

The 26th annual conference of the European Committee for Sports History (CESH) will be hosted by the German Sport University Cologne from 4th to 6th October 2023. It is jointly organised by the Institute of European Sport Development and Leisure Studies and the Institute of Sport History, under the responsibility of Univ.-Prof. Dr. Jürgen Mittag and Univ.-Prof. Dr. Stephan Wassong.

The conference will focus on people who, as individuals or collectives, are the central actors of sport. In the light of a multidimensional and multidisciplinary approach, the conference aims both to take a closer look at the biographical change of professional athletes, officials or coaches as types and personalities of professional sports, and to shed light on the evolution of their environment considering changing fields of activity and profession. At the same time, the focus of the conference is also on changes in recreational sports and the question of the extent to which changes are emerging in people's lives and frameworks.

Based on various historical approaches, the conference will deal with the many facets of athletes. This includes changing sporting activities in childhood and adolescence as well as educational and career paths. Of particular interest are studies on the portrayal of everyday life of professional athletes in different sports, gender-based differences in athletes, and their social and political representation. The conference also strives to consider the darker side of sports development, such as athletes' problems with health, safety, discrimination, and addiction, as well as lack of well-being in historical change. In this context, there is also the question of the emergence and change of initiatives of national and international sports organizations to create a safer and ethical sports environment.

Finally, there is a request to address academic approaches to people in sport: which approaches, concepts, and methods can be used to more closely capture individuals and collectives and linkages with the changing environments in sport. The 2023 CESH conference is thus aimed at both sport historians and researchers in related disciplines in the fields of politics, sociology, psychology, performance, development and management, and physical education.

## The European Committee for Sports History - CESH <https://www.cesh-site.eu/>

CESH coordinates European projects on the history of physical education and sport to assure a better European and international cooperation. In particular, it helps in the exchange of ideas, students and staff between European universities, to assure a high standard of teaching in sport history, help young scholars in developing a European dimension of their work and prepare a European doctorate in sport history.

### Venue

German Sport University  
Institute of European Sport Development and Leisure Studies & Jean Monnet-Chair  
Am Sportpark Müngersdorf 6  
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## 26th International CESH Congress

People in Professional and Leisure Sport -  
The Passion for Sport in view of Changing  
Life and Career Paths in Sport History

German Sport University Cologne,  
Germany | 4-6 October 2023  
building NaWiMedi, entrance A,  
room 92/93/94, 1st floor

## Wednesday, 04.10.2023

**09.00-09.30: Arrival and Reception at NAWI-MEDI-Building**

**09.30-10.00: Opening Ceremony**

Bolz, D., President CESH

Mittag, J. GSU, Head of IESF

**10.00-12.00: Session 1 | Sport Development & Biographical Perspectives - Entanglements [Chair: Mittag, J.]**

- Szasz, I.: The Rise and Fall of Women's Football in 1990s Romania: A Transition from State Control to Market Forces
- Moustakas, L.: Sport for Development: a social movement captured by elites?
- Joseph, C., Bolz, D.: Football training in France and Germany: a comparison based on the international games of the 1930s
- Déodati, P., Laffage-Cosnier, S., Sizorn, M./: Michel Mathiot; the origins of a new gymnastics pedagogy (1950-70)

**12.00-13.15: Lunch Break (canteen/mensa)**

**13.15-14.15: Session 2 | The impact of Media and Commercialisation [Chair: Sbetti, N.]**

- Wu, X.: From punk to god: actors in the superhero-making network in the Golden Age of American Sport
- Tadie, A.: This sporting Li(f)e: the case of Lance Armstrong on screen

**14.15-15.15: 100 Years Stadium Müngersdorf**

**Keynotes:** Molzberger, A. (DSHS) and

Schleicher, W. (Sport Admin. Office)

**16.00-16.45: Welcome by Timmer, G. (Sport Admin. Office) & Guided Walking Tour Stadium Müngersdorf**

**17.00-17.30: Coffee Break**

**17.30-19.00: Session 3 | Transnational and International Perspectives on „Stakeholders“ in Sport between Participation and Politicization [Chair: Carpenter, F.]**

- Charitas, P., Polycarpe, C.: The failure of an „Olympic Europe“: a marker of France's declining influence or the difficulties of creating Europe through sport (1960-75)
- Ramírez-Macías, G., Piedra, J., Rodríguez-Sánchez, A.R.: Women in andalusian sport (1975-85): the beginnings of the conquest of public space
- Reef, P.: „Marginalizing disabled athletes even further?": Anti-apartheid activism and the politicization of disability sport around the 1980 Summer Paralympic Games in Arnhem

**19.00: End of day 1**

**19.00: Optional sport activity**

**Basketball game with GSU-students (MA DEV) and Get-Together**

## Thursday, 05.10.2023

**07.30: Jogging „Adenauer Lake“ with T. Müller-Schoell**

**09.00-10.30: Session 4 | People in Sport and Fascisms [Chair: Serapiglia, D.]**

- Fonzo, E.: Fascism, sport and Youth: the impact of sport on young people in fascist Italy
- Krüger, A.: Flag bearer in the Nazi Olympics and the historical limits of symbolism
- Luy, C.: Representing the New Man: the image of cyclists in popular and sports literature during the fascist Ventennio

**10.30-11.00: Coffee Break**

**11.00-12.00: Parallel Sessions**

**Session 5 | Between Ancient and Modern Times [Chair: Mittag, J.]**

- Portillo Martín, C.: Rival in the Arena, allies in the shadows. The alliances between the factions of the Circus Maximus.
- Deltour, B.: The emergence of sport institutions and the development of a new form of existence: comparative psychology of greek and modern athletes

**Session 6 | Cultural Transfers [Chair: Müller-Schoell, T.]**

- Bant, J.F.: „The baseball kings of yesteryear“: tracing the life stories of Dutch Caribbean baseball stars in the netherlands, 1960-80
- Greenham, C.: Good Riddance, Marge Schott

**12.00-13.30: Lunch Break (canteen/mensa)**

**13.30-15.00: Session 7 | The Role of Stars and Heroes [Chair: Bolz, D.]**

- Prikhodko, A.: „The future belongs to the strong“: Olexander Anokhin (1882-1920)
- Pechman, V.: Czechoslovak concept of a sports hero. Model analysis on the example of Emil Zatopek (1948-56)
- Potrzuski, K.: Kalos Kagathos. Sporting and architectural career of Wojciech Zablocki (1930-2020)

**15.15: Transfer to the German Sport Olympic Museum Cologne (DSOM) <https://sportmuseum.de/en>**

**16.00-18.00: Session 8 | Guided tour through Museum, Introduction and Keynote: Höfer, A. (Director of Museum)**

**19.00: Short walking tour through the Roman and Medieval part of Cologne on the way to the restaurant**

**20.00: Social Dinner at**

**[Heller's Brauhaus](#), Roonstr. 33**

**22.00: End of day 2**

## Friday, 06.10.2023

**07.30: Jogging „Cologne-Outdoor-Fitness“ with T. Müller-Schoell**

**08.45: Meeting of the Fellows of CESH**

**09:00-10.30: General Assembly of CESH**

**10.30-12.00: Session 9 - Panel on biographical paths and new perspectives of sport history in Italy [Chair: Archambault, F.]**

- Serapiglia, D.: Mater Dolorosa. The Superga Tragedy and the Women's "Grande Torino"
- Sbetti, N.: Zeno Colò: the last amateur and first professional of Italian Alpine Skiing
- Simón, J.A.: Much more than an Italian hero: Marco Pantani and the creation of an immortal sporting legend

**12.00-13.30: Lunch Break (canteen/mensa)**

**13.30-15.00: Parallel Sessions**

**Session 10 | Athletes and Affiliations in Transition [Chair: Mittag, J.]**

- Bogdan, P.: Unchanged biographies: Romania's team members after the 1919 Interallied Games
- Chernii, K.: Ukrainian football players and the collapse of the Soviet Union. On the way from the Soviet to the Ukrainian football player
- Müller-Schoell, T.: A match made in hell? German trade unions and the sport sector

**Session 11 | Academic Perspectives [Chair: Krüger, A.]**

- Scharenberg, S.: The weal and woe of oral history - 50 years of sports science at the University of Karlsruhe
- Wolf, J.: Cultural transfer? Gorodki in Karlsruhe/Germany
- Faniopoulos, C.: CESH congress as cause of development of a city's sports culture

**15.00: Conclusions and Closing Ceremony**

**15:30: End of day 3**

**Optional Event: Saturday, 07.10.2023**

**12.00 Italian Cultural Institute Cologne**

**<https://iicolonia.esteri.it/>**

Location: *Universitätsstr. 81, Cologne*

**„Italia-Germania in undici istantanee.**

**Storie di una relazione sportiva e sentimentale“**

Panel dedicated to relations between Italy and Germany in sport.