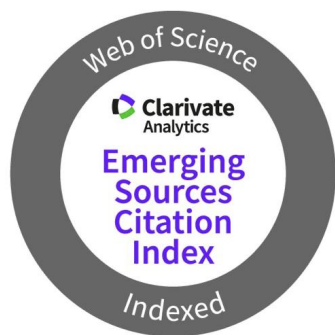
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## ISCPEs Journal - International Sports Studies (ISS)



International Sports Studies (ISS) is one of the world's oldest and most established scholarly sports journals. With its origins dating back to the 1960s, the journal has been a significant force in promoting international and comparative studies of sport worldwide. Working in partnership with the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport, ISS continues to pioneer research with an international focus.



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## ISCPES Research Project

### International Study of Quality Physical Education (ISQPE)

#### Summary (2010–2025) and Strategic Plan (2026–2030)

The International Study of Quality Physical Education (ISQPE) is a landmark global initiative of ISCPES aimed at strengthening understanding, assessment, and advancement of Quality Physical Education worldwide. Initiated in 2010, the study has progressively developed conceptual frameworks, validated indicators, and global data strategies to examine QPE performance across countries.

By 2018, ISCPES successfully identified key QPE dimensions suitable for comparative analysis, leading to development of the Global Index of QPE (GIQPE) in 2019. Building on this foundation, ISCPES launched the expanded international study in 2024–2025, supported by a Five-Year Strategic Plan for 2026–2030, to continue advancing research, knowledge sharing, and global collaboration in QPE.

Key components include:

- Ongoing international research participation until 31 March 2026
- Publication of a global QPE E-Report (2026–2027)
- Academic and collaborative research initiatives (2025–2030)
- Pilot research projects for young scholars on inclusion, learning quality, participation, and extended learning environments (2026 to 2030)
- Young Scholars Research Awards in 2026 and 2028

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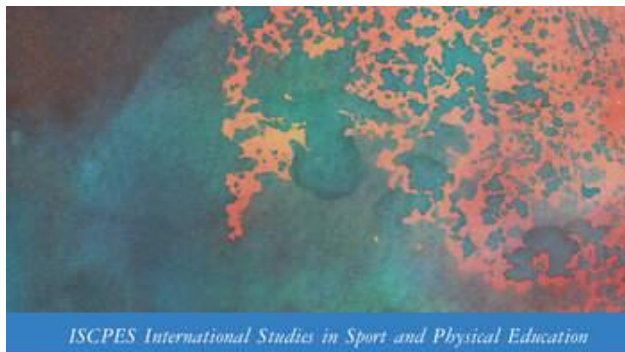
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## ISCPES Publications

### Quality Physical Education (QPE) – Global Perspectives



#### QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Edited by  
Walter Ho



This book represents the culmination of a two-decade effort to describe, define and measure 'quality physical education' (QPE). It represents the hard work of **62 scholars**, presenting in-depth research and analysis from **24 countries** across **five continents**. It offers a truly comparative analysis that shines important new light on policy and practice in contemporary physical education.

With a global reach, this book is an invaluable resource for policymakers, curriculum coordinators, administrators, teachers and researchers looking to better understand the enablers and barriers to developing QPE and to develop evidence-based strategies and interventions for promoting and implementing QPE.

Interested researchers please visit the website for details and purchase.

<https://www.routledge.com/Quality-Physical-Education-Global-Perspectives/Ho/p/book/9781032845111>

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Please let us know about what you and your organizations are doing, the research and educational contributions in physical education and sport as well as the academic publication in this area. We really appreciate your contribution to ISCPES Newsletter by sending information and news to us!