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International Journal of Event Management Research **Special Edition**

Raising Environmental Responsibility and Sustainability for Sport Events

Sport events and associated venues impose a significant impact on the environment. Athletes, coaches, officials, athletes' entourage, and spectators travel to sport competitions using planes, trains, buses and cars. This inherent travel component results in greenhouse gases and has a significant impact on climate changing. Sport event merchandise, sporting goods and equipment too produce a plethora of products that require natural resources. All of these and many more sport event related activities have environmental consequences such as waste production, land, air and water pollution, and deterioration of the natural environment. New ways of encouraging environmental responsible practices and climate change mitigation are globally emerging with efforts to construct sport event venues with materials that cause minimal harm to the environment, choose environmentally friendly air-conditioning facilities and utilise renewable energy resources. However, these efforts represent the beginning of a long journey to establishing benchmarks and encourage changes in event manager's and event consumer's behaviours toward environmentally friendly sport events.

This Special Issue presents an opportunity to advance dissemination of research output in this critical and under-researched field. The aim of this Special Issue is to advance our theoretical and empirical understanding of the environmental issues of sport events. Scholarly research in this field has evolved over the past five years and we encourage cross-disciplinary contributions, encompassing a variety of methodologies (such as quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods), whilst keeping a sport event focus. Possible topics include (but are not limited to):

- Environmentally responsible venues
- Corporate social responsibility and environmental sustainability
- The role of environmental constraints to sport event participation
- Environmental awareness and sport events
- The sustainable development of major events
- Environmental issues and community (small scale) based events
- Awareness and action regarding the environment
- Measuring the environmental sustainability of sporting events
- Designing and marketing pro-environmental sport event venues and venue practices
- Community or residents' perceptions of environmental issues related to sport events
- Environmental legacy of sport events
- Environmental impact of sport events
- Environmental initiatives from sport organisations

This list is indicative. The editors welcome approaches from authors who wish to discuss ideas for papers. The focus of the Special Issue will be conceptual and empirical research that advances knowledge. Case studies and review papers (i.e., literature reviews, theoretical reviews, or the development of a new theoretical framework) are welcomed.

The *International Journal of Event Management Research* is a double blind, peer reviewed academic journal which seeks to disseminate and promote research findings and good practice in all aspects of event management. It is an eJournal which is well regarded internationally and was well ranked in recent assessments of quality. The Special Issue will bring together international researchers and it will also signal major themes for a future research agenda, stimulating further research of this key topic in sport events research.

Deadline for Submissions

Submissions are due on or before 31 October, 2014 via email (completed research, 5000 - 7000 words) as a Word attachment. Correspondence will be only with the first author. Manuscripts must be no longer than 40 double-spaced pages, using one inch margins and Times New Roman 12-point font, inclusive of references, tables, figures and appendices.

Formatting, References and Citations

- The paper should include appropriate headings in keeping with APA format. References and citations should conform to APA 6th Ed. Editorial guidelines.
- The first page of the manuscript should include the title of the paper and the author's name, affiliation, street address, telephone number and email address
- The second page should contain the title of the paper, an abstract which outlines the aims and conclusions of the paper (approximately 150 words) and up to three key words

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