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### OP 169. The Anthropology in Sport and Olympic Studies: Achievements and Challenges

#### Resume:

Anthropology plays important roles in the field of sport studies. This association began in the late 19th century when sport in different social contexts were noticed, documented and analyzed by anthropologists in ethnographies as one aspect of studying local culture. Not limited to anthropology, scholars from other disciplines, such as education, physical development, sociology and social development have also applied anthropological theories and methodologies for investigating meaning and function of sport in different societies. In parallel, the revival of the modern Olympic Games reflected the desire to promote peace education, cross-cultural understanding, coexistence and well-being amongst people and nations.

Anthropological approaches are important for our understanding of the movements, impacts and challenges related to sport events (Besnier & Brownell, 2012), however, after almost one decade, further development in this field is not clear. With the purpose of reviewing and discussing anthropological knowledge applications and challenges in past, present, and potential sport events, including Olympic and Paralympic Games, this panel invites submissions from scholars who are concerned with or have used anthropological theories and methodologies for investigation of sport and sport events. It welcomes ethnographic case studies, theoretical research, and any form of anthropological investigations and applications, either within communities or in global contexts.

#### Keywords:

**Sport and anthropology; Sport events; Olympic and Paralympic Games**

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