



IAPESGW International Update, January 2018: News and resources from around the world

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IAPESGW Regional event - International Congress Cubamotricidad 22 - 26 October 2018, Havana Convention Center, Cuba

The World Organization of Stimulation, Education and Child Development (OMEEDI), the International Association of Physical Education and Sports for Girls and Women (IAPESGW), the International Association of Sports for All (TAFISA) with the National Institute of Sports , Physical Education and Recreation (INDER) of the Republic of Cuba, with the auspice of prestigious institutions and international organizations are convening the International Congress Cubamotricidad 2018, which will take place from October 22nd to 26th at the Havana Convention Center, Cuba.

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January Editorial

A very happy New Year to our members and readers!

I started 2018 in Hong Kong, visiting our eldest daughter and family who live there, and then travelled through Vietnam for two weeks.

This is a very interesting and remarkable country that has gone through many wars last century and which now looks to a better future with a reliance on the tourism industry to a fair degree. But what surprised me was the gender balance of roles as I saw more women than men working on construction sites, in the fields (not so unusual) and running businesses. Further, Mother God is a spiritual religion that is worshipped in about 25% of the country, where shrines are very gender equal.

The religion was banned from 1950 to 1990 so there are no ministers or priests. Mother God is prayed to, to help others and not for riches, good fortune or material things. It is the women in the villages who are seen to have special powers to tell fortunes, help others and do good things for their people. Ceremonies are conducted by women and it is these women who are asked for advice and guidance. Religious statures have a female head.

This was all a great surprise to me. I know about the war history yet very little of the sports history of Vietnam. So I am wondering if any of our members know of a woman in Vietnam or more than one woman who we can contact to join IAPESGW and be a part of our international organisation? If so please email me any information I can follow-up.

As a tennis player and fan I have been attending and watching on TV much of the Australian Open Grand Slam. Dane Caroline Wozniacki defeated Simona Halep in the women's final, which was a great match, but all competitors were over shadowed by the amazing Roger Federer who again won the men's singles, his 7th Australian title and his 20th grand slam. He is an extraordinary player and human being who so perfectly displays the values of sport.

Some sad news is that the South Korean Olympic Committee has dumped some of its women's ice hockey team to fit in competitors from North Korea so that there is an offering of international neutrality and peace through Olympic sport at the PyeongChong Winter Olympics and Paralympics next month. The women's team has to accept the North Korean players into it and so dump some of its player's only weeks out from the Olympics while not requiring the same of the men's team. This is clearly sex discrimination and not gender equality as preached by the Olympic movement.

This Update covers international conferences and of note is the first Safe Sport Conference in Madrid April 6-7, 2018. We list new publications of interest and some recent research into women's participation conducted in Malaysia by Clare Hanlon who was one of our keynote speakers in Miami.

Read about Walking Netball which has been launched in the UK and joins football and basketball in catering to older or less mobile participants.

Also from the UK is an excellent statement on the use of Grid Girls by various sports.

From the USA is a very good 'Battle of the Sexes' movie film discussion guide and free video. I watched this movie while flying back from Vietnam and liked it. It covers the Billie Jean King – Briggs tennis match in 1973 – which was the most watched event that year around the world – and tells her story of fighting for gender equality on the tennis circuit and her search for sexual freedom. And Billie Jean King presented the winner's trophy to Caroline Wozniacki last Saturday!

Remember International Women's Day is approaching on March 8th. The IWD has announced the theme for 2018 is: **#PressforProgress**, so join activists to take action and transform women's lives!

Happy reading....

Janice Crosswhite
Communications Director

International

Events to be aware of....

Safe Sport International Conference on Challenging Violence in Sport Friday, April 6, 2018 and Saturday, April 7, 2018, Madrid, Spain

There has been a recent and rapid growth in awareness among sports federations, scientists and athlete advocates of the damaging personal and organisational impacts of violence (harassment and abuse) to athletes, and an increasing recognition that violence threatens not only the ethical and social basis of sport but also the physical, emotional and mental health of the athlete. Rights violations of concern include: sexual, physical, psychological abuse and neglect.

Safe Sport International (SSI) seeks to end violence and abuse against athletes and feels that the time is right for a coordinated international effort to prevent and respond to this violence as part of the global effort to uphold and protect the sporting values that we all cherish.

Safe Sport International (SSI) is holding its inaugural conference in Madrid, April 6th-7th to address research evidence, policy responses, preventive strategies and the growing demand for safe sport practice to secure sport as a place of safety for all athletes.

[For more information and online registration](#)

International Physical Literacy Association Conference 2018 - Physical Literacy – Coaching, Community and Education 26 - 28 June 2018, Cardiff

This conference being held by the International Physical Literacy Association (IPLA), in Cardiff, will provide an opportunity for professionals and volunteers involved in coaching, community provision of physical activity, health and education, to share their practice and learn from each other.

The goals of the IPLA Conference 'Physical Literacy – Coaching, Community and Education' are:

- Bringing together international speakers, researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and administrators; to share their knowledge during formal keynote presentations, workshops, paper presentations and practical sessions.
- Celebrating the impact physical literacy has on individual communities (both locally and globally).
- To challenge, inspire and support practitioners in providing accessible opportunities to nurture physical literacy.
- Providing opportunities to network with other professionals to share ideas and resources.
- Promoting the value of physical literacy across the lifespan worldwide.
- To continue to develop the concept of physical literacy, providing a forum for exchange of views and research.

The full IPLA Conference 2018 programme can be downloaded via the link below:
[IPLA Conference 2018 Agenda](#)

Cost: £112.50 – £270.00

[View more details](#)

International Women's Day 2018, 8 March campaign theme: #PressforProgress

With the [World Economic Forum's 2017 Global Gender Gap Report](#) findings telling us that gender parity is over 200 years away - there has never been a more important time to keep motivated and #PressforProgress. And with global activism for women's equality fuelled by movements like #MeToo, #TimesUp and more - there is a strong global momentum striving for gender parity.

And while we know that gender parity won't happen overnight, the good news is that across the world women are making positive gains day by day. Plus, there's indeed a very strong and growing global movement of advocacy, activism and support.

So we can't be complacent. Now, more than ever, there's a strong call-to-action to press forward and progress gender parity. A strong call to #PressforProgress. A strong call to motivate and unite friends, colleagues and whole communities to think, act and be gender inclusive.

International Women's Day is not country, group or organisation specific. The day belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. So together, let's all be tenacious in accelerating gender parity. Collectively, let's all Press for Progress.

[Visit the IWD website](#)

Also... UN Women has more information on IWD 2018

This year, International Women's Day comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women has captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change.

[View the details](#)

Inside the games reports (24 December 2017)

IOC President Bach grants World Taekwondo Women and Sport achievement diploma

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach has granted World Taekwondo a "Women and Sport" achievement diploma in recognition of its outstanding contribution to promoting the development and participation of women and girls in sport.

World Taekwondo made specific efforts for gender equality at last year's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

In addition to the 50/50 split in taekwondo's competitive categories, with four female and four male weight categories, World Taekwondo, for the first time, has a 50/50 gender split in its contingent of international referees.

They are also promoting a new category in its annual Team Championships with a mixed-gender team.

The format was experimented with alongside the existing female team and male team formats at last year's World Taekwondo Team Championships in Baku.

More recently it was contested on the regular programme at the 2017 World Team Championships in Abidjan in the Ivory Coast.

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Laureus Sport for Good Foundation (16 January 2018) 2018 Laureus World Sports Awards - nominees

In the Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year category Wimbledon champion Garbiñe Muguruza and three-time 800m world champion Caster Semenya join an all-American quartet of Australian Open champion Serena Williams, 16-time world athletics championship medalist Allyson Felix, 19-year-old swimming sensation Katie Ledecky and Overall World Cup champion skier Mikaela Shiffrin.

[View the details of all the shortlists for the awards](#)

Inside the games reports (21 January 2018) Exclusive: IOC member voices concerns about Pan-Korean ice hockey team at Pyeongchang 2018

International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission member Hayley Wickenheiser has raised concerns about how the Pan-Korean ice hockey team at next month's Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang disregards principles of gender equality.

There is also criticism in South Korea about the decision.

An online petition urging the Government not to form the joint team has now reportedly received over 40,000 signatures.

Under the plans, which were confirmed following a meeting yesterday in Lausanne chaired by International Olympic Committee (IOC) and involving North and South Korean delegations, 12 players from the North will participate alongside 23 from the South.

A squad of 22 of the 35 players will feature in each game, with at least three of these having to be North Korean.

They will compete under the name "Korea", with the unification flag displayed.

Wickenheiser, a four-time Olympic ice hockey gold medallist for Canada elected to the IOC Athletes' Commission in 2014, did not dispute that there are benefits to the idea.

"From a global world peace perspective if the two countries can broker peace through these talks and the composition of the women's team, then great," she told insidethegames today.

"My only issue is having the South Korean women's team make this last-minute alteration to

their team composition, but not requiring the same of the men, is clearly not an example of promoting/supporting gender equality in the Olympic Movement."

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Inside the games reports (23 January 2018)

Marian appointed to Women in Taekwondo Committee

Taekwondo Canada's Barbara Marian has been appointed as a member of the Women in Taekwondo Committee.

Marian currently serves as the interim referee chair of Taekwondo Canada, but has now taken up an international role.

She was appointed to the Women in Taekwondo Committee by World Taekwondo President Chungwon Choue.

Marian will now serve a term of two years, which will conclude at the end of the Manchester 2019 World Taekwondo Championships.

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General awareness...

Beyond Sport reports (24 January 2018)

It's a Penalty launch 2018 Child Protection Campaign

This week, It's a Penalty have announced the launch of their 2018 Global Child Protection Campaign. This year, they plan to use an incredibly packed international sporting calendar to deliver a four-pronged approach to protect children on a global scale.

It's a Penalty will be working together with A21, Comic Relief, The McCain Institute, Sysdoc, World Vision, the Carlson Rezidor hotel group, ICMEC, sporting governing bodies and law enforcers to deliver the preventative campaign. Their partners and supporters will come together to ask the world to take a stand against child abuse, exploitation and trafficking.

It will be focused around four major sporting events, which include: the Super Bowl LII (Minneapolis, USA) - 4th February 2018; PyeongChang Winter Olympics & Paralympics (South Korea) - 9th-25th February & 9th-18th March 2018; Hong Kong Rugby Sevens - 6th-8th April 2018; and finally the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games (Australia) - 4th-15th April 2018.

They are positioning these major sporting events as platforms for positive change across all societies by EDUCATING about the issues and penalties for offenders, EQUIPPING and ENCOURAGING the general public to #knowthesigns and to take action - 'if you see something, say something!'

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Journal of Physical Activity and Health: The Official Journal of the International Society for Physical Activity and Health. Volume 15, Issue 1, January 2018

Editor - the abstracts from the articles in this current edition to be placed on their website are now available.

[View the abstracts](#)

[Also, view the January 2018 edition](#)

Publications of interest.....

Healthy people, healthy planet: The role of health systems in promoting healthier lifestyles and a greener future. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, November 2017 (24 pages)

As the G7 economies continue their recovery from the Great Recession, the stress on their environmental resources is likely to grow, unless appropriate policy measures are taken. Air pollution, an important source of environmental stress, affects health outcomes directly, for example as a risk factor for respiratory and cardiovascular conditions, or indirectly, such as through the impacts on climate change and higher probability of extreme weather events. Many sources contribute to environmental pollution, including the overconsumption of food, unhealthy diets and food waste, unsustainable city growth, as well as overreliance on private motorised vehicles as a means of transportation. Each of these factors can also have a direct negative effect on various dimensions of health.

This document, produced to inform the 2017 meeting of the G7 Ministers of Health, provides a broad overview of the main policy issues and some of the policy actions that G7 Health authorities can put in place to improve population health, while at the same time decreasing the human footprint on the environment.

Policy Recommendations:

- Support the development and implementation of nutritional guidelines promoting healthier food consumption – as this can lead to less stress on the environmental resources used in food production – as well as reduce the environmental footprint in hospitals and in nursing homes by encouraging healthier food consumption, waste reduction and cleaner energy generation;
- Create partnerships with various national and local stakeholders, including local city authorities and ministries of industry, environment, transport, and agriculture, in order to incorporate health and environmental considerations into urban planning schemes;
- **Implement public health actions encouraging more physical activity and greater reliance on active modes of transportation, such as through physical activity-promoting mass media campaigns, bike sharing schemes and creating low-emission zones.**

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How does the time children spend using digital technology impact their mental well-being, social relationships and physical activity? An evidence-focused literature review [Paper]. Daniel Kardefelt Winther, UNICEF, December 2017 (35 pages)

Based on an evidence-focused literature review, the first part of this paper examines existing knowledge on how the time children spend using digital technology impacts their well-being across three dimensions; mental/psychological, social and physical. The evidence reviewed here is largely inconclusive with respect to impact on children's physical activity, but indicates that digital technology seems to be beneficial for children's social relationships. In

terms of impact on children's mental well-being, the most robust studies suggest that the relationship is U-shaped, where no use and excessive use can have a small negative impact on mental well-being, while moderate use can have a small positive impact.

In the second part of the paper, the hypothetical idea of addiction to technology is introduced and scrutinized. This is followed by an overview of the hypothetical idea that digital technology might re-wire or hijack children's brains; an assumption that is challenged by recent neuroscience evidence. In conclusion, considerable methodological limitations exist across the spectrum of research on the impact of digital technology on child well-being, including the majority of the studies on time use reviewed here, and those studies concerned with clinical or brain impacts. This prompts reconsideration of how research in this area is conducted. Finally, recommendations for strengthening research practices are offered.

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Specific countries

AUSTRALIA

Beyond Sport reports (15 January 2018)

New rugby union CBA introduces pay parity for Australia women's team

Rugby Australia have struck a new collective bargaining agreement that will see the women's rugby union team paid for Test matches for the first time, and women's and men's sevens and Super Rugby starters receive the same base pay.

An entry level salary of \$44,500 has been mandated across these formats, while the agreement will last until the expiry of the current broadcast deal in 2020.

Top-level salaries will still be disparate between men's XVs and others, but the move is a significant improvement for the women's game. Women will also have a new pregnancy policy built into the agreement, which lasts until the expiry of the 2020 broadcast deal.

The deal follows [Raelene Castle's December appointment as chief executive of RA](#), where she acknowledged that the "female market is really hot" and that rugby union was in a "race ... to be a sport of choice" for women.

Sevens co-captain Shannon Parry heralded the pregnancy policy as a significant breakthrough for women playing rugby union.

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CHINA

Inside the games reports (4 January 2018)

Song elected secretary general of Chinese Olympic Committee

Song Keqin has been elected secretary general of the Chinese Olympic Committee (COC) at the organisation's Plenary Meeting in Beijing.

Song Luzeng was elected to the position of vice-president at the meeting. Keqin replaces Song Luzeng as the secretary general.

She will serve under the leadership of COC President Gou Zhongwen.

"We look forward to your continuous support and cooperation," Song said in a letter to Olympic Council of Asia director general Husain Al-Musallam informing him of the election results.

Song was previously a deputy to Song Luzeng but has now taken on the main role following her election at the meeting in the Chinese capital.

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IRAN

Editor - thanks once again to our national rep Robabeh Rostami for supplying an overview of activity in Iran for both December and January, and all the excellent photographs, in very informative news compilations - **view the December edition [here](#) AND the January edition [here](#)**



An example:

13 December 2017, Para-Asia- Youth. Girl's table tennis team in part of team games get one bronze medal, and in part of individual games they get two gold, one bronze and two silver medals. Maryam Gilani and Zahra Ansariyan get gold medal, Farzaneh Sohrabi get silver medal and Ayda fazelney and Fatemeh mohamedi get bronze medal.

MALAYSIA

Health Promot Int. 2017 Dec 11. doi: 10.1093/heapro/dax093. [Epub ahead of print]
Factors influencing women in physical activity programs in Malaysia. [Hanlon C1](#),
[Khoo S2](#), [Morris T1](#), [Eime R3](#).

[Author information](#)

Abstract

The majority of research on factors associated with women participation in physical activity (PA) has been in developed countries with limited research in developing countries. Few women in Malaysia are active at the recommended levels for health, and activity rates are less than developed countries. Little research has focused specially on physically active Malaysian women and the factors that contribute to them becoming and staying active in PA

programs. This lack of knowledge hinders the tailored development and implementation of PA programs to meet their needs.

The aim of this study was to identify the factors of participation in PA programs for Malaysian women. The social-ecological model was used to investigate and theme the factors. Focus group discussion was conducted with participants in six PA programs targeted specifically to women. Thirty-seven women were involved in the focus group discussion, with ages ranging from 19 to 82 years. Inductive and deductive content analysis was conducted from verbatim transcripts using NVivo. Inductive content analysis allowed raw data and second-order themes to emerge.

Findings revealed social support structures, tailored programs for women, and location were key contributors that encouraged women to participate in these programs. The similarity in contributors between women in non-western and western countries signifies a prime opportunity for bi-lateral relationships to be formed to enable the enhancement of program development relevant to different ethnicities and cultures within or across countries.

[Source of information](#)

SOUTH AFRICA

Inside the games reports (9 January 2018)

Reddy sacked as South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee chief executive

Tubby Reddy has been sacked as chief executive of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) after a lengthy disciplinary process.

Reddy was suspended by the organisation last July, after SASCOC launched an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct.

The investigation centered around claims that he sent pornographic material to female colleagues.

It was also claimed that he failed to follow proper labour practice when he appointed a company to investigate SASCOC staff.

Official confirmation from SASCOC is expected to be released later today, but local reports have stated seven of their 14 council members voted in favour of the dismissal.

It is claimed a further six had "no opinion".

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SPAIN

Inside the games reports (29 January 2018)

Spanish Olympic Committee establish Women and Gender Equality Commission

A Women and Gender Equality Commission has been established by the Spanish Olympic Committee (COE) and held its first meeting of the Tokyo 2020 cycle.

During the first gathering of the Commission, chaired by COE vice-president Isabel García, the group "laid the foundations" for development projects which will be initiated during the next two years.

Garcia, the President of the Spanish Salvage and Lifeguard Federation, and secretary Victoria Cabezas, who also serves as the general secretary of the COE, were among the attendees at the meeting.

A brief study that reflects the current situation in terms of equality between men and women in the field of sport is among the first items planned for this year, according to the COE.

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UK

Women's Sport Trust (14 December 2017) Statement on the use of Grid Girls in sport

The Women's Sport Trust believes women in the sporting environment should be judged by their sports appeal and not sex appeal. We've been working with Getty to establish visual standards for the depiction of sportswomen which focus less on what women look like and more on what they achieve.

At a time when so much great work is being done to raise the visibility and increase the impact of women's sporting role models, it's disappointing to see that some of the highest profile international sporting events such as motor racing, cycling and boxing, still choose to use women to accessorise their events rather than be a central part of a sport.

What sort of message are we sending women and girls about how they are valued? We're asking them to look and admire the successful, talented, strong men taking part in the competition, whilst the role of the women is purely based on their physical appearance.

[View the full statement](#)

University of Manchester (15 December 2017) Women's football has a long way to go, report finds

Women's football is undergoing a period of dramatic growth and development, but the largest and most far-reaching report into working conditions in the game has found that female footballers still lack the same securities as men, with contracts, employment security and prize money among the problem areas.

A survey commissioned by FIFPro - the international professional football players' union - was completed by over 3000 players from the top women's leagues in 33 nations across the world. This covered issues ranging from age, education and salary, to contracts, payments and expenses.

It also gathered data about the longer-term experiences of female footballers throughout their careers on issues such as childcare, discrimination, abuse, violence and match fixing.

The data from the survey was analysed by a team at The University of Manchester, led by Dr Aristeia Koukiadaki and Dr Geoff Pearson - who were also the authors of the 2016 Report into the working conditions in the men's game.

Their findings have revealed that almost 50% of female football players surveyed lacked a written contract, and half did not receive any income whatsoever from their club. Even where players did possess a contract, this was usually less than two years in length, giving them little employment security.

[Click here to read the FIFPro report.](#)

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Leeds Beckett University (18 December 2017)

Media representations of female athletes undermine their success

Female athletes continue to be undermined by the media who portray them as smiley, maternal and non-threatening, and downplay their sporting prowess, according to new research from Leeds Beckett University.

Representations of successful female athletes are contradictory: their athletic achievements are frequently praised while their prowess is consistently undermined through questioning their performance, level of competition, and the value of their sport, and by focusing on their roles as women outside of their careers.

Dr Katherine (Kate) Dashper, Reader in the School of Events, Tourism and Hospitality Management at Leeds Beckett, examined the representation of three well-known female athletes achieving high visibility in the British print press during the 2016 Olympic Games: Nicola Adams (boxing), Charlotte Dujardin (dressage) and Jessica Ennis-Hill (heptathlon).

Kate explained: “Female athleticism continues to be framed as less important, exciting and worthy than men’s – for example, by consistently using the prefix ‘women’s’. Reporting is often

lacklustre, downplaying technical skill and foregrounding factors such as hard work, luck and the role of others in a woman’s successes. It is only during major events like the Olympic Games that women get much media attention at all.

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Rugby Football Union (2 January 2018)

2018 Warrior Camps set to launch across the country

- 185 Warrior Camps to be held in January
- Sign up to a Warrior Camp near you [here](#)

The next wave of England Rugby’s Inner Warrior campaign launches today across the country after a successful series of Warrior Camps in 2017 gave a huge boost to grassroots women’s rugby participation.

The Inner Warrior campaign aims to encourage more women and girls to play contact rugby, teaching participant’s key introductory skills and drills for rugby within a non-committal, social and fun environment.

The 2018 Warrior Camps kick off on January 12th and run until January 28th with 185 rugby taster sessions taking place at clubs across the country.

The 2018 campaign theme is 'New Year, New You', encouraging women to kick start their fitness routine for the new year and challenge themselves to take up a new sport.

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England Netball (11 January 2018)

England Netball helping WI members to get a Wobble on

England Netball and The NFWI are delighted to announce a partnership that will see Walking Netball sessions provided to WIs across the country.

An open application period saw over 200 WIs express an interest in being part of this exciting project.

Walking Netball is a slower version of the game; it is netball, but at a walking pace. The game has been designed so that anyone can play regardless of age or fitness level.

The partnership will see England Netball trained hosts deliver Walking Netball programmes which will conclude with the training of WI members as hosts to allow them to continue delivering the programme in order to leave a lasting legacy.

We are proud that two nationally recognised and trusted female organisations have come together with a united voice and the potential to reach a significant proportion of the female population.

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The feedback from the pilot sessions demonstrates what an inclusive and rewarding programme this is, with something for everyone regardless of age or ability. We are looking forward to seeing many more members inspired in the same way.”

The initiative will run for two years initially with nationwide sessions taking place from April this year.

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Community Sport Network reports (11 January 2018)

HerMoJo have launched their first set of MoJo Manuals!

HerMoJo have released a series of 'kitbag' manuals to help teenage girls (teachers, coaches, parents), who are starting out in competitive sport to develop greater body confidence in parallel with sport-related skills.

MoJoManuals are predicated on 'Physical Literacy' & effective movement skills.

They cover a wide range of issues which impact how girls engage/drop out of sport including; Diet & Hydration, Periods, Anxiety, Body Image, Breast Health, Core Stability, Resistance Training . . & Fear of Failure.

Check out a free, 'sample copy' (expires 72 hours after opening) – [LINK HERE](#)

•More info and to order your ROWMoJo (£9.99 +P&P) – [HERE](#)

•More info on MoJoManuals - [HERE](#)

Please DO forward the link to their free, 'sample copy' to friends, relatives, teachers, coaches etc for them to try it!

Get involved?

HerMoJo have several more MoJoManuals in production – if you would like to get involved with producing one for teenage girls in your sport please email a brief resume to - jo.c@WSNet.co.uk

[Source of information](#)

Basketball England (11 January 2018)

Melissa Hague nominated for Women in Compliance Award

Basketball England's Director of Governance, Risk and Compliance, Melissa Hague has been nominated for an award at the upcoming Women in Compliance Awards.

Under the category "Small Business", Melissa has been nominated alongside 4 other UK based women for her tireless work in compliance over a number of years. This is also the first time a woman from a sporting organisation has been nominated for the award, an honour in itself.

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Loughborough University (12 January 2018)

University academics contribute to landmark handbook on physical activity policy and practice

Thirty current and former Loughborough University academics have contributed to a landmark publication on physical activity policy and practice.

The [Routledge Handbook](#) is the first book to critically examine the topic from a multi-disciplinary, social-scientific perspective and define and explore themes that are shaping the global physical activity debate.

Its 41 chapters examine the use of different forms of evidence in policymaking, the role of organisations in advocating physical activity and the practical realities of public health interventions.

In total, 75 authors from around the world contributed to the handbook.

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For more information on the Routledge Handbook of Physical Activity Policy and Practice or to purchase a copy click [here](#).

[View the full news item](#)

Association for Physical Education reports (18 January 2018)

Super Movers: New campaign to help primary school teachers encourage children to become more active

The BBC and Premier League have launched a campaign called Super Movers to help primary school teachers encourage children to become more active. Super Movers aims to help teachers get their pupils moving throughout the day with lots of free, easy-to-use video resources and great football-inspired incentives like a visit from the Premier League trophy.

Super Movers is bringing stars from the worlds of football and television together in fun educational videos to capture children's imagination and get them moving.

Ready to be a Super Mover school and supercharge your children's learning?

Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

[Source of information](#)

Editor - there has been considerable media coverage on the appointment of the new coach for the England Women's Football Team - here is just one.....

Kick It Out (24 January 2018)

Kick It Out CEO Roisin Wood statement in response to FA letter on Phil Neville appointment

Following the publication of a letter written by The Football Association today (24 January), in response to [a statement regarding Phil Neville's appointment from Roisin Wood](#), CEO of Kick It Out, she has issued the following statement.

Roisin Wood, CEO of Kick It Out, said:

"We welcome The FA's full account of the process they used to identify suitable candidates for consideration for the appointment of Head Coach of the England Women's Senior Team.

"In doing so, The FA has shown it is willing to be open, accountable and provide explanations. We hope that this new openness will be a feature of a changing culture.

"However, there are still outstanding concerns about how the final decision was made to appoint Phil Neville, once the initial process was unsuccessful following the withdrawal of several candidates.

"It is difficult to accept that there were no BAME qualified candidates who could have been considered for the position in the same way Neville was, who did not apply. For an organisation that wants to put women's football high up on its agenda, **it is equally hard to accept that The FA could not find one qualified woman who could have filled this position.**

"The FA may also have created a problem for itself in what appears to be double standards regarding the threshold for what social media posts are considered discriminatory. They may find it difficult or even impossible to bring charges against those under investigation presently, or in future.

"The people involved in football who have raised their concerns about The FA's commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion, following the decision to appoint Phil Neville, will have to make their own judgements about The FA's explanations."

[Source of information](#)

Women's Sport Trust (25 January 2018)

Nominations open for 4th Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChanger Awards

Nominations for the Women's Sport Trust #BeAGameChangerAwards open today, January 25, and will run for the next two weeks until February 7, 2018.

The annual #BeAGameChanger Awards, now in their fourth year, demonstrate the growth, irresistible appeal and increasing commercial value of women's sport.

The innovative Awards celebrate examples of sporting role models, leaders, journalists, broadcasters and businesses that together drive real change for women's sport, making a

powerful case for the sustained investment and coverage needed to achieve gender parity.

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Nominations are now open please visit: www.womenssportstrust.com/bagc2018

[View the full details](#)

Women in Sport - E-Newsletter, January 2018 - [available to view](#)

A publication.....

Duty of care: A summary report investigating the level of duty of care understanding in community sport settings in the UK. Sports Think Tank, January 2018 (15 pages)

Over the summer of 2017, the Sports Think Tank lead a review into the level of duty of care understanding in UK NGBs and the extent to which organisations are taking steps to improve duty of care across their organisation.

The review follows the Duty of Care in Sport report (April 2017) led by Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE, DL which sets out clear recommendations that aim to look after the people at the very heart of the sector – the people who take part and volunteer.

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Female Coaching Network (9 January 2018)

NFL's first full-time female coach: I didn't set out to be a 'trailblazer' (USA)

Kathryn Smith is no braggart. She's focused on her work and shuns the spotlight. In fact, she's hesitant to acknowledge the history she has made and the proverbial glass ceiling she has shattered.

But at just 32 years old, she has already broken through in the male-dominated National Football League, becoming the first woman to become a full-time assistant coach for the league.

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Women's Sports Foundation (11 January 2018)

Battle Of The Sexes: Film Discussion Guide & Free Dvd

In partnership with 21st Century Fox (21CF), the Women's Sports Foundation is proud to present the Battle of the Sexes: Film Discussion Guide. This guide explores central themes in the film and is intended to help facilitate classroom discussions - in high schools and colleges - on social issues including pay equity, gender equality, diversity and inclusion, and the landmark legislation, Title IX, as well as others.

We would like to encourage educators who are interested in incorporating the film and its subject matter into their lesson plans to access the discussion guide and DVD copy of the movie, which are now available through the WSF and 21CF websites.

From the result of the historic King-Riggs match in 1973 to its cultural relevance today, we hope that educators and students across the country will find the film and this guide useful in understanding a milestone moment for our founder, Billie Jean King, and her social impact both then and now.

[View more details and access the guide and DVD on this page](#)

Inside the games reports (24 January 2018)

Nassar sentenced to up to 175 years in prison for criminal sexual abuse

Disgraced former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar has been sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison on seven counts of criminal sexual abuse.

In delivering her verdict at the courthouse in Lansing in Michigan, Judge Rosemarie Aquilina said she had just signed Nassar's "death warrant".

Nassar was sentenced following an emotional hearing, where 156 girls and women accused him of abuse.

"It is my honour to sentence you because, sir, you do not deserve to walk outside of a prison ever again," Judge Aquilina said.

"Anywhere you walk, destruction would occur to those most vulnerable.

"I just signed your death warrant."

Nassar had pleaded guilty to the seven counts brought against him in Ingham County in November.

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