Message from the President

Gareth Irwin

“We have made significant developments in the infrastructure of the Society through the new web site, which provides a more user friendly user interface, with an up to date payment system.”

I hope this newsletter finds you well and trust you are all having a successful and happy academic year. Since the last newsletter we have made significant developments in the infrastructure and visibility of the Society. The infrastructure has been enhanced through the launch of the new web site, which provides a more user friendly user interface, with an up to date payment system. I would like to thank the members of ISBS board and particularly Sarah Clark, Silvio Lorenzetti and Randall Jenson, for their tireless work leading and managing this process. Visibility has been enhanced with a joint venture with the American Society of Biomechanics. The American Society of Biomechanics (ASB) will host a keynote speaker from the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports (ISBS) at the 40th Annual Meeting of ASB in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA held August 2nd to 5th, 2016. This inaugural lecture will provide a great opportunity to expose North American biomechanist to the leading edge of international research in the biomechanics of sports. Thank you for all those that applied, the entries were of a very high quality and the invited speaker will be announced shortly. Further ventures are being explored with the International Society of Sports Engineering and the European Society of Biomechanics.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you at the coming ISBS conference being hosted by Professor Michiyoshi Ae at the University of Tsukuba, Japan (https://isbs2016.org). The conference programme looks academically stimulating and of a very high quality. Please take advantage of the student programme and safe travels.
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Silvio Lorenzetti

Dear ISBS members,

Our new membership management and payment tool is now online. Therefore, we kindly like to invite all of you to update your profile and postal address. If you like to renew your membership there is a 1 and a 3 year option. After renewal or if you already have an ongoing membership, your data is transferred to Taylor and Francis for the access of the Journal Sports Biomechanics.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

Thanks for renewing and updating your profile!

Train hard but smart,
Silvio

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Venue

The 34th International Conference on Biomechanics in Sports will be hosted for the first time in Japan by the University of Tsukuba from Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 22, 2016. Topics of the conference are covering a wide range of sport biomechanics from physical activity, enhancement of performance to clinical and rehabilitative purposes.

The University has a rich history of 142 years, including the predecessor institutes, the Tokyo Higher Normal School and the Tokyo University of Education. We are well known for research and advancement in a number of fields, i.e. the physical and social sciences, robotics, medicine and so on. We are proud that three Nobel laureates are connected to our University. In addition to remarkable achievements in these sciences, the University has a distinguished history in the field of sport science, and the School of Health and Physical Education is also proud of its accomplishments in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Professor Jigoro Kano, the first principal of the Tokyo Higher Normal School, became well-known in the 20th century as the “Father of Kodokan Judo”.

The University’s atmosphere of tradition and creativity of knowledge and skills in physical education and sport is the most appropriate to the first ISBS conference in Japan. Therefore, it is sure that hosting ISBS 2016 in the University of Tsukuba stimulates many of sport scientists. Young researchers and PhD students are strongly encouraged to present their works and to enjoy international communication with distinguished researchers and young scholars during this conference. In addition to these impact, ISBS 2016 will provide a great opportunity for foreign delegates to experience historic and modern aspects of Japan.

Scientific Program

The scientific program will begin in the evening of July 18 with the Geoffrey Dyson Award keynote lecture which Patria Hume (New Zealand) will deliver. From the 2nd day we will have 5 keynote lectures by Dr. Yasuo Kawakami, Dr. Yoshiyuki Sankai, Dr. Ryutaro Himeno (Japan), Dr. Darren Stefanyshyn (Canada) and Dr. Jacqueline Alderson (Australia). On July 22 the Hans Gros Award delivered by Cyril (Jon) Donnelley will be the last scientific program of this conference.

Since one of the purposes of ISBS 2016 is to present papers, exchange scientific information and discuss sport biomechanics among worldwide participants, we put a high value on research presentation, whether oral or poster presentation. At the deadline of paper submission, more than 340 papers were submitted for reviewing by the Scientific Committee, this has just begun. Plenty of papers were submitted which may imply that biomechanics in sports is becoming well-known and the number of researchers, especially young researchers is increasing. We would like to thank ISBS members who have submitted papers and the members of the scientific committee who are currently reviewing them.

Following the precedent set by ISBS 2015 in Poitiers, France, the poster session will be comprised of a short oral presentation and a poster on a board beside which the presenter will answer extended questions and discuss with the audience.

To fulfill one of ISBS missions of bridging the gap between practitioners and scientists, we will provide 6 applied sessions on the 2nd and 3rd day. They will be biomechanics education which is a long-standing topic, sport fluid dynamics by using a sport wind tunnel and a swimming flume, athletic rehabilitation, golf science, running economy, and biomechanics-based athletic training. These will attract participants and stimulate discussion and exchange of opinions and ideas. We also plan to provide some pre-conference workshops.
Students’ Incentives
We strongly encourage students to participate in and present their works at ISBS 2016 by offering the following incentives:

- **A Reduced Registration Fee**
  We offer a reduced registration fee (US$300) to those still in full-time education.

- **New Investigator Award (NIA)**
  ISBS offer awards to best oral and poster presentations (top 3 of each) to encourage students to submit their research as a first author.

- **Students’ Mentor Program**
  We are pleased to invite world renowned sport biomechanists to this program which will be held at lunch time on July 19 and 20.

- **ISBS Student Travel Grant (STG)**
  The STG financially supports students in attending ISBS 2016 conference. Submission of the STG Application Form (available here) to the conference host by email (office@isbs2016.org) no later than April 30th.

- **Students’ Night (BBQ night)**
  From 19:30 of July 19, the second day, student participants from various countries will meet, talk and discuss, enjoying free food and drinks at a small artificial forest in the University (weather permitting).

Social Program
The following social programs are planned especially for foreign delegates to enjoy staying in Japan.

Monday: Opening Ceremony and Geoffrey Dyson Lecture
Tuesday and Wednesday: Students’ Mentor Program at lunch time, Students’ Night and Accompanying persons’ program (World Heritage Trip to Nikko)
   An old Japanese proverb says “Don’t say wonderful without seeing Nikko.”
Thursday: In the afternoon of 21st July (charter buses are provided)
   Tour 1: Asakusa Strol (Tokyo sightseeing)
   Tour 2: Kasama Pottery and Kasama Inari Shrine Tour
   Tour 3: Unique Experiences in Tsukuba City and Ushiku Daibutsu
   Tour 4: Japanese Traditional Garden and Beautiful Seaside/Kairakuen Park, Oarai Mentai Park
Friday: Award Presentations for New Investigators and Hans Gros Award, Closing Ceremony and Banquet
**Travel**
The conference venue, the University of Tsukuba is located in the center of Tsukuba City, 60 kilometers northeast of Tokyo, Japan. There is a specially-made line, The Tsukuba Express Line that links Akihabara Station in Tokyo and Tsukuba Station in only 45 minutes.

There are two international airports for the most convenient access from major overseas cities: Tokyo Haneda International Airport and Tokyo Narita International Airport. It takes 90 minutes to arrive at the Tsukuba Station from Tokyo Haneda International Airport by train, and 60 minutes from Tokyo Narita International Airport by bus. There is more information, such as recommended transportation, on our webpage (https://isbs2016.org/).

For convenience of our foreign guests, we plan to send some guide persons to the two airports and provide direct buses from the airports to Tsukuba Bus Center, depending on arrival schedule for the guests.

**Accommodation**
We have prepared four main hotels, Okura Frontier Hotel, Okura Frontier Hotel Epocal, Daiwa Roynet Hotel, and Hotel Grand Shinonome, which we have negotiated the price. We have listed other hotels which you can check the information in English. The Tsukuba Kenshu Center, which looks like dormitory, is just for student participants. A list will be placed on our web page (https://isbs2016.org/).

**Sponsors and Company Exhibition**
It is important for the organizing committee to keep close contact with possible sponsors and/or exhibitors for the conference. Since it is important for sponsors and companies to expose their excellence and expertise to all participants, we will set exhibition area on the same floor as presentation rooms and poster presentation areas where coffee, tea and soft drinks will be served.

We appreciate the companies shown on page 7 who have already supported ISBS 2016.

**Registration**
The registration fee (ISBS member, US$400; ISBS student member, US$300; Accompanying person, US$300) will include, the conference package, social event, lunch, etc. For further information, please access our web page (https://isbs2016.org/).
Key dates
20th April, 2016: Revised paper submission, no extension
25th April, 2016: Last notification of paper acceptance
14th May, 2016: Deadline of registration

We look forward to seeing all of you this summer in Tsukuba City, Japan.

Michiyoshi Ae, PhD, Chair of ISBS2016 Organising Committee
Yasushi Enomoto, PhD, Secretary General of ISBS2016

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ISBS 2016 Sponsors (At present)
ISBS Awards 2016

Neal Smith
ISBS Vice President (Awards)

It is that time of year when we extend to you the proposal to vote for the following Awards. These are:

- The Geoffrey Dyson Lecturer
- Life Member of ISBS
- Fellow of the ISBS

Successful candidates will be announced at the 34th International Conference on Biomechanics in Sport in Tsukuba, Japan (18-22nd July 2016).

Please forward any nominations you would like me to consider to n.smith@chi.ac.uk by Friday 29th April 2016. Only nominations forwarded by this date will be considered by the ISBS Awards Committee for 2016.

For guidelines and information on how to apply, please visit http://isbs.org/conferences/awards

Geoffrey Dyson Award

The prestigious Geoffrey Dyson Lecture is this year to be given by Professor Patria Hume from the Auckland University of Technology. Patria’s research focuses on improving sport performance using sports biomechanics and sports anthropometry, and focuses on reducing sporting injuries by investigating injury mechanisms and injury prevention methods and using sports epidemiology analyses.

Patria leads projects for World Rugby on long term player health outcomes, including the effects of concussion, and on player protective equipment and prosthetic devices development for rugby.

Patria has published 433 research outputs: 126 journal articles, 51 edited articles, 11 book chapters, 124 abstracts or full papers in conference proceedings, 147 technical reports, a TV/video series on human potential, and educational CDs and resources for SportSmart and coach education programmes. Patria has supervised 20 PhD and 11 Masters theses students to completion.
We are proud to announce that after a very competitive round of voting, this year’s Hans Gros award goes to Cyril (Jon) Donnelly from the University of Western Australia. Jon’s work aims mostly to bridge the gap between research and practice, primarily in the area of injury prevention. His work looks to cement a framework which will inform best practice, and has engaged in many modelling and intervention studies in an attempt to work towards this goal. He will deliver a talk entitled “Bridging the nexus between simulation and injury prevention research.”

Jon also has a strong belief in the ethos of ISBS, and when he was informed of his selection for the Hans Gros lecture, he replied “I am very honoured and excited to be selected for this prestigious award. I am also grateful for the platform you and the ISBS have provided my research group / collaborators to present our novel and applied research to the society. I will do my best to uphold the strong research pedigree of the previous award winners as well as honour the legacy of Dr Gros.”

**Hans Gros Emerging Research Award**

**Call for Hosting ISBS Conference 2018**

Gerda Strutzenberger, ISBS Vice President (Conferences)

The annual ISBS conference is a key-meeting point for the scientific exchange of knowledge and networking possibilities within our field of research. At this time of the year, we are seeking institution/persons interested in hosting this attractive event. Therefore, it’s a pleasure to announce the 1st call for hosting following Conferences of the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports (ISBS)

- 36th Conference of the ISBS 2018 (preferred region: North and South America)
- 37th Conference of the ISBS 2019 (preferred region: Austral-Asia)

According to the rotation principle the first call is open to interested persons in the preferred region. The deadline for submitting your application is the 30th of April. Please submit an electronic file of the proposal to gerda.strutzenberger@sbg.ac.at no later than April 30, 2016.

In the event that no proposals are received, a 2nd call for hosting will be made on the 1st of May, opening the invitation to all global regions. The request for proposals will be made through e-mails to all members. The deadline for submission will then be June 1st.

In case of your interest in hosting one of these conferences, please prepare your bid according to the ‘Policies and Guidelines Manual for the Planning and Preparation of the ISBS Annual Conference’ This document contains all relevant information to prepare and organize the ISBS Conference.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me in case any further information is needed. I am looking forward to receiving your bid.
Dear ISBS student members,

As we approach ISBS 2016 in Tsukuba, it is time to promote the annual student mentor programme that runs alongside our annual conference. The programme presents an excellent opportunity for student members of ISBS to meet with experts in our field during dedicated mentoring sessions. Students who have taken part in the mentoring programme in previous years have recommended it as a very useful and enjoyable part of ISBS (See October Newsletters from 2013 - 2015).

As with previous years, we have two mentoring sessions planned during the conference in Tsukuba. We do our best to match students research interests with those of their mentor. Mentors that take part in the programme come from a range of biomechanical backgrounds and are happy to discuss topics such as your research, career aspirations or just to share their experience with you.

How to take part:
Participation in the student mentor programme is free of charge. If you would like to be part of the programme, select the option during the on-line registration process for ISBS 2016. The deadline for registering for the mentor programme is 14th May, which is the early registration deadline.

Priority will be given to student members that are new to the programme but we will endeavour to include students that have taken part in previous years if possible (priority based on registration date).

I look forward to meeting you in Tsukuba,

Tim Exell
ISBS Vice President (Research and Projects)
**Call for Applications: ISBS Student Mini Research Grant 2016**

**Dr Tim Exell**

**Description**

The Student Mini Research Grant is open to final year undergraduate students and graduate students and is available to fund biomechanics research projects in an environment that provides strong mentorship from an established researcher. The grant is designed to assist the student in the early stages of their professional development to encourage the pursuit of biomechanics research.

**Funds Available**

The total funding available is €2000, which is provided by ISBS to fund up to two student awards. Each award may be up to €1000 and is available to fund research for up to one year in duration.

Applications in one or more of the following areas are encouraged:

- Sports biomechanics
- Exercise biomechanics
- Sports engineering
- Biomechanics of injury prevention and rehabilitation in sport / exercise
- Development of biomechanical methods/ instrumentation
- Paediatric/ gerontology exercise biomechanics
- Fundamental movement biomechanics

**Eligibility**

The applicant must be supervised by an established researcher who is a **current ISBS member**. The student’s supervisor is expected to administer the funding.

The applicant must be enrolled as a final year undergraduate or a graduate student at a university at the time of application.

**Application Guidelines**

Applications should include the following:

- A research proposal of up to five A4 pages (single spaces, Arial size 12 font) to include the research background, aim, purpose and hypotheses, study design, methods, timetable for data collection/ processing and writing up and references to key related literature.
- A CV of the applicant (2-3 pages in length), including contact information, education, awards and list of publications where relevant.
- A one-page letter of support from the supervisor, confirming their involvement. The supervisor must be a member of ISBS at the time of application.

**Allowable Costs**

- Participant expenses (travel to testing, refreshments during testing)
- Dissemination of findings (poster printing, workshop attendance, publication charge)
- Lab consumables for data collection
- Software costs for data processing
Conditions of Funding

Successful applicants that receive the funding are expected to:

- Present their work at an ISBS conference within the following two years*
- Prepare a 1 page report for the ISBS newsletter 1 year after receiving the funding
- Acknowledge the ISBS grant when presenting/publishing the associated work

* Additional information

To support presentation of their work at a future ISBS conference, successful applicants are encouraged to apply for the ISBS travel grant and will be given priority for this grant providing a paper of acceptable quality is submitted.

Review Process and Evaluation Criteria

A review committee will be formed of four good standing ISBS members. The VP for Research and Projects will be responsible for forming the review committee. The two highest ranked proposals will be funded. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Fit of the project to the research objectives described above
2. Excellence and suitability of the research project and environment
3. Suitability of the supervisor for the research area

How to Apply

- Applications should be submitted to the VP of Research and Projects, Dr Tim Exell (tim.exell@port.ac.uk) via email by 20th May 2016. Announcement of successful applicants will be made at the ISBS conference in Tsukuba and also via the ISBS website and newsletter.

Tim Exell

ISBS Vice President (Research and Projects)
Invitation for Students’ Night (BBQ night) ISBS2016

Madoka Kinoshita
ISBS Student Representative

Are you a ISBS Student Member?
Why don’t you join us for our ISBS 2016 Student BBQ night?

We have planned a pretty cool BBQ night for Students members. It will be held at a small artificial forest called “Wild Forest” in the University of Tsukuba. This is a great chance to talk and chat with young researchers from various countries. BBQ food and drinks are served for you.

**Time and Date:** 19:30, July 19, 2016,

**FOOD**
- Meat (beef, pork, chicken, and special one)
- Vegetables (onion, cabbage, green pepper, and...)
- Sea foods
- Others (sausage, noodle and...)

**Drink**
- Beer
- Japanese Sake
- Soft (Fizzy) drink

If you want to drink another type of alcohol, feel free to bring it with you!!

Cook, eat and drink as much as you want. Don’t worry if you speak another language everybody is welcome. If you have questions about students’ event and request of preparing food, please let me know (madoka0319@lasbim.taiiku.tsukuba.ac.jp). I am both English and a Japanese speaker.
Short Communications

ISBS 2014 Proceedings

Sarah Clarke ISBS Vice President (Publications)

The proceedings of the 33rd conference on Biomechanics in Sports held in Poitiers, France from June 29 to July 3rd this year will be available online in the near future (https://ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/cpa/). An announcement will be placed on the ISBS website, and social media when the 2015 proceedings are available. All abstracts are currently available on the ISBS 2015 website.

ISBS Election 2016

Randall Jensen ISBS Secretary General

A Call for Nominations and Election for ISBS Board of Directors and President Elect was released on the ISBS website in early March. The main details of this call were as follows:

Terms of office: 2016-2017 term will begin at the Post Conference meeting in Tsukuba, Japan

Board of Directors: Two-year term

President-Elect: shall serve for one year as President Elect, two years as President and one year as Past President

Nominations:
- Self-nomination was permitted.
- Current directors may stand for re-election.
- According to the ISBS Constitution, a maximum of 10 (ten) years of service is allowed for each individual (not including years as President, President Elect, Past President, Treasurer, or Secretary General).

Nomination Period was: 17 February 2016 – 23 March 2016.

Submission of Nominations: to Randall Jensen rajensen@nmu.edu

Candidate Statements: Candidates were encouraged to submit a photo and a statement of 100 words or less. A description of the Director position is provided on the Society webpage http://www.isbs.org/.

Deadline for nominations was: Wednesday 23 March 2015.

Additional Information: If you need additional information, please contact Randall Jensen Email: rajensen@nmu.edu Telephone: +1-906-227-1184
Dear ISBS members,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that from the new academic 2016/2017 it will now be possible to study a PhD program in sports science at the University of Ostrava, Czech Republic. The Department of Human Movement Studies of University of Ostrava is the fourth facility in the Czech Republic where it is possible to study a PhD in sports science. As a member of ISBS Board of Directors and member of Department of Human Movement Studies staff, I believe, that for ISBS it is an excellent opportunity to generate interest in the society. It will also broaden cooperation within the framework of the student program, and bring new opportunities for ISBS student members to increase collaboration within the Czech Republic.

Roman Farana, PhD.

ISBS Board of Director

International Tennis Federation Award for Services to the Game in Coaching—Bruce Elliot

ISBS Life Member, Bruce Elliot, was recently awarded the International Tennis Federation Award for Services to the Game in Coaching. Bruce is the first academic to ever receive this award. This is a true example of the goals of ISBS to disseminate scientific data to coaches. Congratulations, Bruce.

Pictured:
Andrea Buckeridge
(Coach Development Manager, Tennis Australia)
and Bruce Elliot.
The society would like to thank the corporate sponsors of ISBS: Sensix, Contemplas, Simi, Kistler and Tekscan. For many years these sponsors have provided valuable and sustainable support for the society, for scientific research generally and sports biomechanics in particular. They provide cutting edge technology for sports biomechanics research and also support to athletes and coaches directly.
CONTEMPLAS GmbH, with its headquarter in Kempten/Germany, develops and distributes worldwide software solutions for general motion analysis in the sport and medicine market for more than 10 years. Currently there are over 3000 worldwide users, including Olympic training centers, universities and hospitals.

With the motion analysis software TEMPLO and VICON MOTUS, CONTEMPLAS offers the possibility to do accurate analysis in various fields, as well as the potential to seamlessly integrate additional systems, such as EMG, plantar pressure mapping devices, and force platforms.

Website: [www.contemplas.com](http://www.contemplas.com)
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SENSIX designs, manufactures and markets high-precision force-torque sensors and force plates. These scientific measurement tools are very well adapted to the quantitative study of the effort made by a subject. The company is based on the thesis research in the field of biomechanics of its founders. R&D is our core business. Any sensor we produce is tailor-made according to the requirements of the client to answer the need of accurate measure without altering the studied movement.

Any sensor can be customized in accordance with the needs of its user in terms of measuring range, boundary dimension, mechanical integration solutions, computer interface and electronic processing. These measuring devices provide precise and reliable data available through simple and user-friendly computer interfaces that SENSIX develops.

Our force sensors allow measuring weak pressure as well as great effort. This is why our products are appreciated by sport professionals for the study and the analysis of the force generated during the execution of human body movement.

We believe that to improve performance, we have to understand how it is produced. Indeed the complexity and the heterogeneity of sport movement requires a compromise between the measurement accuracy and the respect of the nature of the movement to measure as well as its conditions. Thereby SENSIX offers a sensor range allowing to measure with precision the movement strategy producing the performance. Thus, the adjustment, improvement and training program will be specific to each sport and sportsman.

The company offers measuring instruments made for each sport: cyclist, swimming, gymnastics, rowing, paddling.

MINIATURE WATERPROOF NAUTICAL FORCE SENSOR

The miniature waterproof force sensor has been developed in full appropriateness regarding the nautical sports application needs in terms of force measurements in immersion conditions. This watertight cylindrical equipment is a breakthrough in the nautical sector, allowing high-precision force measures in immersion conditions such as careening basins where most simulations are still lacking accurateness.
BIKING

I-CrankSet is a set of pedals instrumented with 6-component force-torque sensors that allows the improvement of a cyclist movement strategy. This product is the result from researches on pedaling and more particularly the study of high precision instrumentation essential for analysis. Indeed, the measure of force and torque exerted on the pedals has become indispensable in the ergocycle test analysis. This measurement quantifies pedaling technique of the cyclist in terms of effectiveness, efficiency and symmetry of action between the lower right limb and left limb.

PADDLING

We instrument sports apparatus like paddle with 6-components force-torque sensor. Integrated into any type of tube and used as a handle, it allows differentiating wrist efforts (abduction/adduction - flexion/extension - pronation/supination) during gripping tasks.

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