



## SUBMISSION FORM

### PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION

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In the process of evaluation of the proposal, the Executive Committee may provide feedbacks on the proposal and recommend revisions. In order for the Commission to be composed of globally representative members, the Executive Committee may provide the proposers with names of members who might potentially be members of the proposed Commission.

After approved by a two thirds majority of the Executive Committee, the proposal must also be approved by a two thirds majority of IUAES member in good standing at a General Assembly meeting or through an electronic vote.

(1) Planned name of the proposed Scientific Commission

Commission on Anthropology of Sports

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Check the box to the right if you are aware, and you can ensure, that each Commission must/will contribute a panel to an IUAES World Congress or Inter-Congress, or to another major conference (so long as the panel is designated as IUAES sponsored), at least once in every three consecutive years (Art.7e).

Check that you are aware that each Commission is responsible for maintaining a list of members and for electing one chair and one deputy chair before the World Congress, that they are elected for a term of five years (renewable for one such term) in a democratic fashion by simple majority vote of the members of that Commission, and that all Commission members are eligible to self-nominate for election to these offices (Art.7f).

Check that you are aware that each Commission is required to submit an annual Commission report which should include the full list, and email addresses, of all the Commission members.

Check that you are aware that chairs and deputy chairs of Commissions comprise the Council of Commissions, that the Council elects a Head and Deputy Head from among Council members at each World Congress, and that the Head and Deputy Head become full voting members of the Executive Committee of the IUAES for the duration of their term between World Congresses. (Art.8b.2 - 3).

- (3) Explain your aims and objectives of establishing a new Commission. Be sure to include specific details so that you can demonstrate the uniqueness of the Commission you propose and the likelihood of new perspectives being brought about and/or introduced to IUAES members by its establishment.

Sports events draw some of the biggest audiences around the world, with the Summer Olympic Games, Men's Soccer World Cup, and the Rugby World Cup having been seen by more than two billion people. At the same time, events like the Olympic Games are used as ways to strengthen many and diverse social identities in groups as varied as: disabled people (Paralympic Games, perhaps the most important among these), military (Military World Games), Jewish Games (Maccabiah), LGBTQIA Games, indigenous people (World Games for Indigenous People), among many others in a movement which has been growing over the last decades.

Following the importance of sports in local, national, and international arenas, an increasing number of anthropologists have been dedicated to studying these sportive practices, creating and consolidating this subfield in our discipline. This effort has resulted in the production of many ethnographies, not only about discussing specific dimensions of sportive practices, but also dialoguing with many other areas, such as gender, sexuality, ethnicity, politics, urbanization, economics, corporality, emotions and tourism. Therefore, this is the time to connect all these individual and local initiatives into a global network.

In response to the invited panel organized in Ottawa 2017, there was an immediate agreement of the the importance of a sports commission which can congregate all the different perspectives and theoretical references of the participants. This was a global response by panelists who discussed sports, gender, and embodiment. The necessity of a new commission was convened by Canadian anthropologists, as well as the adhesion of individuals who presented papers about sportive practices in many other panels at the Inter-Congress conference.

This research oriented group proposes the creation of a commission with these aims:

1. To amplify our capacity to put our local ethnographies in dialogue with the transnational context which characterizes the current construction of sportive fieldwork.
2. To increase our comparative perspective within and across disciplines.
3. To stimulate more frequent exchanges among our scholarship.

4. To establish the value of different subfields as described below (4), that will promote collaboration among these distinct perspectives about sports.

(4) Describe the specific subfields or specific topics of anthropology/ethnology which will be the focus and concern of the proposed new Commission.

Sportive dimensions can be analysed through many subfields of Anthropology/Ethnology and one of our aims (3) is not only congregate people from these areas in this proposed commission, but to stimulate interaction and collaboration among them. The subfields will be:

1. Sociocultural Anthropology of Sports.
2. Medical Anthropology of Sports.
3. Physical Anthropology of Sports.
4. Socio-linguistic researches on sports.

(5) The theme of a new Commission should not duplicate the theme of an existing Commission. If there is any possibility of duplication, please describe the differences between the Commission you propose and those of existing Commissions.

The Commission of Anthropology of Sports does not duplicate any existing Commission within the IUAES. It will, however, overlap with some and bring new perspectives.

(6) Explain/describe what kind of academic and other activities you plan to carry out.

According to the aims described in item 3 above, our academic activities will be oriented to increasing our capacity to put different national perspectives in dialogue, to improve comparative investigations, and to amplify our interpretations about the impacts of transnational context on sportive practices.

Our plans are to develop the networks created through participation in the events organized not only by IUAES (in panels convened by this commission if this proposition is accepted), but in other international events. Furthermore, it's our intention to organize specific events about Anthropology of Sports.

Another crucial academic activity which this commission intends to act on is in the requirement of international fieldwork. During the deliberation of this commission, we observed that many scholars in our group have developed, are developing, or intend to develop ethnographies in other countries, whether or not there are local anthropologists conducting investigations about sport. So, we think that one necessary task of this commission would be to collaborate with the creation or strengthening of these dialogues that support fieldwork opportunities.

Finally, as will be better described in item 8 below, it's our intention to edit an international review of Anthropology of Sports.

(7) Explain/describe all your concrete plans for conferences, symposia, conference panels and panels at the World Congress or Inter-Congress of IUAES or at another major meeting.

The long-term goal of this commission is to organize at least one panel at each World Congress or Inter-Congress of IUAES. Our immediate plan is to organize a pre-event, just a few days before the 2018 IUAES World Congress. This pre-event would be an opportunity to bring multiple stakeholders to the table and expand on conversations that begun at the 2017 Inter-Congress. The commission will also present international participants to Brazilian undergraduates and graduates who, for many reasons, can't attend IUAES Congress in Florianopolis. The creation of this commission can increase global participation in sportive ethnography. Additionally, we hope there is greater internationalization of regional events, in which sports panels are consolidated, such as RAM (Mercosur Anthropology Meetings), ALA (Latin-American Anthropology Association's Congress), among others, through invitation to the members of this proposed commission to participate in these meetings.

(8) Explain if you have concrete plans for publications by your proposed Commission.

We have two concrete plans for publications in our proposed Commission:

1. The first one is related to the pre-event (2018), and the panel at the next IUAES World Congress, both described above. From these events, our plan is to organize a dossier, to be published in some international review, or a book, depending on the papers sent by participants.
2. The second plan, for the near future, is the creation of a group of international reviewers which can work simultaneously as a tool to extend the reach of our production, a place to share our investigations, and a way to attract new investigators interested in this theme or whose investigations, even when centred in other subfields of our discipline, dialogue with Anthropology of Sports.

(9) Provide any other useful information that may support the proposal.

We believe the above sections have covered all the information that we can offer at this time.

(10) Proposals for the establishment of new Scientific Commissions must be supported by at least, but preferably more than ten paid up members (individual or group/corporate members) of the IUAES (Art.7b). Please list them below with their names, present titles/positions, institutions, addresses, countries, phone numbers (with country code) and e-mail addresses. This list should be as globally representative as possible.

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