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## International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES)

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.

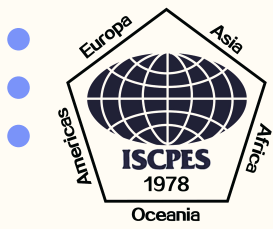
## 23rd ISCPES Biennial Conference, 1–4 December 2025 | – Auckland, New Zealand

The 23rd Biennial Conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport (ISCPES) was held in the picturesque city of **Auckland, New Zealand**, from **1–4 December 2025**. The programme commenced with a meaningful and traditional Māori cultural welcome, creating a deeply respectful and inspiring environment that set the tone for thoughtful exchange, collaboration, and shared learning.

The conference, themed “**Advancing Global Well-being through Physical Education and Sport,**” brought together a vibrant international community of scholars, educators, and practitioners. Participants represented a wide spectrum of regions across the world, including Japan, Spain, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Brazil, China, Portugal, Malaysia, India, the United States, Italy, Chile, Barbados, Venezuela, Australia and New Zealand, reflecting the Society’s truly global reach and spirit.

Six academic subthemes framed the conference: 1. Diversity and Inclusion in Physical Education and Sport, 2. Physical Education Curriculum for the 21st Century, 3. Sport for Youth Development, 4. Minority Populations, Indigenous Education and Physical Activity, 5. Physical Activity and Health, 6. Innovation in Physical Education and Sport





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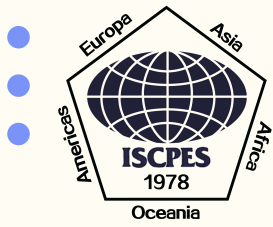
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Day 1 – 1 December 2025

Cultural Immersion: City of Sails Experience

The conference opened with a cultural city walk through downtown Auckland, giving delegates the opportunity to experience the vibrant atmosphere, scenic landscapes, and multicultural richness of the “City of Sails.” This informal and engaging beginning set the tone for meaningful connection and collaboration among participants.





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### Keynote Lectures

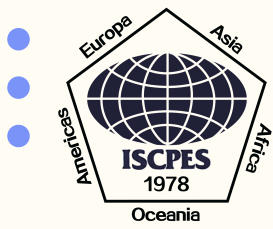
Days 2 and 3 of the conference witnessed a series of distinguished keynote sessions delivered by eminent international experts, enriching scholarly dialogue and advancing critical perspectives in physical education and sport.

### Keynote 1 – Michelle Parsons

Former Head of School of Sport, Manukau Institute of Technology  
& High Performance Sport Advisor

Title: Sport Development in New Zealand from a Holistic Player-Centred Approach





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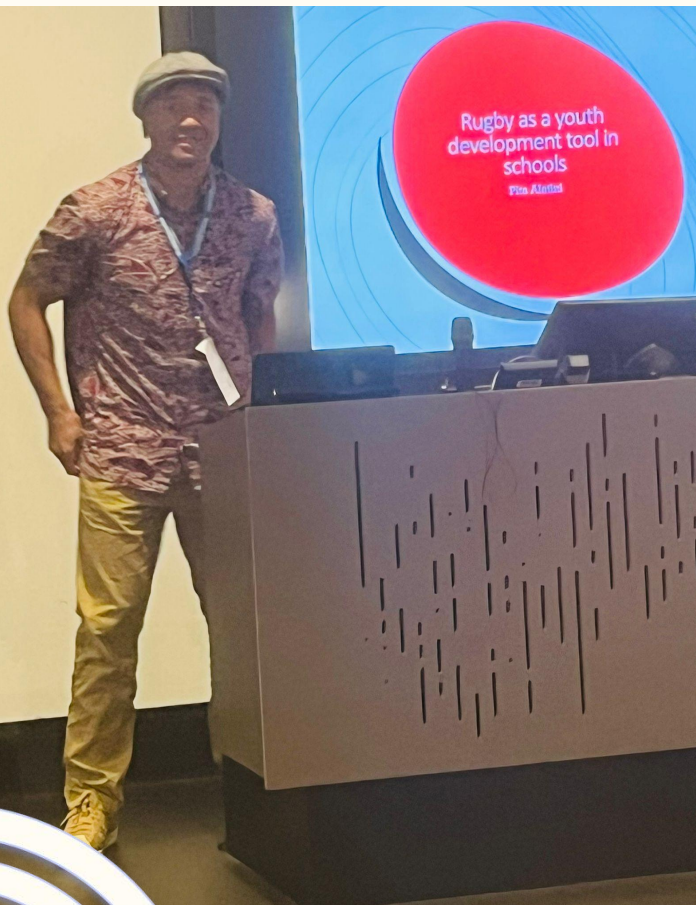
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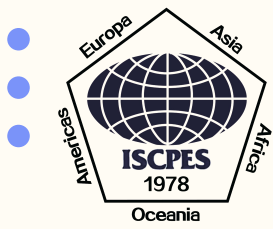
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### Keynote 2 – Pita Alatini

Former All Blacks player & Director of Rugby, King’s College

Title: Rugby as a Youth Development Tool in Schools





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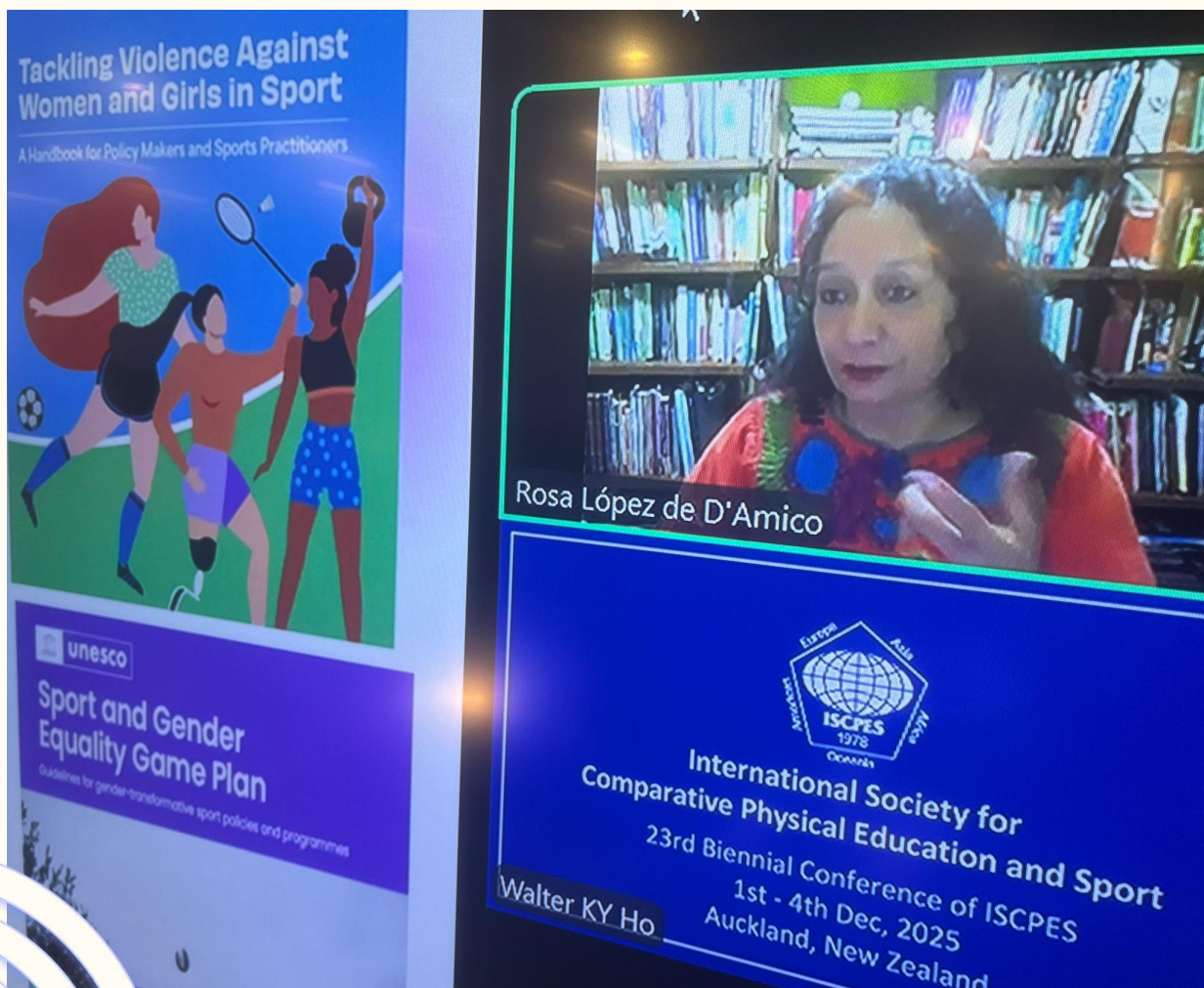
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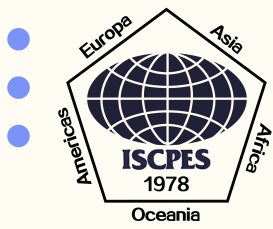
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### Keynote 3 – Prof. Rosa López de D’Amico & Alessandro D’Amico

EDUFISADRED Research Centre, Venezuela; President, ISCPES

Title: Physical Education for Girls and Women. Empowerment and Practices





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### **Keynote 4 (Herbert Haag Lecture) – Dr Walter Ho**

Former ISCPES President

Title: Advances in Quality Physical Education: A Review of Recent Works

A heartfelt tribute was also paid to Prof. em. Dr Herbert Haag (1937–2025), former ISCPES President and a pioneering figure in the field of comparative physical education.

### **Keynote 5 – Dr Usha S. Nair**

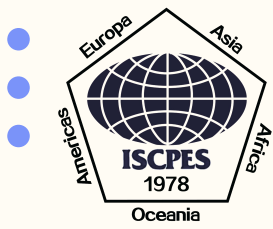
Former Vice-Chancellor, National Sports University, India

Title: From Playfields to Policy: India’s Pathway to Global Well-being through Sport and Physical Education



**Prof. em. Dr. phil. Dr. h.c.  
Herbert Haag, M.S.**

**1937-2025**



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### Symposiums & Panel Discussions

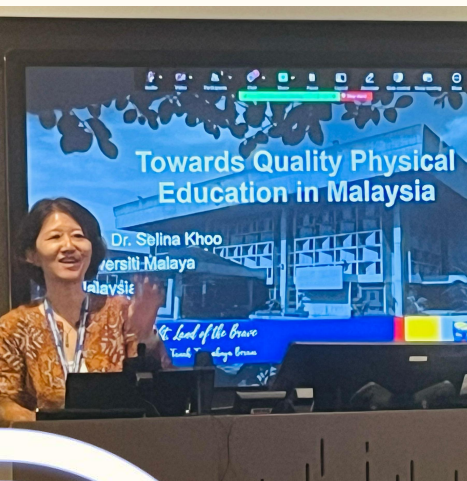
Two insightful symposiums enriched scholarly engagement and global dialogue, highlighting innovative perspectives on Quality Physical Education and culturally grounded approaches to wellbeing through sport and physical activity.

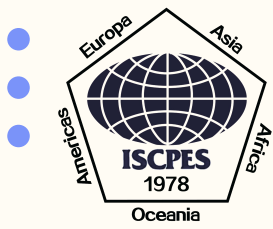
#### ISCPES Quality Physical Education Symposium

Led by Dr Walter Ho with contributions from Dr Selina Khoo, Prof. Rosa López de D’Amico, Dr Usha Nair, and Mr Francisco Serrano, highlighting international insights and strategies for advancing Quality Physical Education.

#### Hauora (Well-being) Panel: Māori, Pasifika & Pākehā Perspectives

Led by Michelle Parsons and Tony Alatini; moderated by Francisco Serrano, focusing on culturally grounded wellbeing approaches through sport and physical activity.





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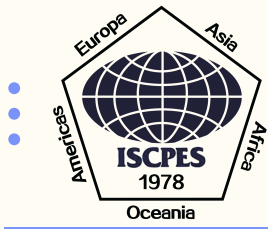
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Day 4 – 4 December 2025

### Professional Visit to Blues Super Rugby High Performance Centre

Delegates visited the Blues Super Rugby High Performance Centre, gaining firsthand exposure to a world-class athlete development and training environment. The visit also offered an inspiring opportunity to observe players volunteering, engaging with the community, and interacting with schoolchildren, reflecting the team’s strong commitment to youth development, social responsibility, and holistic sporting excellence.





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The ISCPES General Assembly convened on 2 December 2025, where the new ISCPES Executive Board (2026–2027) was formally elected, representing diverse regions and reaffirming ISCPES’ commitment to global leadership and collaboration.



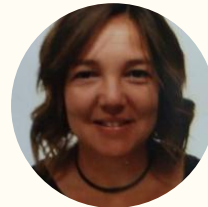
**Rosa López de D’Amico**  
President  
Venezuela



**Usha Nair**  
Vice President  
India



**Claudia Espinosa Mendez**  
Secretary  
Mexico



**Maria Gutierrez Conejo**  
Treasurer  
Spain



**Jennie Yang Yang Xie**  
Membership Coordinator  
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**Ivan Qing Lin**  
Research Coordinator  
China



**Antonio Campos**  
Europe Representative  
Spain



**Francisco Serrano**  
Oceania Representative  
New Zealand



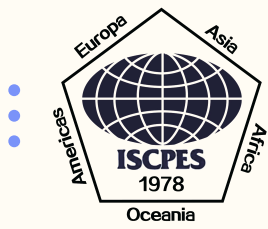
**Katongo Moonga**  
Africa Representative  
Zambia



**Oswaldo Ceballos**  
America Representative  
Mexico



**Sanjay Kumar Prajapati**  
Asian Representative  
India



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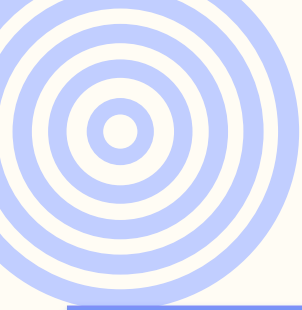
## ISCPES Regional Conference 2026 Havana, Cuba

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**.

Conference Enquiry: **Gladys Bequer** <[gbequerdiaz@gmail.com](mailto:gbequerdiaz@gmail.com)>





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### Upcoming Events

## 24th ISCPES Biennial Conference 2027 Monterrey, Mexico

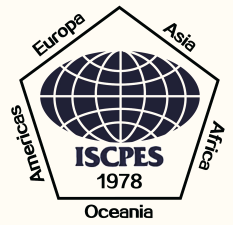
The 24th ISCPES Biennial Conference will be hosted by the **Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León (Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon)** in **Monterrey, Mexico**, in 2027.

Please visit the following link to watch a video for the introduction of this university: <https://youtu.be/dq6glfjTx2I>

Conference Enquiry: **Oswaldo Ceballos Gurrola** <[oscegu@hotmail.com](mailto:oscegu@hotmail.com)>



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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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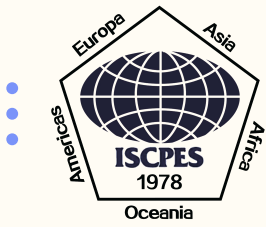
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## ISCPES Research Project

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

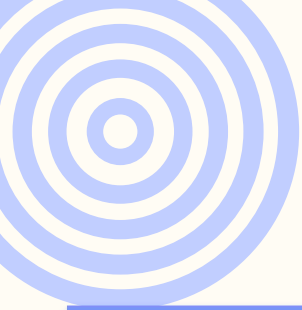
#### Summary (2010–2025) and Strategic Plan (2026–2030)

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

**Project Enquiry: Walter Ho ([walterhoky@gmail.com](mailto:walterhoky@gmail.com))**



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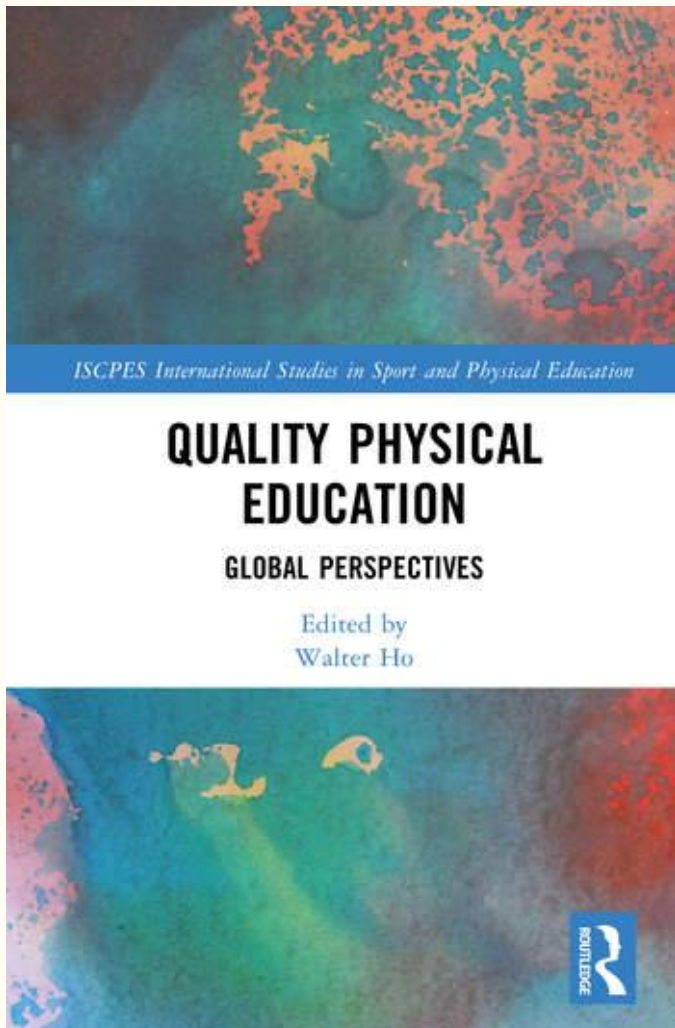


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## ISCPE Publications

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

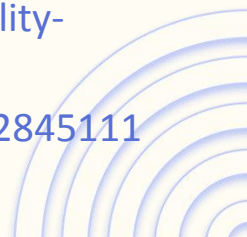


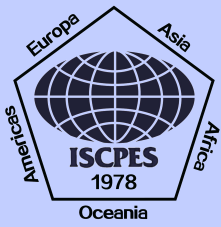
This book represents the culmination of a two-decade effort to describe, define and measure ‘quality physical education’ (QPE). It represents the hard work of **62 scholars**, presenting in-depth research and analysis from **24 countries** across **five continents**. It offers a truly comparative analysis 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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# Season's Greetings

**Dear ISCPES members & friends,**

As we step into a new year, let us carry forward the spirit of collaboration and dedication that defines our society. Your leadership has been instrumental in shaping our pursuits toward excellence in comparative physical education and sport.

May this new year bring forth boundless opportunities for growth, innovation, and impactful contributions. Together, let's continue to foster an environment of learning, research, and global cooperation.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead, filled with achievements and remarkable successes.

**ISCPES Board (2026-2027)**

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!

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Stay tuned for the upcoming initiatives and collaborative efforts as we continue to strive for excellence in physical education and sports.



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