CfP: British Society of Sports History, Conference 2018

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CALL FOR PAPERS
The British Society of Sports History 2018 Annual Conference
University of Westminster, London
Friday 7th - Saturday 8th September

This is an open themed conference. Submissions based on original research are welcomed from UK and overseas scholars and can relate to any aspect of sport, physical recreation, education and culture as considered from an historical perspective.

Keynote speakers:
Professor Richard Haynes (University of Stirling) - winner of the 2017 Lord Aberdare Literary Prize
Dr Paul Ian Campbell (Coventry University)
Dr Catherine Baker (University of Hull)

Abstract submission
Abstracts are accepted as follows:
• Individual: a single abstract from an individual/co-researchers for 20 minute presentations
• Proposed panel: a set of abstracts (ideally 3, or 4 maximum) submitted by a representative for a group of individuals/co-researchers examining a single topic or theme (session 1.5 hours, including c.30 minutes questions / discussion)

Abstracts should be c.200 words, including:
• Full title: as it will appear in the conference programme
• Outline of the context and/or academic literature informing the research as appropriate; identification of core themes/argument of the paper and broad theoretical and/or methodological approach adopted as appropriate; significance of the research
• Also include your preferred title/name; affiliation; email address and short biography (c.50 words)

Abstract submission deadline: Thursday, 1st June 2018
Abstracts must be emailed directly to Dr Raf Nicholson: rafaellenicholson40@hotmail.com

Conference Prizes
If you wish to be considered for either of the below prizes, please indicate this when you submit your paper abstract.

Richard Cox Postgraduate Prize
This prize is awarded for the most promising work submitted by a new researcher in sports history. To be eligible, authors should be engaged in full time or part-time postgraduate research or be within 1 year of completing their research degree. Coauthored
papers will not be considered. The winning paper will be awarded £100, and the researcher will be invited to submit their paper to the Society’s peer-reviewed journal Sport in History.

**Prize for Best Paper on Sporting Inequalities**

Recognising the need to encourage research in new areas of sports history, the British Society of Sports History Committee are establishing a new prize to reward outstanding work in one of the following under-researched areas:
- Sport and black / ethnic minorities
- Sport and LGBTQ communities
- Women and sport
- Disability sport

Papers should be largely focused on the British context. Academics at all career stages are encouraged to apply. Postgraduates are eligible, but may not apply if they are also under consideration for the Richard Cox Postgraduate Prize.

The winning paper will be awarded £100, and the researcher will be invited to submit their paper to the Society’s peer-reviewed journal Sport in History.

**The Assessment Process for the Prizes**

The written paper must be submitted to the conference organisers a month prior to the first day of the annual conference. A panel of judges will be selected by the BSSH Committee which will assess both the content of the papers under consideration and the presentation.

**Style**

While we encourage the submission of different kinds of papers, to be eligible for a prize, papers must be a maximum of 6,000 words. Style should be consistent throughout, i.e footnotes where appropriate, and a separate list of references. Papers should be no smaller than size 12 Times New Roman and 1.5 or double spacing. Name and contact details of author, paper title, and a short abstract with keywords must also be included on a separate page (please follow Sport in History conventions).

**Award of the Prizes**

The winner of both Prizes will be announced during the conference. Any questions concerning the Prizes should be sent to BSSH Vice-Chair Dr Raf Nicholson (rafaellenicholson40@hotmail.com).

**Registration**

Registrations (including conference dinner bookings) are available through the University of Westminster online store: https://store.westminster.ac.uk/conferencesand-events/conferences-events/society/british-s...

**Rates:**
Full delegate: £150 (Friday 7th and Saturday 8th September)
Retired / unwaged: £100
Day rates: £75
Retired / unwaged day rates: £50
Postgrads & ECRs presenting: Free
BSSH will pay the conference fee for presenters who are students or within 3 years of completing a PhD who do not hold a full time academic post. Please note all presenters must be BSSH members. Membership can be taken up at the time of registration (£40 full membership / £20 concession). To join please visit https://sporthistory.ssl.subhub.com/subscribe

**Conference dinner:**

This will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 7th September at local restaurant Bellaria at a cost of £30 per head. A maximum of 64 people can attend and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Accommodation:**

Delegates will be asked to book their own accommodation. We will provide a list of suitable options in the vicinity of the university on the conference website.