

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS and WORKSHOP SUGGESTIONS:

The Centre for the International Business of Sport at Coventry University presents:

Disability Sport: Changing lives, changing perceptions?

At the TechnoCentre, Coventry University, UK
Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th September 2014

THIS IS AN INTER-DISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE AIMED AT BOTH ACADEMICS AND PRACTITIONERS WORKING IN THE FIELD IN ORDER TO PROMOTE BOTH DISCUSSION AND FUTURE COLLABORATION.

The conference will be based around five main themes:

- Disability sport and social inclusion
- Perceptions and portrayals of disability and disability sport
- The recreational and psychological value of sport for people with disabilities
- Sport and health for people with disabilities
- Disability sport for peace and development

Possible areas for presentations include, but are not restricted to:

- Disability Sport as a tool for peace and development in post-conflict zones
- Sport as a tool for the rehabilitation of individuals disabled as a result of conflict
- Disability sport and its impact upon non-disabled perceptions of disability
- Disability sport and the Higher Education sports curriculum
- The potential economic and social impact of future Paralympic Games
- Sport as a human right for people with disabilities
- Disability, sport and identity
- The impact of disability discrimination in the provision of sporting opportunities for people with disabilities
- Technology and disability sport: where does man become machine?
- Historical issues in disability sport and the Paralympic Games
- Media portrayals of disability and Paralympic sport
- The impact of sport on the health of people with disabilities
- The elite non-disabled sporting model and disability sport: impacts, problems and possibilities
- Marketing disability sport: problems and possibilities
- International perspectives on disability sport
- Media portrayals of disability and disability sport

There will also be opportunities for posters and suggestions for workshops.

Publication of Conference Proceedings: It is intended that a publisher will be found for conference presentations in order that a new and up to date body of social science knowledge be produced to assist the growing interest in disability sport amongst academics, students and practitioners worldwide. Please see, as an example, the proceedings from the last conference ‘Disability Sport: A vehicle for social change?’ (<http://sportandsociety.cgpublisher.com/product/pub.194/prod.12>)

Language: All abstracts must be submitted in English as this will be the official language of conference. For authors whose first language is not English, the organisers recommend that assistance is sought from a person who is fluent in English for preparing the abstract. Prior to submission, please use the spelling and grammar check that is available in most word processing programmes.

No. of Submissions: Each author may submit a maximum of 2 abstracts.

Word Limit: The abstract or workshop suggestion, excluding the title, authors’ name(s) and affiliation(s), has a maximum limit of 3000 characters (including spaces). Please use the word count available in most word processing programmes to check the number of characters while preparing the abstract. Tables and figures can be included in the abstract but these will be included in the word count.

Type of Presentation: Abstracts will be accepted as oral or poster presentations. Workshops lasting either 2 hours or one morning (excluding coffee breaks) will also be considered. The decision lies with the organising committee after review of the abstracts or workshop suggestions. However, if you only wish to be considered for one type of presentation then please mark your abstract accordingly e.g. ‘For Oral Presentation Only’. Oral presentations will be restricted to 15 minutes of presentation time followed by 5 minutes of discussion. This time limit will be strictly adhered to during the conference so that the sessions can start and end on time. Presenting authors must bring their oral presentations as PowerPoint slides stored electronically on a CD or Flash Memory disk. The room will be equipped with a PC projection system. Technical support will be available to transfer your presentation to the computer system in the room. All presentations will be in English. Authors should decline from oral presentation if not comfortable in addressing an audience in the English language. Translation services will not be available. The organisers will also consider suggestions for a limited number of workshops on subjects relevant to the conference themes.

Review: Each abstract or workshop suggestion will be reviewed for its merit and/or relevance to the conference themes.

Submission Deadline: Abstracts must be submitted electronically no later than **Monday, 31st March 2014**. All authors must submit the abstract electronically by e-mail to ian.brittain@coventry.ac.uk

Receipt of Abstracts: All authors submitting abstracts will be notified electronically that it has been received by the Conference organisers. All authors will be notified about the acceptance or rejection of the abstract no later than Wednesday, 30th April 2014.

In order to build on the format and success of the 2012 conference there will be a limit of 80 delegates with a maximum of 36 paper presentations and 4 workshops in 2014. It is also intended that there will be two key note presentations, which are subject to confirmation. Poster presentations are unlimited, but subject to space.

Please note this conference will follow on from the European Association of Sports Management (EASM) Conference also being hosted by Coventry University (9-12 Sept 2014), which will also have a disability and Paralympic sport session. Any full fee paying delegate at EASM will receive a discount on the fee for this conference. For further details please see www.easm2014.com